



2010 Report to the Community

WHO WE ARE ~ WHAT WE DO ~ WHY IT MATTERS



Message from the President

This will be the second and final community foundation year-end update I will be doing. I have completed my tenure as the president of the foundation, and now I get to talk about what we accomplished last year. When I took a look back at the 2009 report just to get a feel as to how we had compared to the previous year, I was pleased.

While we had wonderful growth in 2009 over 2008, those increases were eclipsed by what we as a foundation achieved in 2010! We granted over \$306,310.00 and awarded \$10,750.00 in scholarships, both of which were substantial year over year increases. However, this may be the most amazing thing of all: In 2009 we had 356 individual donations to our foundation. In 2010 we had 1379 individual donations. You are reading that right, nearly four times as many individual donations year over year! We also went from seeing \$132,540.00 in dollars donated in 2009 to \$338,801.00 in 2010! Not bad for a tough economic year.

We did something just a bit outside of our comfort zone this year, and our very giving community responded the way they always do, they gave! Match Day 2010 became the single largest day of giving in Mecosta County history! Every time I think about what really happened that day I am more and more in awe of the wonderful community we call home. Depending on who you talk to, we are the 2nd or 3rd poorest county in the State of Michigan. We aren't a large county in terms of population either, but somehow we raised well over a quarter of a million dollars in one day! The best part though, is that it all stayed right here in Mecosta County. It doesn't get too much better than that.

The foundation board saw few changes in 2010. We do say goodbye to Kim Von Kronenberger who is taking a promotion with his company and moving to West Branch. Kim's community spirit and positive attitude will be greatly missed. We have a new Executive Board this year being led by Scott Hill-Kennedy as President, Tim Zehr as First V.P., Deb Patterson as Second V.P., Nick Scheible as Treasurer and me as Immediate Past President. If you take me out of this equation, this may be the strongest group we have ever had to lead the foundation forward.

Leading the board over the last two years has been nothing short of a privilege. I have had the opportunity to work with some of the most upstanding citizens of Mecosta County, who care deeply about not only where they live, but the people who live here with them. Thank you Mecosta County for caring so much, I have no doubt you will continue to do so in the coming years.

Gary Trimarco, President
Mecosta County Community Foundation

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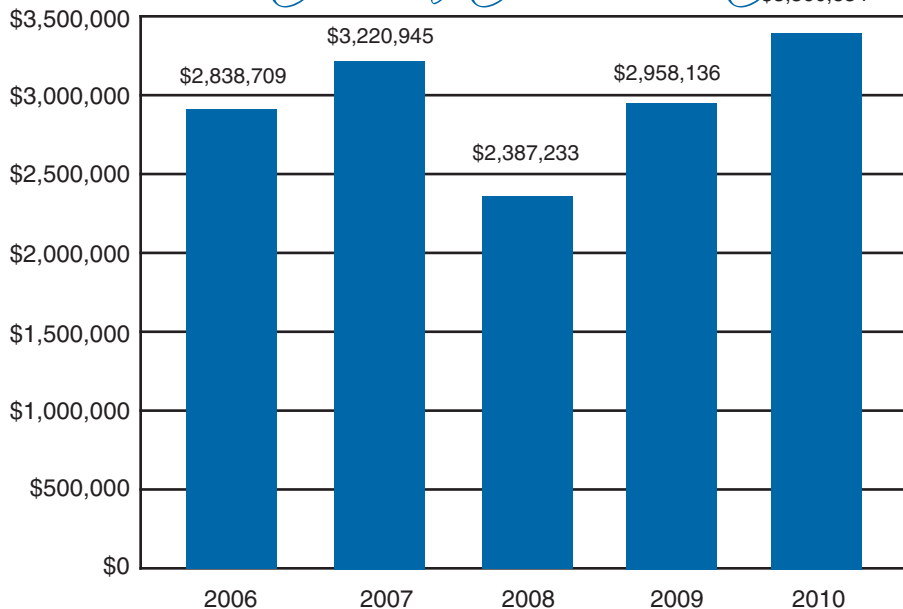


Tim Zehr

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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| Total Gifts..... | \$338,801 |
| Total Grants Approved..... | \$313,103 |
| Net Assets..... | \$3,360,834 |

Total Net Assets



2010 Grants

Each year, a portion of our endowment income is awarded to worthy applicants in the form of grants. The Mecosta County Community Foundation approved scholarships and grants of over \$313,000 in 2010. Although the amounts of the grants varied, each recipient presented MCCF with a project that would have a lasting effect on the Mecosta County community and would fulfill the purpose of MCCF to enhance the quality of life for Mecosta County citizens and visitors.

