The Negaunee Area Community Fund was created in 1994 to improve the quality of life in the greater Negaunee area. The NACF manages a number of endowment funds—some created by its Board of Directors and others created by individual donors.

This past year (2015), over $16,000 in earnings from the NACF’s $770,000 endowment funds was put to use by thirteen (13) local non-profit organizations. Nineteen (19) local projects were approved including the NHS Broadcasting class equipment project pictured (right). So far in 2016, an additional $3,600 in grants have been made to: Bay Cliff, Great Lakes Recovery, and the YMCA.

If you would like to become a donor, one who is looking for a more lasting impact of your charitable gift, we suggest the Negaunee Area Community Foundation. We are a non-profit 501c(3), guided by a local volunteer Board of Directors. We offer a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. The power of an endowed fund is its permanence. Your gift is never spent; only the income it generates is spent.

How do I apply for a grant from NACF?
The next funding cycle will be held in the spring of 2017. To submit your project for consideration, visit the web site on p.4 or contact Gail Anthony, CEO of the Community Foundation at (906) 226-7666.

Watch for...

WE ♥ NEGAUNEE
An event to support one or more of your favorite non-profit organizations in their most recent "cause" to improve our community. Coming this February.
Marquette County has become a great biking community with lots of bike paths and trails for family outings. But many disabled children and adults have had to be spectators when it comes to this type of fitness and recreation as they have never learned to ride a bike independently. A grant to the Marquette-Alger Regional Education Service Agency (MARESA) provided over 40 children and adults with disabilities such as Autism, MRDD, Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy an opportunity to learn how to ride a two-wheel bicycle.

Our contribution of $1,600 covered some of the costs associated with a one week camp called “iCan Bike”. Using Lakeview Arena as a base station the camp is run by local volunteers under the direction of a national nonprofit organization iCan Shine, Inc. They provide two trainers and the uniquely adapted bikes that allow special needs children to move from bikes with training wheels to conventional bikes. Local volunteer spotters from area middle & high schools as well as NMU students help the bikers master the skills of independent biking as well as the side benefits of peer inclusion, increased stamina, exercise, and self esteem. Each participant receives one 75 minute instructional session per day with self esteem. Each participant receives one t-shirt and bike helmets were provided each participant.

An $800 grant for this project was made by the Youth Advisory Council of the Negaunee Area Community Fund and then matched by the board of directors of NACF.

2015 Grants address Heath, Recreation, Education, Mentoring, the Arts.

A wide variety of needs are addressed each year through grants awarded to non-profit agencies serving the greater Negaunee area. In 2015, grants provided services to Adolescents in treatment at the Great Lakes Recovery Center, Alzheimer’s clients, children at Little Friends Daycare, Hospice, the Negaunee Public Schools, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and the U.P. Luge Club.

Summer Music Camp

For nearly 30 years, the Superior String Alliance has provided a summer music camp for students across the U.P. The Negaunee area has always had its share of seats, but not all string students from our area can afford the $200 to $325 tuition. A small grant ($400) allowed SSA to award scholarships to those who could not afford the full tuition.

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Why make a charitable contribution to the Negaunee Area Community Fund?

Supporting a community foundation is a great way to “give back” to the community you have ties with and are proud to be a part of. If you let you invest in the future of the Negaunee area and support a community you care deeply about. It also helps reduce your overall tax burden. We’ve all heard the saying, “it is better to give than to receive”; with proper planning both can be accomplished. There are many ways to gift the NACF, all which ultimately will have a positive impact on the community’s needs. The approach you choose will depend upon your individual goals, tax and financial plan. One way to give is to make a direct contribution of cash, appreciated stock, or property. This can be done during your lifetime as a gift and reduce your overall taxes. You may also want to make a bequest in your will or personal trust, which is a way to have your charitable goals and memories live on. Another way to give is to make the Community Foundation a beneficiary of a retirement account. You can also use charitable trusts to make a contribution now or in the future.

These are just a few of the options available. Whatever strategy you choose, you are making a gift to the community that that will live on and have a lasting positive impact on your community.