Negaunee Area Community Fund
An affiliate of the Community Foundation of Marquette County

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Youth Mountain Biking Team Building More Than Muscle — a 2017 Grant

Some points to ponder:
- “What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” — Albert Pike
- The Community Foundation of Marquette County has over $16 million in assets - from generous gifts, large and small made over the preceding 28 years. Negaunee joined as an affiliate fund in 1994.

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In May, the Negaunee Area Community Fund awarded a grant of $5,000 (one of the largest single grants ever made by NACF) to the Range Area Mountain Bike Association. The grant allows RAMBA the resources to establish a Marquette County High School Mountain Bike Team (906 Composite Team). During the recent summer the 906 Adventure Team competed in the Wisconsin High School Cycling League and partnered with the National Interscholastic Cycling League for coach training, education, and leadership. A composite team acts as a “farm” team combining students from across the county until schools field enough riders to establish a school-specific team. In 2017 Marquette High School formed under the 906 umbrella, while 906 Composite continues to host a roster of kids from Negaunee and various middle schools in the county.

Todd Poquette, President of RAMBA and founder of the 906 Adventure Team hopes the grant will inspire people, particularly youth, to experience outdoor adventures through mountain biking and trails, with a focus on building self-esteem, active healthy lifestyles, and trail stewardship. The Adventure Team is composed of nearly 60 students and has a volunteer-driven staff of 10 coaches who have participated in coaches training. Two coaches are wilderness first aid and CPR certified, and one of the coaches is an ER doctor.

Plans for the future include:
- After School Programs in more local middle schools
- Growing the Adventure Bike Club to service more kids (this years membership was capped at 60 and more families were trying to get in), and
- To Develop a Negaunee High School and Ishpeming High School Team

Poquette says the 906 Adventure Team subscribes to the following principles: Strong Body, Strong Mind, Strong Character, Inclusiveness, and Equality. Above all else, he sees rewards for kids who love to ride bikes with other kids.

The Negaunee Area Community Fund is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Marquette County and was established in 1994 to support the Negaunee Community. It was established to support charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes for the public welfare of the Negaunee Community and has since grown to a total of 22 funds totaling over $800,000. If you are interested in donating to this fund please call the Community Foundation at 906.226.7666 or visit our website at www.cfofmc.org. Buttons, like the one on the left, are being sold for $2 each at Midtown Bakery & Cafe on Iron St. in Negaunee.

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Gift of Appreciated Stock
Make a gift of appreciated stock. No capital gain to report and your gift of stock is reinvested in your community. Plus it qualifies for an immediate tax deduction based on the full market value.

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Gift of Real Estate
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New Library Drop Box in Negaunee Township

The Negaunee Public Library has installed a remote drop box at the Negaunee Township Hall along M-35. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Friday. The drop box was made possible by a grant from the Negaunee Community Fund, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Marquette County, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Phyllis & Max Reynolds Foundation, as well as the hard work of the Friends of the Negaunee Public Library and the Negaunee Township staff. Patrons will be able to drop off their books and other materials at the new drop box, which will be emptied on a weekly basis.

In the photo on the right, Library Director Jessica Holman cuts the ribbon on the new drop box while Negaunee Township Supervisor William Carlson, Negaunee Township staff, Friends of the Negaunee Public Library, and Deb Biggs of the Library of Michigan look on.

Scholarship Spotlight

Every year the Negaunee Area Community Fund awards over $10,000 to graduating seniors at Negaunee High School. In 2016, seventeen students received scholarships. Hope Rosten (pictured on the left) was one such student, receiving the Negaunee Public Schools Citizen Scholarship. Hope is now a sophomore at the Milwaukee School of Engineering pursuing a degree in Architectural Engineering. Hope says, “I am very grateful to have received the Negaunee Public Schools Citizenship Scholarship. The funds have been very useful in helping me pursue my degree in biomedical engineering at Milwaukee School of Engineering. More than the money, I am very thankful to have come from such a supportive community where I could be built up and cared for so that I could develop the courage to explore new challenges. I look forward to being able to give back to others and our community.”

Donor Advised Funds: A Lifetime Gift to Negaunee

What is a Donor Advised Fund?
A donor advised fund is a charitable giving vehicle where an individual, family or corporation makes an irrevocable, tax-deductible contribution of personal assets to a Community Foundation or other charitable fund and at any time thereafter can recommend grant distributions to qualified charitable organizations.

What is the difference between Donor Advised Funds and Private Foundations?
Starting a private foundation can involve substantial start up costs and administrative expenses, such as the yearly filing of a Form 990-PF. But one of the most important differences is that Donor Advised Funds receive more favorable tax treatment than a private foundation.

Why contribute to a Donor Advised Fund rather than directly to a charity?
Donor Advised Funds provide a number of benefits that direct donations to a charity may not, including:
- Ability to accept and process appreciated securities on which the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax.
- Variety of investment options allowing the contribution to potentially grow over time.
- Capacity to receive one block of securities that can benefit multiple charities.
- Creation of a legacy versus providing a one time gift.
- Separation of tax planning and charitable giving, donor receives tax deduction when contribution is made, but grants to charity can be made later.

$1,000 Grant for Richmond Township Library

Richmond Township Library received a $1,000 grant to help fund their Summer Reading Program and family events. Several activities they planned include ice cream making, planting a garden plot at the community garden, making slime (pictured right), and building birdhouses (pictured left).

With some help from parents, kids attached wooden parts, sanded rough corners and decorated their finished birdhouses. The birdhouses didn’t come with any specific kind of mounting, so the kids could choose where to put them. “Some of them want to put them in their bedroom as decoration,” Library Director Jan St. Germain, said. “Some of them are going to take them outside. You can put them on a pod, like a tripod, if you want. They can hang them in a tree, whatever they want. They can put their personal touch on how they hang them.”