

# WE ARE... growing connections



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of Marquette County

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## 2020-2021 Impact Report

# community impact at a glance

Increased the  
Foundation's assets to  
**\$21.7 million**  
thanks to the generosity  
of many

Granted over  
**\$125,000** in  
emergency relief to 96 nonprofits  
from the COVID-19 Community  
Response Fund

Supported  
over **\$80,000**  
in scholarship and professional  
development awards for Excellence  
in Education Week

Funded over **\$869,000**  
to MARQUETTE COUNTY  
nonprofits and projects in 2020

Raised over **\$178,000**  
for COVID-19 relief for nonprofits & charities

Provided over **\$102,000**  
in individual scholarship awards to local youth

Awarded  
**45** grants to  
nonprofits  
in Marquette county  
for the spring 2020  
competitive grant  
cycle

Established  
**14 NEW**  
FUNDS  
including 9  
scholarship funds

Data is from January 1 - December 31, 2020  
Audited financial statements available online at [cfofmc.org](https://cfofmc.org)

# welcome



*To change tomorrow, build resilience today.*  
— Sheryl Sandberg

Over the last 33 years, the Community Foundation has been dedicated to growing community capital and improving the lives of people in Marquette County by building endowments, distributing grants and scholarships, and being involved as a community leader. We bring together financial resources of generous individuals, families, and businesses to support effective nonprofits and address current and emerging needs in our communities.

2020 was a year like no other. The Foundation reached a milestone of over \$20 million in endowed funds, with over \$10 million distributed to date in grants and scholarships. The year brought unprecedented economic, social, and cultural challenges and exasperated existing ones. The ways we work, play, and support each other and our communities changed in an instant. This last year also demonstrated how the Foundation can leverage our strategic, long-term approach and strong community ties to respond quickly to unprecedented events. The Covid-19 Community Response Fund was established in March 2020 as a county-wide partnership to respond to emerging and changing needs. While we continue to make meaning of the hardships brought by the pandemic, we also stand in awe of the way our community came together.

We are humbled to share the stories of the Foundation's impact in Marquette County in this year's impact report. The following pages demonstrate a small selection of the many examples of resilience in our communities. We are grateful for our donors, partners, volunteers, and Foundation supporters who continue to make this work possible. We are honored to be a trusted source for investing community dollars knowing it will make a difference for our neighbors and friends who call Marquette County home.

Sincerely,

Tom Vear, Chair

Zosia Eppensteiner, CEO

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# affiliate funds

For over 24 years, the Community Foundation of Marquette County has supported geographic affiliate funds. These funds bring together the best thinking of local leadership who understand community needs and recognize opportunities for strategic support. The Community Foundation manages the assets while the advisory committees from each community review grant proposals and recommend funding.

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**Craig Lake State Park** and **Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy** (UPLC) worked in partnership to create a hikeable access trail to connect Peshekee Headwaters Nature Preserve with Craig Lake State Park. This trail will allow for greater ease of access to a previously isolated state park in our region. The **Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund** awarded a grant to UPLC to help complete a section of the trail. UP Land Conservancy has this to say: “This project looked vastly different than was planned due to the COVID19 pandemic....this project gave us hope and motivation, knowing that we were directly improving lives in our community by increasing recreational opportunities.”



**Gwinn Area Community Fund** granted funds to the **Forsyth Township Library** to provide educational projects for children during the pandemic. Youths in the community were safely able to take part in many different activities, including book pick-up and library staff conversation via walk-up window, summer reading programs, as well as take-home arts and crafts projects. 90 children registered for the program, through which 189 free books, 101 prize packs, and 125 Take Home Craft Bags were distributed.

Image: Gwinn Area Community Fund Chair John Maki with Library Director Leslie Makela

# endowed funds

Funds are at the heart of what we do; they are the branches that connect donors and their philanthropic goals with the nonprofits that make a difference in our community.

## Unrestricted Funds

The donor places no restrictions on how these funds are utilized, leaving discretion to the Community Foundation of Marquette County Board of Trustees. The Grants Committee evaluates all aspects of community well-being to recommend grants to meet the changing needs of the community.