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| Alice Stephenson Schuberg Scholarship | 1,000 |
| American Red Cross Mecosta-Osceola Chapter | |
| Health and safety education | 2,705 |
| MCCF Match Day | 4,768 |
| General operating support | 130 |
| Animal and Nature Guardians' Education Legacy | |
| MCCF Match Day | 417 |
| Artworks: Big Rapids Area Arts and Humanities | |
| MCCF Match Day | 18,915 |
| Aucado Rescue of Mid-Michigan | |
| MCCF Match Day | 3,502 |
| Barry Barratt Scholarship | 1,000 |
| Big Rapids Community Library | |
| Summer reading program and circulation materials | 1,400 |
| Big Rapids High School Hockey Boosters, Inc | |
| MCCF Match Day | 10,725 |
| Big Rapids Historical Preservation Committee | |
| MCCF Match Day | 1,610 |
| Big Rapids Public Schools | |
| MCCF Match Day | 3,426 |
| Riverview School community playground | 5,254 |
| Big Rapids United Methodist Church | |
| MCCF Match Day | 10,996 |
| Care Net of Big Rapids, Inc. | |
| Earn While You Learn program | 1,000 |
| MCCF Match Day | 15,240 |
| Chippewa Hills School District | |
| Mini grants for educators | 335 |
| Chippewa Hills Basketball Academy | 1,545 |
| Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, Inc | |
| Conservation easement monitoring | 343 |
| City of Big Rapids | |
| Riverwalk recognition engraving | 1,330 |
| County of Mecosta | |
| Narrow band radios for the Mecosta County Sheriff | 3,500 |
| Crossroads Charter Academy | |
| Mini grants for educators | 400 |
| Digital story telling learning project | 1,500 |
| Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank | |
| Mobile food trucks | 4,800 |
| Ferris State University | |
| Youth hockey programs | 3,769 |

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| Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library | |
| MCCF Match Day | 3,856 |
| Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore | |
| MCCF Match Day | 1,912 |
| God's Helping Hands of Mecosta County | |
| Emergency food programs | 2,796 |
| Hope House Free Medical Clinic | |
| MCCF Match Day | 192 |
| Horticulture and Technology Scholarship | 500 |
| Hospice of Michigan | |
| MCCF Match Day | 32 |
| Immanuel Lutheran Church | |
| MCCF Match Day | 3,721 |
| Automated external defibrillator | 1,966 |
| InterVarsity Christian Fellowship | |
| MCCF Match Day | 19 |
| Jacob and Gertrudte VanDyke Scholarship | 4,000 |
| Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Scholarship | 750 |
| Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan | |
| MCCF Match Day | 64 |
| Mecosta County Commission on Aging | |
| Senior Outings and Recreation Program (S.O.A.R.) | 2,020 |
| Mecosta County Genealogical Society | |
| MCCF Match Day | 2,486 |
| Mecosta County Habitat for Humanity | |
| MCCF Match Day | 4,339 |
| Mecosta County Historical Society | |
| MCCF Match Day | 1,097 |
| Mecosta County Medical Center | |
| New Horizons Regional Birthing Center | 741 |
| Mecosta County Medical Center Foundation | |
| MCCF Match Day | 26,115 |
| Mecosta County MSU Extension | |
| MCCF Match Day | 417 |
| Mecosta County Parks Commission | |
| Fishing platform | 1,500 |
| Mecosta County Senior Center Board of Directors | |
| MCCF Match Day | 4,124 |
| Mecosta County Youth Advisory Committee Hope Scholarship | 1,500 |
| Mecosta Osceola United Way | |
| MCCF Match Day | 64 |
| Environmental and science mini-grants for educators | 1,420 |
| Mecosta-Osceola Youth Attention Center | |
| MCCF Match Day | 563 |
| Transitional living program | 3,000 |

