

Marquette Area Community Fund

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Dear Friends,

Our commitment to endowment enables us to be involved in current and future projects to meet changing needs as they arise. People like you have been investing in our region through the Community Foundation since 1988. There is no other local nonprofit that focuses on endowment like the Community Foundation does. We are uniquely positioned to be both proactive and responsive, funding across a broad range of issue areas.

Give where you live

We build and energize a community of philanthropists, working to make Marquette County a place people want to call home. Our Board of Trustees is composed of community members that represent the broad diversity of Marquette County. Their knowledge and local expertise helps us best identify needs and better serve our community.

For good. For ever.

In 2017 over \$677,000 was distributed to projects and programs in Marquette County. Of this, 30% funded education and scholarships, 26% environmental quality, protection and beautification, and 16% funded animal related activities. Health, public safety, disaster preparedness, arts, culture, human service, recreation and community improvement are some of the areas that received funds as well.

Please say, “Yes!” to the future of your community in Marquette County by sending your contribution today!

Sincerely,

Gail Anthony
CEO

Maura Davenport
Board Chair

“I support the Community Foundation every year. My heart is in this organization. The Foundation is one way that people can give to the future.” -Judy Vonck

Fresh Coast Film Festival: celebrating the outdoor lifestyle, water-rich environment and resilient spirit



The Community Foundation is proud to sponsor the **Fresh Coast Film Festival** held Oct 19-22 in Marquette. Now in its second year, the documentary film festival boasted 120 films shown in various venues over the weekend in downtown Marquette. The films “gather the best in environmental and cultural filmmaking from around the world while creating a venue for, and building a culture of Great Lakes storytelling.” Along with the businesses who supported the event, more than 100 volunteers helped film-goers navigate the weekend which included 7 outdoor tours and a performance by the Grammy-winning Okee Dokee brothers. Attendees had the opportunity to meet and talk with the filmmakers, which range from happenstance amateurs, to film students, to experienced professionals.

The Community Foundation is honored to be part of bringing community together and celebrating and showcasing our way of life here, near the fresh coast!

“The Great Lakes are home to 6 quadrillion gallons of fresh water, the most on Earth. The most on Earth. Think about that. When you have something that precious and globally significant out your backdoor, you should celebrate it, and that’s what Fresh Coast is.” photo and quote by event creator Aaron Peterson

25th Annual Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference

Three of our Marquette area Yacers: Sierra Benti, Ian Bek and Alexis Carriere, along with Advisor Michele Benti, joined over 200 fellow Yacers and 55 advisors from across Michigan in the Council of Michigan Foundation’s 25th Annual Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, this past June. The conference centered around the theme, **MOMENTUM-Reflect . Capture . Grow** and entailed team-building exercises and fun simulations to teach Yacers about philanthropy and how, “even the smallest action makes a difference.” Everyone walked away with a new outlook on giving that will last them a lifetime. They returned home, “Fired Up,” and ready for more action.



2017 Catalyst Award Recipients

The Community Foundation's Catalyst Award recognizes people, organizations, and businesses that help to build community through volunteerism or philanthropy, and inspire others to do the same.

Business – Tadych's Econo Foods

Josh Kiesby accepted the **Business Catalyst Award** on behalf of **Tadych's Econo Foods**. Tadych's Econo Foods' We Share Program has provided over \$1 million to local non-for-profit organizations. Asked why his grocery store offers this program, Mr. Kiesby replied, "We started the We Share program as a way to give back to the communities we serve. Our company firmly believes that what goes around comes around and being a community minded business is important."



Service Club or Organization – Cancer Care of Marquette County

Cancer Care of Marquette County's mission is to encourage, foster and conduct programs for the public concerning cancer, and to help cancer patients in Marquette County who need financial assistance, support and understanding. This amazing organization relies 100% on volunteers with less than 2% of its budget going to overhead expenses, and has no office and no paid employees. Yet since 1954, this organization has touched so many lives afflicted with cancer with the unique combination of volunteerism and quiet leadership.

Youth – Thomas Ziegler

Thomas Ziegler, a recent Negaunee High School grad and current MTU student received the **Youth Catalyst Award** (accepted by his father, Richard) for his abilities to take his talents and his family upbringing, and turn them into service to others. Musically, he played trumpet for his church, the Negaunee City Band and on stage. He volunteered in the maintaining of local ski trails and assisted with the Super Alliance for Independent Living. Nominated by Board Vice Chair Anne Giroux, she commented, "He will inspire both young and old to love learning, music and recreation, and will lead by example in sharing his talents with others and caring for the environment that he enjoys."



Individual – Peter Zenti

If you hike, bike, snowshoe, or ski you know the trails that wind through the majestic forests within the Dead River watershed. They are the creation from start to finish of our **Individual Catalyst Award** recipient, **Peter Zenti**. Peter not only negotiated the use of land, but he planned and built the trails himself with volunteers and the Superior Watershed Partnership Conservation Corps. Peter firmly believes in giving something back to the community that did so much for him during his career, leaving a permanent legacy of gratitude. Peter inspires others by his example through tireless and unselfish efforts to lift up the whole Marquette County community, free of charge.

What is the Fund for Marquette?

The Fund for Marquette is a fund held within the Community Foundation that is solely for Marquette area projects. Every dollar donated to the Fund stays as principal in the Fund, and the interest is invested in our community in the form of grants.

Community members form our grant committees. They are experts in their fields, in-touch with what's happening in our community and involved with issues facing the people of Marquette. In 2017 alone, more than \$48,000 was granted to the Marquette Community from the Marquette area community funds.

Because the principle remains untouched, your donation -- big or small -- will go on to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Marquette forever -- perhaps being a part of projects we haven't even dreamed of yet!

Consider being a part of the future of Marquette with a gift today to the Fund for Marquette. To give online and for a complete listing of Community Foundation funds visit: www.cfofmc.org

A few of the 2017 Marquette Area Grants

JJ Packs - Marquette Area Public Schools	\$6,000.00
Bothwell Bands - Marquette Area Public Schools	\$3,000.00
Summer Cycle Program - Start the Cycle	\$2,600.00
Cleaning Up Marquette County - St Anthony Catholic Church Parish	\$2,500.00
Brewing Up Job Opportunities for Adults with Employment Barriers - Lakestate Industries	\$2,000.00
Assist people with the necessities of living - New Free Store	\$2,000.00
Habitat for Humanity Homeowner Repair Program - Marquette County Land Bank Authority	\$2,000.00
Fresh Coast Film Festival - Fresh Coast Film Festival	\$2,000.00
Superior String Alliance Summer Music Camp 2017	\$1,710.00
Girl Power Yoga—Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$1,600.00
Assuring a Safe Sanctuary—Women's Center	\$1,500.00

