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Dear Community Foundation Partners,

Exciting times continue at The Community Foundation. This spring we **granted over \$73,000 to 79 local nonprofits**, and presented \$53,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors in our area. (See the back of this newsletter for specific grant details). In addition to grantmaking, The Community Foundation continues to be a conduit for many community service projects, both large and small in scope. I'd like to share a little bit about four of them with you.

- **Census 2020** - The upcoming 2020 Census will have great economic effect on our region and it's vital that we make sure everyone of us in the U.P. is counted. Roughly \$1,800 in state and federal funding is lost per year for every individual that gets missed. That's why the Community Foundation has agreed to

serve as the UP Census Hub and partner with the Michigan NonProfit Association, The Community Foundation of the U.P., the Michigan Nonprofits Count Campaign, and Grow and Lead to provide leadership and support for the 2020 census.

- **Great Lakes One Watership Partnership** - The Community Foundation is serving as the fiduciary of the Lake Superior Team of the Great Lakes One Water Partnership. The full Lake Superior Team is an impressive group of individuals from around the U.P. charged with developing and implementing a work plan for the next three years to identify a grey or green water initiative to tackle.

- **Clean Energy Initiative** - Utilizing C.S. Mott grant funding, The Community Foundation is partnering with The Superior Watershed Partnership and Michigan Energy Options to foster community support to promote clean energy practices among residents (particularly low income) as well as individual businesses.

- **Our Common Future** - Community Foundation board members approved sponsorship of a yearlong countywide economic development program. With The Michigan Rural Economic Development Cohort we will bring community members together for "Dialogue Dinners" to develop commonality on issues we'd like to impact, such as workforce development, jobs, and education.

Your donation to the Community Foundation not only provides grants to nonprofit agencies in our community, but helps us provide leadership for healthy economic community development and economic growth in our area.

We thank you.

Sincerely,





Under current funding figures,
Michigan would lose **\$1,800**
of federal funds per year for
every person not counted.



Silver Sampler Summer

The sense of accomplishment as one conquers a situation which might otherwise be out of reach is very powerful. The Silver Sampler Summer Seniors offered a new set of outdoor recreation experiences for seniors 55 and over who live within the service area of the Marquette Senior Center. With a goal of introducing seniors to new hiking trails and water pathways and hopefully revisiting some of the special places they discovered in the past. The \$500 grant from the Community Foundation was used to engage Senior Citizens in outdoor activities to enhance their physical, emotional and community growth and increase awareness and skills in outdoor recreation in and around Marquette. Participants have been able to explore numerous outdoor venues (hiking and kayaking) and have also been introduced to non-program events such as races, hikes and biking opportunities offered in the community.



Mary B. Lorsbach Scholarship

The Mary Beth Lorsbach Scholarship Fund was established in 2018, not only to honor Mary Beth, but also to recognize and reward students who have excelled academically in high school.

Mary Beth was a teacher in the English Department at Marquette Senior High School, where she taught primarily American Literature. After graduating from high school in a small rural town with a population of 2,600, she attended St. Louis University. Subsequently she taught in a St. Louis public high school. In 1976, she and her husband and two young children moved to Marquette, where she resumed teaching in 1983. After undergoing treatment for breast cancer, she retired in 2002.



Her enthusiasm for teaching never diminished. She loved the interaction with her students. Somewhat humorously she would often challenge her students to “dazzle me”, when they were given assignments, and so very often she was dazzled. Mary Beth believed teaching was such a fulfilling profession: “You feel as though maybe you’ve made a small difference.” Several former students kept in touch with her for many years, and she cherished those reunions.

The student receiving this scholarship has already achieved a level of success, and this scholarship is recognition of that student’s excellence. Wherever a higher education leads, the future is definitely bright.

Community Foundation of Marquette County Announces a New Fund for the Sisters of St. Paul deChartres

Long time Marquette residents and local volunteer/philanthropists Dr. Ken and Maura Davenport recently opened a designated fund with The Community Foundation of Marquette County for the benefit of the Sisters of St. Paul deChartres located in Marquette. The endowed fund will provide perpetual support for the Sisters of St. Paul deChartres.

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres is a Roman Catholic religious apostolic congregation of pontifical right for teaching, nursing, visiting the poor and taking care of orphans, the old and infirm, and the mentally ill.

"We created this designated fund to insure a steady source of income for the Sisters of St. Paul deChartres. It is our hope that this fund will grow every year from donors with like-minded goals. We strongly feel that the Sisters of St. Paul deChartres answer Jesus' call to serve those in need in this country and throughout the world," said Maura Davenport. "Their dedicated vocation of service to others is the true work of the Catholic Church and we feel privileged to be able to support that work."

Along with serving numerous nonprofit organizations, Maura has served on the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation for eleven years with the last three as chair. Ken is an orthopedic physician and has practiced in Marquette for the past 40 years.



The Hunter Negri Memorial Bowling Scholarship

James and Wendy Negri recently established a new scholarship fund in memory of their late son Hunter Negri. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one male and one female winner of the Junior Gold Qualifier Bowling Tournament, which is held annually in Marquette and Ishpeming. Hunter passed away earlier this year. He was an avid bowler; including four years on the varsity bowling team at Marquette Senior High School, where he graduated in 2017.

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.

This spring the Community Foundation awarded over \$73,000 in grant checks to 79 local nonprofits in an informal setting at Presque Isle Pavilion. Much **thanks to Michelle Butler from Vango's** for the hotdog picnic and **John Jilbert** for the Mackinac Island Fudge ice cream cones! CF board, staff, YAC, and affiliate members enjoyed the beautiful weather and the music provided by **Music for All Kids advisors, Jerry Mills and Nicklas Johnson.**



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:

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A few of the 2018 Marquette Area Grants

Organization	Project	Amount
Michigan Nonprofit Association	Michigan Nonprofits Count Campaign Census 2020	\$9,000.00
Lake Superior Hospice Association	Volunteer Recruitment and Retention	\$2,430.00
Friends of the Ore Dock BotEco Center	Ore Dock BotEco Center - Structural Design Project	\$2,000.00
St Anthony Catholic Church Parish	Collaborative Clean UP - Forsyth Township	\$2,000.00
Salvation Army	Cat Packs	\$2,000.00
906 Adventure Team	906 Adventure Team Youth Development Program	\$2,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	The "Q" Program	\$2,000.00
Upper Peninsula Children's Museum	Creating an "air" phone - speaking to those who matter.	\$1,780.00
Marquette Regional History Center	Building a Birchbark Canoe	\$1,700.00
Marquette Area Public Schools	MSHS We the People	\$1,636.00
Peter White Public Library	2018 PrimeTime Family Reading Program	\$1,500.00
Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association	Emergency Communication Trailer	\$1,500.00
Marquette Area Public Schools	MSHS Cheer Program Equipment	\$1,500.00