C. John Peterson Family Fund  
Cary and Sharon Bjork Family Fund  
Community Advised Big Bay Fund  
Fund For Marquette  
Gail Anthony Endowment  
Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund  
Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund - Operating  
Gwinn Area Community Fund

Gwinn Area Community Fund - Operating  
Marquette Area Community Fund - Operating  
Negaunee Area Community Fund - Operating  
Negaunee Community Fund  
Pam Benton Memorial  
Raymond J. Jason Memorial Fund  
Robert & Lottie Clark Fund  
Rod and Holly Aldrich Family Fund

## Field of Interest Funds

The donor specifies a purpose or an area of interest to which the funds are distributed. The Foundation awards grants from these funds to address identified needs within those areas.

Adult Amateur Arts, Music, and Culture Fund  
Arts Fund  
Census 2020  
Community Environmental Monitoring Program  
Community Response Quasi-Endowed Fund  
Covid-19 Community Response Fund  
Education Enhancement Fund For Marquette  
Area Public Schools Elementary Students  
Elderly Fund  
Exchange Club of Marquette Fund  
Fred & June Schaefer Legacy Fund for  
Persons with Special Needs  
George W. Romney Fund  
Great Lakes Community Foundation  
Water Initiative Project  
Greater Ishpeming Area Community  
Fund - Operating Endowment  
Gwinn Area Community Fund - Operating Endowment  
Health and Wellness Fund  
Helen Campbell Schillinger Youth Music Fund

Homelessness Prevention Endowment  
Johanna Pohjala Fund for Weavers  
Negaunee Area Community  
Fund - Operating Endowment  
Negaunee Lions Community Enrichment Fund  
Negaunee Public Schools Enrichment Fund  
Operating Endowment  
Our Common Future  
Paul F. Blewett Legacy Fund B  
Paul F. Blewett Legacy Fund C  
Rain Gardens GLOW  
Range Bank Clean Energy Fund  
Seavoy Family Fund  
Stephen Blondeau Memorial Fund  
Unsung Heroes Fund  
William and Mildred Andrews Youth Fund  
Youth Fund for Greater Ishpeming Area  
Youth Fund for Marquette  
Youth Fund For Negaunee Community Fund  
Zonta Club Fund

## Designated Funds

The donor identifies specific charities or special projects to receive grant funds, with Foundation staff managing annual distributions.

Aniket Dhadphale Marquette Junior Hockey  
Designated Fund  
Bernadette Reider UPAWS Fund  
Bernadette Reider's St. Christopher Catholic  
Church Designated Fund  
Charles and Lois Smith IHS Sports Endowment  
Clark Lambros Beach Park Fund  
Eagle Mine Technical Middle College Endowment Fund  
Excellence in Education Endowment Fund  
Great Lakes Education Designated Fund  
Gwinn Area Community Schools and Brian Watson  
Excellence in Education Day Endowment Fund

Jumpstart a Heart - AEDs for Marquette County Law  
Enforcement Administrator's Association  
Kids Cove Endowment Fund  
Marquette Regional History Center Designated Fund  
Martha Konster Christensen Youth Ministry Fund  
Norman and Dolores Jacobson Family Music  
Endowment Fund  
Playground for All - A DREAM to Build a New ALL  
INCLUSIVE Kids Cove Playground  
Robert Eric Daniel Soderberg Fund  
Sisters of St. Paul De Chartres Designated Fund  
Snyder Drug Fund for the Benefit of Bay Cliff



With support from the Amateur Arts, Music and Culture Fund, the Marquette Regional History Center was awarded a grant to fund their Marquette Archaeology Bingo. Cards were made available digitally and physically for those wishing to join in the fun. 120 people, old and young alike, worked towards solving the bingo sheet. Ages 5-85 played Archaeology Bingo, including adults, college students, and many families. Participants showed interest in local archaeology and were encouraged to handle the samples carefully and respectfully as they retrieved them. Participants were able to submit their findings and the solutions to the clues safely via photos.

*Photo courtesy of Katy Divine, Divine Moment Photography*

# endowed funds

## Agency Funds

Non-profit organizations establish agency endowment funds to provide for future funding of the organization.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency Fund  
City Gift Program Endowment  
City of Marquette Skate Plaza Endowment  
Great Lakes Center for Youth Development  
Great Lakes Center for Youth Development  
Technical Assistance Fund  
Ishpeming School District Alumni Agency Fund  
Ishpeming School District Educational Fund  
Marquette County Fair Fund  
Marquette County Health Department  
Fund-Dental Clinic  
Marquette Junior Hockey Fund  
Marquette Symphony Orchestra Fund  
Medical Care Access Coalition, Inc.  
Minde Glenn Browning Endowment  
Peter White Public Library Development Fund

Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan  
Powell Township Education Fund  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Marquette  
Endowment Fund  
Superior Watershed Partnership  
Teaching Family Homes Fund  
United Way of Marquette County Agency  
Endowment Fund  
Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter Agency Fund  
Upper Peninsula Children's Museum  
Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition  
Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy  
Stewardship Agency Fund  
Women's Center Inc.  
YMCA Agency Fund

The Community Foundation granted funds to the Education Foundation for Marquette Public Schools for their 1st to Finish Children's Savings Accounts program. The 1st to Finish program was established to help local children and their families build savings for the future. To help accounts grow, accountholders receive incentives such as initial deposits and savings matches from third parties. Family, friends, and the children themselves also make contributions. An account will be opened in the name of each participating first grader, and the funds can be used to further the student's education or advance their career after high school graduation. "Studies show that children with even a small savings account are more likely to attend and graduate from college and have healthier credit as adults" said former Community Foundation CEO, Gail Anthony.



*Representatives from the Community Foundation present a check to representatives from the Education Foundation for Marquette Area Public Schools to support the 1st to Finish CSA Fund.*

## Donor Advised Funds

The donor actively participates in the grantmaking process by recommending to the Foundation Board the purpose and/or organization(s), which might receive the annual distribution.

Christine Pesola Donor Advised Fund  
DellAngelo Family Fund  
Emerick Family Fund  
Emil and Elizabeth Vajda Charitable Endowment  
Holman Family Fund  
Huron Mountain Club Donor Advised Fund  
Huron Mountain Club Endowment Fund  
Janet Haynes and Erin Verigin Fund  
Karl Stien and Leah McCabe Fund  
Marion C. Vander Veen Family Great Lakes  
Education Donor Advised Fund

Mark and Christine Troutt Donor Advised Fund  
Martha and Michael Conley Family Fund  
Reijo Aho Fund  
Robert Cowell and Kathleen Olivier Donor Advised Fund  
Stien Family Fund  
TriMedia Foundation Donor Advised Fund  
Vonck Family Donor Advised Fund  
Wiseman Donor Advised Fund

## Scholarship Funds

Donors establish these funds to help students achieve educational goals through scholarship awards.

Andy Nault Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Anna L. Tobin Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Barbara Hammerberg Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Bernadette Reider Scholarship Fund  
Bernhardt L. Pederson Scholarship Fund  
Betty Holman Memorial Scholarship  
Bob Hart/Bill Tuohimaa Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Brian Watson Scholarship Fund  
Carolyn Lalas Music Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Coach Dion Brown Memorial Scholarship  
Cohodas Scholarship  
Douglas & Elizabeth Larson Scholarship Fund  
Dr. E. William & Dorothy A. Sivula Scholarship Fund  
Dr. William "Bee" Sivula Scholarship Fund  
Elliot Family Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Evergreen Award of Marquette County Scholarship Fund  
Father Vincent L. Ouellette Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Francine L. Malindzak Scholarship Fund  
Frank and Elizabeth Buytaert Memorial Scholarship  
Fred Waara Chapter of Trout Unlimited/Cynthia  
Kitzman-Fred Waara Memorial Scholarship  
George and Jonelle Collins Scholarship  
Gerald J. Anderson Scholarship Fund  
Gwinn Community Schools Alumni Fund  
Henrietta Nardi Scholarship Fund  
Hunter Negri Memorial Bowling Scholarship  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
Ishpeming High School Student Citizenship Scholarship  
Joan Erickson/Gwinn VFW 5670 & Auxiliary Scholarship Fund  
John Basolo NIT Service Scholarship Fund  
John M. Croze Memorial Scholarship  
Leah Andrews Choral Scholarship Fund  
Levine Family Scholarship Fund  
Mark Ulrickson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Marquette Senior High School Class of 1977 Scholarship Fund  
Mary Beth Lorschbach Scholarship  
Matt Davidson Memorial Scholarship  
McCormick Harju Scholarship  
Meggan Eiben Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Metzner Scholarship  
Mossimo James Romeli Memorial Scholarship  
Endowment Fund  
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25 Memorial Scholarship  
Negaunee Environmental Scholarship Fund  
Negaunee Public Schools Citizenship Scholarship Fund  
Nelson Family Foundation  
NHS Class of 1987 Scholarship Fund  
Patricia DeVold Scholarship Fund  
Paul W. and Pearl K. Goodman Music Scholarship Fund  
Philip A. Spade and Ruth M. Spade Scholarship Fund  
Raymond Pajula Scholarship Fund  
Richard Murphy/Gwinn VFW 5670 Scholarship Fund  
Robert and Mary (Romback) Prudom Negaunee  
High School Scholarship  
Rudy and Darley Kemppainen Scholarship Fund  
Saima Kuivila Education Scholarship Fund  
Saima Kuivila Salutatorian Scholarship Fund  
Saint Paul's School Commemorative Fund  
Schenk Scholarship Legacy Fund  
Stuart L. Sundblad Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Sydney W. Northey Scholarship Fund  
Tsu Ming and Joy L. Han Scholarship  
Valente Family Music and Art  
Waino and Joanne Liuha Scholarship Fund  
Walter J. Crimmins Scholarship Fund  
Westwood High School Scholarship Fund  
William and Jean Hocking Memorial Scholarship Fund  
William B. Larson Memorial Scholarship