2010 Grants continued

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| Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency, Inc. | |
| Walk For Warmth | 2,000 |
| MCCF Match Day | 398 |
| Morley Stanwood Community Schools | |
| Mini grants for educators | 1,432 |
| Morton Township Library | |
| MCCF Match Day | 8,089 |
| Muskegon River Valley Big Brothers Big Sisters | |
| MCCF Match Day | 4,722 |
| Laptop purchase | 806 |
| Muskegon River Watershed Assembly | |
| MCCF Match Day | 1,233 |
| Northland United Soccer Club | |
| River Street field project | 2,000 |
| MCCF Match Day | 873 |
| General operating support | 10 |
| Organizers for Youth | |
| MCCF Match Day | 3,941 |
| Project Starburst | |
| Emergency food programs | 2,796 |
| MCCF Match Day | 5,280 |
| General operating support | 3,364 |
| Holiday food and gift program | 400 |
| Remus Area Historical Society | |
| "Our Past, Your Future" Preserving Our Heritage | 2,000 |
| MCCF Match Day | 2,085 |
| Riley MacKenzie Fund | |
| MCCF Match Day | 8,462 |
| Kids, Cats and Dogs program | 830 |
| Robert D. Miller Scholarship Fund | 1,500 |
| Rose Lake Youth Camp | |
| Scholarships and equipment | 700 |
| GaGa pit and environmental education | 1,250 |
| Salvation Army | |
| MCCF Match Day | 2,856 |
| Scott D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship | 2,000 |
| Solid Ice, Inc. | |
| Ferris State University hockey program support | 11,350 |
| Special Olympics Michigan - Area 5 | |
| MCCF Match Day | 1,019 |
| St. Andrew's Episcopal Church | |
| Emergency food programs | 5,196 |
| MCCF Match Day | 7,475 |
| St. Anne's Catholic Church | |
| MCCF Match Day | 4,087 |

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| St. Mary's Elementary School | |
| MCCF Match Day | 10,928 |
| General operating support | 5,458 |
| Tuition assistance | 3,634 |
| St. Peter's Lutheran School | |
| MCCF Match Day | 6,000 |
| STAGE-M | |
| MCCF Match Day | 8,187 |
| United Way of Mason County | |
| 2-1-1 Information and Referral and Volunteer program | 2,000 |
| Women's Information Service, Inc. | |
| MCCF Match Day | 20,436 |
| Total Grants Approved | 313,603 |
| Cancellations and Refunds | (500) |
| Total Grants | 313,103 |

In Loving Memory

Contributions were received in loving memory of the following individuals in support of various Mecosta County agencies and organizations.

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A planned gift may be a will, trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan, IRA or annuity that benefits the Mecosta County Community Foundation. We encourage donors to join those listed in remembering our community in their financial and estate planning. If you have made a plan benefiting MCCF, please let us know. We would like to recognize your generosity.

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Robert D. Miller Scholarship

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Riverwalk

Rotary Club of Big Rapids

The Schinderle Fund

Schuberg Designated for Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Alice Stephenson Schuberg Scholarship

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Solid Ice

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St. Mary's Elementary School Education Enrichment

Scholarship Fund for St. Mary's School

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STAGE-M Leon Keys Memorial Fine Arts Camp

Jenine Stickler Memorial

Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Scholarship

Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Fund for Tamarack
District Library

Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Fund for Wheatland
Township Library

Jacob and Gertrude VanDyke Scholarships

Women's Information Services, Inc.

Youth Endowment Fund

2010 Scholarship Awards

Fifteen scholarships totaling \$10,750. were awarded to high school and college students in Mecosta County in 2010 to be used for continued studies in 2010-2011. Two additional scholarships were unclaimed. The MCCF Scholarship Committee selects all awardees through a "blind" or "anonymous" procedure which uses applicant merit and other criteria set by the donors to determine the winners.

The Scott D. Anderson Memorial Scholarships for FSU students were awarded to Ben Toft in auto engineering and Manuel Vazquez in manufacturing technology. The Anderson awards for Morley-Stanwood students went to Brandon Goodfellow (CMU- Physical Therapy) and Kayla Wheeler (MOISD Cosmetology and FSU –Pre Pharmacy).

The Barry Barratt (BRHS) Scholarships were awarded to Bridgette Buse (FSU-Math) and Jenna Daniels (FSU-Pre Pharmacy).

The Horticulture & Technology Scholarship-FSU was awarded to BRHS student Todd Bunce (FSU- Horticulture) .

The Robert D. Miller Scholarships were won by CHHS students Brook Leiter (Mid Michigan Community College-Nursing) and Marisa Pennock (Belmont University-Business Administration).

The Alice Stephenson Schuberg award went to BRHS student Shikala Muhammad (Cosmotology and FSU-Elementary Education).

The Ken & Aletha Sutherland Family Scholarship was awarded to CHHS student Hannah Karcher (FSU-PreMed).

Jacob & Gertrude VanDyke Scholarships went to Jenna Daniels, BRHS, (FSU-PrePharmacy); Chloe Balanda, CCA,, (Lake Superior College-PrePharmacy); Lisa Bullock ,Evert-MOISD, (FSU-PrePharmacy). And Kayla Wheeler, MSHS, (FSU-PrePharmacy).

