

# MUSKEGON HAS A REPUTATION.

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An update from your Community Foundation  
for **Muskegon County**

Once again, you're helping to build a reputation for this place, and you made **2014 another big year**:

**\$23.3 million** in gifts

**\$11.7 million** in grants and scholarships

**\$182 million** in total assets

**5.7%** investment return

**27** planned gift notifications

# FOR

The numbers are great, but Muskegon County's real reputation is in its people. Keep reading!



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# LOVE.

Love Community Garden – Neighbors helping neighbors and free produce

**Though Jeff Guylas never lived here,** he loved the time his family spent in White Lake years ago. He would have loved the surprise that his estate gifts brought to five area causes that reflected this love and his heart for children and rescued pets.

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**Betty Kinney saved 31 years of school board stipends.** She used them to create a fund that will keep helping Fruitport students ... forever!

**The Heart of T.L. Fund** will give back-to-school and holiday help to kids and families who need it at Twin Lake Elementary.

A photograph of two young children in a blue canoe on a green lake. The child in the front is wearing a red life vest and a black headband, smiling. The child in the back is wearing a colorful jacket. The word "CARING." is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image, with a small blue dot at the end of the period. The canoe has "STARCRAFT" written on its side.

# CARING.

**Givers of “no strings” gifts** - past and present - made our community stronger through grants for daycare provider training, an accessible boardwalk at Pere Marquette, security for women and families in crisis, blight fight, and more.

See others at [cffmc.org/receive/grant-awards](https://cffmc.org/receive/grant-awards).

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**Alana Brower won a mini-grant** for her idea to plow the Lakeshore Trail so people could enjoy it safely year-round. Thanks to many of you who chipped in, and the Run Muskegon group, a couple miles through downtown Muskegon were clear and open for use last winter.

A woman with braided hair, wearing a red tunic with a fur collar and a white bag, is showing a large fur garment to two young girls. One girl is wearing a pink hoodie and the other is wearing a pink lace top. They are in a rustic setting with wooden poles and a thatched roof.

# GIVING.

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**Muskegon Boys & Girls Club** is open. Funds are being raised (including a Seed Grant from the J & S Davis Fund), and staff is busy helping young people “reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.”

**FOR**

**White Lake Community Center** is growing room by room, starting with a robotics center. Join the effort at [cffmc.org/wlcc](https://cffmc.org/wlcc).

**Hackley Park Stage** needs your support. Celebrate Parties in the Park’s 30th anniversary by helping them build a permanent stage at [cffmc.org/hackleystage](https://cffmc.org/hackleystage).





# DOING

**The Environmental Endowment Fund** made grants to help fight invasive species, offer rain barrel workshops to the community, and present a film festival at Whitehall schools. They're also getting the word out about the de-listing of White Lake – visit [cffmc.org/delisting](http://cffmc.org/delisting) for a video.

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**Parents learning English** won't have to find childcare while they study, thanks to a grant from the Julia E. Hackley Memorial Fund.

**A Youth Advisory Council grant** is sharing the joy of theater through performances by Muskegon Civic Theatre's touring group.

# SPIRIT

The traveling Eat Healthy Muskegon food cart

**Using their Donor Advised Funds, four couples teamed up** to provide Wi-Fi to all of Muskegon Heights Public Schools, meaning students, teachers, and administrators can do their work efficiently, using 21<sup>st</sup> century tools. Thank you, Donahues, Kuznars, Andersens, and Zaykos!

# FOR

**Donors granted nonprofits' wishes** to buy baby pantry items, luge sleds, laptops, kids' books, museum exhibits, band instruments, veterans' transportation, environmental tools, and more.

See what else is on our Community Wish List at [cffmc.org/give/community-needs](https://cffmc.org/give/community-needs).

A vibrant outdoor farmers market scene. In the foreground, a man in a black shirt and sunglasses holds a baby. To the right, a woman with curly hair in a pink shirt is seen from behind. The middle ground is filled with people browsing under white tents. One tent displays various fruits like watermelons and pumpkins. A man in a cowboy hat and vest is visible near a hay bale. In the background, a red brick building with a sign that says "K & C" is partially visible. The word "IDEAS." is overlaid in large white letters with a blue dot at the end.

# IDEAS.

**Years ago, John and Mary Schumann started a scholarship fund.** A gift from Mary's estate created a fund that will help women in crisis and disadvantaged children.

What will your legacy be?

[cffmc.org/give/give-later-planned-gifts](https://cffmc.org/give/give-later-planned-gifts).

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**Ed Wingler left his estate for scholarships** to Muskegon High School grads and enlisted his classmates to choose the recipients.

**Bob and Dee Kwiecien will leave a gift** through their retirement accounts, and their kids will choose which local projects to support.



# BEAUTY.

# WE ALL HAVE A LITTLE MUSKEGON IN US.

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**And if we all give a little of ourselves  
back to Muskegon County, it adds up.**

If everyone leaves 5% (or more) of their estate to a  
Foundation fund, over \$680 million will be invested  
in Muskegon County over the next 50 years!

Love your community. Leave 5%.

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**Muskegon County**

For **good.** For **ever.**