# coming together in times of need

## COVID-19 Community Response Fund

On March 19, 2020, nine days after Governor Whitmer declared a state of emergency in Michigan, we partnered with United Way of Marquette County and announced the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. A dedicated committee of volunteers began meeting weekly to review and award grants with the goal of quickly distributing aid to nonprofits on the front lines responding to the needs in our community.

**Saint Anthony's Catholic Church** began a crisis meal program on March 17th, 2020. With grant dollars being used to purchase food, St. Anthony's staff and volunteers served over 6,700 meals by December 15th. These meals were provided for friends of the St. Francis Connection Center and residents of the Sawyer community. One staff member witnessed firsthand how the community was looking out for one another: "Recipients would ask if the meals were available for their neighbors. They are looking out for them and want them to be fed, too."



Between May and August of 2020, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette and Alger Counties** (BBBS) offered a safely distanced support network for members in their program. Grant funds allowed BBBS to provide a variety of items to youth and families in their network: food, household goods, hygiene products, clothing and shoes, entertainment activities such as books and craft supplies, and items for outdoor play. Approximately 100 individuals received items to encourage continued growth and fun while remaining safe during the pandemic.



**Start the Cycle** purchased 16 new bicycles and safety equipment for youth cyclists. Due to COVID-19, the cost of these items were more than twice as expensive than previous years. The young team members were not only given the physical necessities for cycling (helmets, hydration packs, tools, etc.), they were provided an eight-week long preparatory course which included lessons on basic bike maintenance, trail etiquette, and first aid. Start the Cycle benefits local at-risk youth by promoting a healthy outdoor activity which can be enjoyed year-round.



During the rise of the pandemic, a movement unofficially titled "**Feed the Frontline**" was born. The Marquette area quickly saw its own heroes of Feed the Frontline spring into action. Grant funds were used by volunteer coordinators to purchase meals for health care workers – supporting both local businesses and frontline workers. Lead organizer and local nurse Rachel Bannan Hutter said, "We want to join hands and rally around our frontline men and women who continue to provide our community with essential services. 'Feed the Frontline' is a project to help provide meals to our frontline workers, as well as boost local business."



Grant funds provided 12 staff members of **Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice** with personal protective equipment. Marquette Occupational Medicine equipped staff with properly fitted N95 masks. In addition, 240 isolation gowns, 400 exam gloves, 200 surgical masks, and 200 shoe covers were purchased. During the pandemic, prices for such PPE had increased exponentially. "This funding came at a crucial time when we were taking care of Covid-19 patients at home, and our burn rate of PPE was very high", reported one staff member.



Together  
we raised **\$178,255.76**

Our community stepped up to help in a big way. Our affiliate funds, including three Youth Advisory Committees, provided support. Individual donors, businesses, and foundations gave generously, knowing their donations would make an impact that was swift and meaningful. We have been honored to be a trusted resource, directing much-needed dollars where they made a difference.

PHASE ONE (MAR 2020 - DEC 2020)  
**64 grants totalling \$89,561.19**

were made to support nonprofits and charities meeting the basic needs of residents in Marquette County. This rapid response phase supported the work of organizations and agencies assisting the most vulnerable in our community.

PHASE TWO (DEC 2020 - FEB 2021)  
**23 grants totalling \$35,620.00**

to support operating expenses for Marquette County nonprofits, including program assistance and revenue loss from canceled events. Recognizing the recovery will be ongoing, this fund will also provide support to nonprofits through our 2021 grant cycle.