Both Jenna Daniels, BRHS, and Kayla Wheeler, MSHS, were awarded two scholarships this year, a rare honor. We wish all of our scholarship winners much success with their studies in their chosen fields.



Scott D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship: Kayla Wheeler and Brandon Goodfellow, with board member Kim Von Kronenberger

Ken & Aletha Sutherland Family Scholarship: Hannah Karcher, with board member Yo Bellingar.



2010 Grant Stories

NORTHLAND UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Having completed Phase I of its work in totally reconstructing the soccer fields at River Street Park, the Northland United Soccer Club will soon complete Phase II (the final phase) of its work. Having observed the good use of funding by Northland Soccer as it excavated, leveled, installed an irrigation system, and seeded in Phase I, much to the delight of many youth soccer players and those that care about them in our community, the Foundation is pleased to provide additional funding for Phase II, which will be used for additional irrigation work, re-seeding, and leveling that in part will allow for a smooth connection of the River Street Park soccer fields with the extended Riverwalk. Northland has significantly improved the playing experience and safety for our soccer players and continues to spark a significant interest in youth soccer in our community.



Remus Area Historical Society, Inc

The Remus Area Historical Society has had an uninterrupted string of successes in developing its museum, exhibits, displays, and outreach activities. Now it has reached the next step in its development; it must carefully preserve the many historical treasures that the Historical Society and the community possess. The Foundation is pleased to fund the Historical Society's purchase of conservation and preservation equipment and special supplies to better monitor and protect against the main causes of deterioration as part of the Historical Society's Remus Area Historical Society, Inc. "Our Past, Your Future" Preserving Heritage Project. Because of the good work of the Remus Area Historical Society much of our history will be preserved for many future generations to learn from and enjoy.

UNITED WAY 2-1-1

The number 2-1-1 is a nationally-recognized telephone number that the Federal Communications Commission has dedicated solely to be used for individuals to access health and human services information. In Michigan, and throughout the nation, United Ways are taking the lead in an effort to make a 2-1-1 information service available to all residents. By making just one call (or going to the related website), individuals will be connected with hundreds of health and human services programs. Mecosta County is joining with Mason, Osceola, Lake, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties to roll-out and oversee the local 2-1-1 information and referral initiative. Mason and Osceola Counties have already successfully implemented the 2-1-1 Program. Now more than ever individuals in need must have a better way to connect to critical services, and the Foundation is pleased to help fund this important effort.



Mecosta County Sheriff's Posse

The Mecosta County Sheriff's Posse, formed in 1964, assists with traffic control at accidents, fires, funerals, parades, festivals, school football and basketball games, and also aids in search and rescue activities. Members of the posse are volunteers and supply their own vehicles, emergency lighting and fuel, and in the last three years posse members have worked nearly 8,000 hours and driven more than 50,000 miles. Their invaluable contribution is coordinated through the use of older technology radios, which with Federal Communications Commission changes will no longer be FCC compliant or usable. The Foundation is pleased to help fund the purchase of five of the seventeen new, current technology digital radios needed by the Posse and the Sheriff's Department to make sure the Mecosta County Sheriff's Posse can continue to perform its important public safety functions.



MECOSTA/OSCEOLA AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Mecosta/Osceola American Red Cross continues to focus on both preparedness and responding to emergencies, and in this latest project the Red Cross is taking the preparedness program to students in our local schools. The goal is to start early and provide these students basic health and safety training so they might get in the habit of becoming life-long participants in preparedness training and also, even at a young age, respond to emergencies to minimize the consequences. Offerings such as first aid, cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), water safety, and baby-sitting skills for children in all grades will help meet this goal. The Foundation is pleased to provide funds to help purchase the training materials needed for these students and to thereby help the Mecosta/Osceola American Red Cross with another of its very important community projects.



Mecosta County Youth Advisory Committee



Pictured is the 2008-2009 Mecosta County Youth Advisory Council, better known as MCYAC. The council is made up of 8th-12th grade students from Big Rapids, Chippewa Hills, Crossroads Charter Academy and Morley Stanwood. Grant deadlines are April 1st and October 1st of each year. Grant applications may be found online at www.mecostagives.com or by contacting Deb Patterson at 796-8683.

Kate Backus, Erica Frisbie, Peter Wissink, Hannah Bennett, Kyle Brady, Sarah Crosby, MaryRose Cook, Kramer Milan, Levi Mehl, Callee Stirn, Rachel Wood, Courtney Kennedy, Jere Barret, Kolton Johnson, Nicole Mumah, Tyler Havens, Alyssa Nelson, Brianna Wiersema, and Tim Cairnduff.

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