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Mecosta-Osceola Great Start Fund



**Mecosta-Osceola Great Start
Endowment Fund**

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**A Great Start for EVERY CHILD in
Mecosta and Osceola Counties...**

A Great Investment!

An early childhood fund is available at the Mecosta County Community Foundation

The Mecosta-Osceola Great Start Collaborative has created an opportunity for you to donate to an early childhood endowment fund. It has received \$13,850 from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation.

This is a permanent fund that will annually disburse income to assist the Early Childhood System. The principle amount will remain in the Great Start Endowment Fund.

The Mecosta-Osceola Great Start Collaborative is a partnership of parents, health and human service agencies, charitable and faith-based organizations, educators, and the business community.

These partners are committed to establishing and maintaining a comprehensive early childhood system.



Endowment Fund Advantages

- ★ Estate gifts through your will, trust, or IRA beneficiary will help the local Great Start Collaborative. The endowment fund lengthens and increases the time and value of a one-time gift.
- ★ Gifts to the endowment fund are eligible for a 50% Michigan State income tax credit up to \$200 for single donors and \$400 for married donors.
- ★ Gifts of appreciated stock held longer than one year can avoid capital gains tax.
- ★ The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has published special studies in many areas, including early childhood development. There is concern about long-term economic growth. Investments made by families and society for children early in life yield both private and public long-term returns, including higher lifetime earnings for the children, higher tax revenues and lower government transfer payments.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis continues to make the case for early childhood investment as strategy for economic growth.

For more information visit <http://www.minneapolisfed.org>.

Vision:

A Great Start for every child in Mecosta and Osceola Counties...healthy, happy, and ready to succeed in school and in life.

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