With the goal to provide clothing, bedding, hygiene, and cleaning supplies at no cost to people experiencing a financial burden, the **New Free Store** took extra steps to protect others during the pandemic. Grant funds were used to purchase a variety of necessities for staff and shoppers alike. When they entered the store, all "shoppers" were offered bottles of hand sanitizer, bleach and fabric face masks to take home. The homemade label affixed to the sanitizer bottle encouraged shoppers to return it for a free refill. Between May 6th and September 16th, the New Free Store served over 800 individuals in our area.



The **Negaunee Senior Center** regularly serves community members 60 years of age or older in City of Negaunee, Negaunee Township and Richmond Township. Grant funds were used to distribute 1,083 meals to 703 to senior citizens in the Negaunee area, an impressive feat with only three staff members on site. Staff described how organization and teamwork made this possible: "We had one employee doing food prep the day before the meal, one employee cooking the day of the meal, and one employee running the meals from the kitchen to the table outside for contactless pick-up."



**Masks for Marquette** is a group of volunteers including tailors, quilters and recreational sewists (sewing artists) who produced hand-made personal protection equipment (PPE) for local businesses, hospitals, medical care facilities, and schools. This grassroots group has sewn thousands of masks, surgical caps, respirator covers, and gowns. Grants funds were used to purchase elastic, fabric, thread, and filters for the PPE. This group filled an emergency need in our community while uniting volunteers in a productive and positive way during an uncertain time.



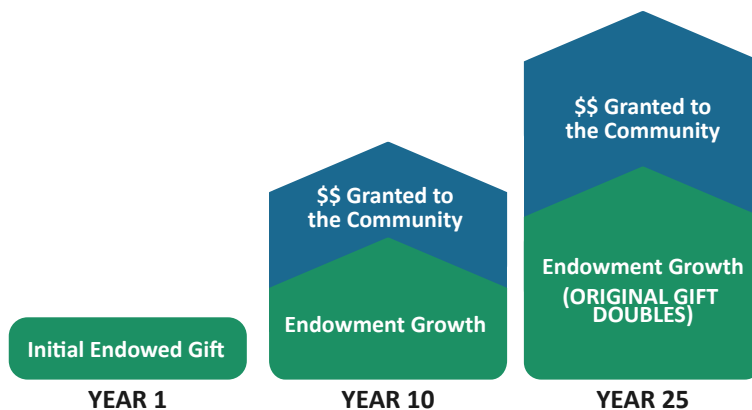
Before opening their permanent location in 2021, **Room at the Inn (RATI)** partnered with area churches to provide a warming center and shelter accommodations to homeless populations in Marquette County. Their role in transitioning community members out of homelessness did not stop with the pandemic. RATI temporarily moved all operations to Lakeview Arena in spring 2020 where they housed an average of 30 individuals per night. Grant funding allowed RATI to purchase groceries, PPE, cleaning and medical supplies to provide a safe environment for guests, volunteers, and staff.



During spring of 2020, **Janzen House** continued providing shelter for low-income renters and homeless people in Marquette. Each day approximately 30 individuals were served, despite the increased costs of providing a healthy and safe environment for residents. Grant dollars allowed Janzen House staff to sanitize and store reusable dishes and cutlery and purchase single-use items to reduce potential virus exposure. Multiple whole-house COVID-19 tests were administered by the Marquette County Health Department and Singletrack Health. This grant helped ensure Janzen House was fully stocked with cleaners, hand sanitizer and PPE at all times.

# the power of endowments in times of need

An endowed gift to the Community Foundation is invested for long term growth and impact. A portion of the fund can be distributed to charitable interests annually while the fund balance remains invested according to our investment policy. Endowed funds played a key role in providing flexible, discretionary grant dollars during an emergency such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Donors' intentions were honored by supporting their charitable interests while responding to this crisis. Our **Affiliate Funds, Youth Advisory Funds, Fund for Marquette, George W. Romney Fund, Robert & Lottie Clark Fund, C. John Peterson Family Fund and the Cary and Sharon Bjork Family Fund** provided support to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund, allowing our response to the pandemic to be swift and effective.



Field of Interest Funds, such as the **Blewett Legacy Fund**, and Donor Advised Funds, including the **Huron Mountain Club Fund**, provided over \$180,000 to 28 nonprofits in 2020.

"Powell Township School has benefited tremendously over the years because of the generous donations from the Huron Mountain Club Fund. The grant helped us through the COVID-19 pandemic by providing enhancements for internet connectivity for distance learning for our staff and students." – PTS Superintendent Jill Bevins



The **Martha and Michael Conley Family Fund** supported the NTN Trails in 2020 with a grant to the NTN Singletrack Fund.

"The Noquemanon Trail Network helps make Marquette a better place to live, work, and visit. The outdoor recreational opportunities they provide are always important, but particularly important during the pandemic. Financial support from the Community Foundation helps to sustain this mission at a time when many NTN fundraising events have been limited." – Michael Conley



## Being prepared for the next emergency: The Community Response Fund

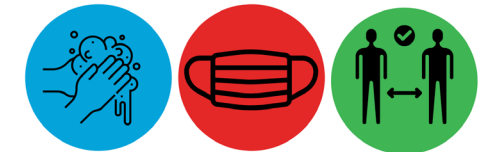
The magnitude of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis demonstrated the need for emergency funding to support county-wide efforts in addressing emergency and disaster relief. To improve our preparedness and increase our ability to respond to emergencies of all types, the Community Response Fund was approved by the Board of Trustees in 2020. Because the fund is endowed it can also continue to grow, extending the impact in perpetuity.

# community leadership the power of partnerships

2020 demonstrated the importance of partnerships more than ever. Whether adjusting to meet the changing needs of special projects or putting a spotlight on those making a difference, we know we are all in this together.

## #maskupmqt

In late 2019, with support from the **Flagstar Foundation**, we began a partnership with the **Marquette County Planning Division** on the next phase of the 2040 Master Plan for Marquette County. With the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic, both the Planning Division and Community Foundation shifted gears to address immediate needs. Marquette County, including the Planning Division, with additional support from the Marquette County Health Department and Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission, launched the #maskupmqt marketing campaign. The #maskupmqt campaign disseminated important information regarding COVID-19 to municipalities, community leaders, and general public in a coordinated effort. The #maskupmqt website provided links to resources and a county-wide COVID-19 dashboard.



## #MASKUPMQT



## Catalyst Awards

For the 2020 awards, the Board of Trustees wanted to celebrate those who joined together in the spirit of community despite the pandemic. **Health care workers in Marquette County** were recognized for their herculean efforts keeping us cared for. The **Hematites Building Better Neighborhoods** (pictured) program was recognized for eliminating blight surrounding the Ishpeming Middle/High School campus while giving students hands on experience using math and construction skills. **School employees in Marquette County** were recognized, including teachers, administrators, and staff, for their efforts supporting students while

navigating ongoing challenges. **Masks for Marquette** was recognized for their volunteer efforts to produce and distribute thousands of handmade fabric masks, scrub caps, respirator covers and gowns for medical facilities, schools, and front line workers.

## Community Initiatives

We partnered with **Superior Watershed Partnership** (SWP) to complete the Great Lakes One Water (GLOW) initiative with the installation of four rain gardens in the city of Marquette. The SWP's Great Lakes Conservation Corp installed four rain gardens in summer 2020. The sites were selected by a panel of experts from an application process. Two are located at residences, one at the McDonald & Wolf Law Office adjacent to the bike path in Lower Harbor Park, and one is an educational rain garden at Bothwell Middle School. Pictured is the GLCC crew and Elliot Borione, who helped install a rain garden outside his home in Marquette.



# competitive grants

**Great Lakes Recovery Center** (GLRC), with assistance from the **Negaunee Area Community Fund**, hosted the D.R.I.V.E. to Success program at the Adolescent Services Center (ASC). Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in Grand Rapids provided the program, and GLRC served approximately 60 individuals. D.R.I.V.E. stands for Discipline, Respect, Integrity, Vision, Excellence, and this program is just one part of the effort put forth by GLRC to create a co-occurring program for substance abuse and mental health at ASC. GLRC staff member had this to say: "The D.R.I.V.E. to Success program model has positively changed the culture at Great Lakes Recovery Centers' Adolescent Services Center. The adolescent clients that GLRC works with often enter treatment without a concept of what they want for their future; a common statement made by the teens is that they do not plan on living past their twenties. Getting into the practice of making daily, achievable goals enables clients to think more about their future and increases their beliefs in their own abilities."



What was once a vacant lot across from Ishpeming High School, was transformed into a much-needed green space. The **Hematite Art Park** utilizes Iron Ore Heritage themed signage on which local student art is displayed. With a grant from the **Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund** (GIACF), five trees and a raised plant bed have been added to the Art Park. Members of the GIACF Youth Advisory Committee aided in the planting of the new landscaping.

The **Caregiver Incentive Project** received support from the **Unsung Heroes Fund** to host a Caregiver Academy training event for CPR/First Aid Support. Individuals between 18 and 55 years of age, without any prior experience, were able to take part in this educational course to increase the number of trained individuals in our community who are interested in serving as in-home caregivers. These individuals will be better able to serve individuals with disabilities, the elderly, medically fragile individuals, and others who require care in their homes. Everyone who took part in the event not only received several hours of valuable training, but they were also matched with experienced mentors at the end of the training.



Kaylee Quertermus, Erik Berg, Dorothy Paad and Eric Paad at the CIP training.



The **American Diabetes Association**, with assistance by a grant from the **Marquette Youth Advisory Committee**, hosted Imagine Camp Midicha. The camp was able to connect with children living with diabetes, their caretakers, and other health care professionals to better support all involved. This camp provided education as well as new tools for children to better prepare them for life ahead. Camp activities included virtual cabin meetings, guest speakers, and at-home activities to encourage children to learn more about diabetes and relate to others living with the disease.

Organization	Project	Amount
<b>GREATER ISHPEMING AREA COMMUNITY FUND</b>		
Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum	Establish inventory of Michigan Made products in gift shop	\$425.00
City of Ishpeming	Hematite Art Park landscaping	\$1,500.00
Michigamme Township Downtown Development Auth.	Michigamme Township Library	\$1,500.00
Courage Incorporated	Courage Incorporated: 2020 Adventure Season	\$475.00
Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy	Peshekee Headwaters Nature Preserve Partnership Trail	\$500.00
Cancer Care of Marquette County	Patient Care Services	\$500.00
Hope Free Evangelical Lutheran Church	Feeding a Hungry Neighbor	\$750.00
<b>Total Granted:</b>		<b>\$5,650.00</b>
<b>GWINN AREA COMMUNITY FUND</b>		
Forsyth Township Police Department	Upgrade/Add Body Cameras	\$1,150.00
Great Lakes Rodeo of Michigan	Operation Great Christmas	\$1,000.00
Forsyth Township Public Library	Summer Reading Kick-Off Party & Giveaway Books	\$750.00
<b>Total Granted:</b>		<b>\$2,900.00</b>
<b>NEGAUNEE AREA COMMUNITY FUND</b>		
Courage Incorporated	Courage Incorporated: Summer 2020 Adventure Season	\$750.00
Great Lakes Recovery Centers	D.R.I.V.E. to Success program at ASC	\$750.00
Iron Range Hockey Association	Project Zebra 2 - Referee Recruitment and Retention	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Granted:</b>		<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>MARQUETTE AREA COMMUNITY FUND</b>		
Marquette Regional History Center	Marquette County Archaeology Heritage	\$1,000.00
Marquette Symphony Orchestra	Children's Concert	\$700.00
Superior Arts Youth Theater	Superior Arts Youth Theater Winter 2021 Musical Pit Orchestra	\$700.00
Superior String Alliance, Inc	2020 Superior String Alliance Operational Funds	\$500.00
Marquette Beautification & Restoration Committee	project sparkle	\$1,200.00
United Way of Marquette County	United Way Service Leaders Shirts	\$500.00
City of Marquette Marquette Senior Center	City of Marquette: Marquette Senior Center	\$500.00
Courage Incorporated	Courage Incorporated: Summer 2020 Adventure Season	\$2,000.00
Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve Inc.	Yellow Dog River Trail Improvement and Stream Bank Restoration	\$600.00
Caregiver Incentive Project	Caregiver Academy CPR/First Aid Support	\$2,600.00
Trillium House	Resident Care Equipment Enhancement	\$2,250.00
Feeding America West Michigan	Mobile Food Pantries - Marquette County	\$6,000.00
Lake Superior Hospice Association	Bereavement Program	\$1,400.00
Marquette-Alger Resolution Service	On-line and virtual dispute resolution services.	\$1,000.00
Ripple Effect of Marquette County	We've Got You Covered: Bedding and towels for NMU students in need	\$750.00
Silver Creek Church	Silver Creek Neighborhood Block Party	\$750.00
St Anthony Catholic Church Parish	The Building up of a Community and Forming its Identity	\$300.00
Superior Alliance for Independent Living	Stepping Stones to Housing Independence	\$1,450.00
Women's Center	Emergency Needs	\$750.00
8-18 Media	8-18 Media	\$1,000.00
American Diabetes Association	ADA Camp Midicha	\$750.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Big Neighbors	\$2,000.00
Camp New Day U.P.	Camp New Day	\$750.00
Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc.	Girl Scout Leadership Experience-Family Partnership Part 2	\$970.00
Lake Superior Christian Church	The Learning Center at Lake Superior Christian Church	\$1,000.00
Lake Superior Village	Summer Programming	\$1,000.00
MSHS Robotics	MSHS robotics parts fund	\$884.00
Peter White Public Library	2020 PWPL PrimeTime Family Reading Program	\$830.00
Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan	Youth Chromebook Program	\$1,250.00
Upper Peninsula Children's Museum	EXHIBITS!! making new exhibits and upgrading others...	\$1,000.00
Upper Peninsula Children's Museum	Wow Animation Scholarships	\$400.00
MAPS Education Foundation	1st to Finish: Childhood Savings Accounts	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Granted:</b>		<b>\$46,784.00</b>

# new funds spotlight

## Gail Anthony Endowment Fund Honors Former Community Foundation CEO

After eight years of service as CEO of the Community Foundation of Marquette County, Gail Anthony retired on December 31, 2020. During her tenure, the Community Foundation grew to \$20 million in assets and awarded over \$6 million in grants and scholarships in Marquette County. Anthony was instrumental in several local and regional initiatives, including the Community Environmental Monitoring Program, the Clean Energy Initiative, Our Common Future, and Great Lakes One Water. These forward-thinking initiatives helped establish the Community Foundation as a trusted leader boldly addressing pressing community needs.

In 2020, in collaboration with United Way of Marquette County, Anthony established the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund, which provided immediate aid to Marquette County non-profits and charities, as well as a special operational grant program and an endowed fund to address future community emergencies.

To honor Anthony's commitment to Marquette County and her years of service to the Community Foundation, the Board of Trustees established the Gail Anthony Endowment Fund. The fund is supported by the Board of Trustees, affiliate committees, local business partners, nonprofits, and individual friends. The fund will support unrestricted grantmaking in Marquette County in perpetuity.

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Community Foundation would like to thank Gail for her bold leadership, incredible kindness, and steadfast vision. We wish you all the best!



## Vonck Family Hope Fund Supports Beacon House's Mission to be a "Home Away From Home" for Patients and Families

The Vonck Family Hope Fund was established in 2020 in honor of Deacon Warren Vonck, a respected and loved community and family member who passed away from cancer at age 58. Born and raised in Marquette, he was well known in the area through his role in the family business, Dresseler Mechanical, which he joined in 1992. Deacon Vonck's deep faith also led him to becoming ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Marquette, where he served at local parishes as well as mentoring numerous teenagers through ministry with the LifeTeen Program.

During his treatment for cancer at Mayo Clinic, Deacon Vonck and his family found a welcoming place at Hope Lodge in Rochester, MN. One of several locations operated by the American Cancer Society, Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregivers free accommodations while being treated away from home.

To honor Deacon Vonck after his death in 2020, the family wanted to make an impact on an organization similar to Hope Lodge, but closer to home. Beacon House is a Marquette nonprofit that assists patients and families from across the Upper Peninsula with accommodations while receiving specialty medical care at U.P. Health System- Marquette and the Upper Peninsula Medical Center. With the opening of the new hospital campus in Marquette in 2019, Beacon House began construction on a new facility nearby, with anticipated completion in 2021.

The Vonck family established an endowed donor advised fund through the Community Foundation of Marquette County with Beacon House as the beneficiary. The endowed fund can accept gifts from anyone who wishes to support the important work this local organization does, including friends and family of Deacon Vonck. As the endowment continues to grow, a sustainable source of revenue is guaranteed to support Beacon House in the work that they do now and into the future.



# legacy giving

Our Legacy Society recognizes the donors who have made provisions in their estate plans to give back to the community through the Community Foundation. These gifts take the form of bequests by naming the Community Foundation in a will or trust, charitable remainder trust, gifts of life insurance, or any other type of charitable planned gift. We are grateful for their dedication, philanthropic spirit, and foresight to recognize the importance of making a future gift through the foundation.

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