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SUMMER 2010

SPRING GRANTS AWARDED



JoAnne Sutton, from Mid Michigan Community Action Agency, receives a grant check from Board Member Kim Von Kronenberger

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency will use their grant award of \$2000 for "Walk for Warmth" to assist Mecosta County residents who are experiencing a need for heat or utility assistance or other household emergencies.

FOR THE COMPLETE LIST OF GRANTS AWARDED – ALONG WITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, PLEASE SEE PAGE 3.

MEET ROBYN STRATTON



Robyn Stratton

Robyn Stratton has joined the foundation board as administrative executive. Robyn replaces recording secretary Kris Jackson, who served the foundation for many years. We thank Kris for her service and we welcome Robyn!

Robyn was most recently the training and organizational development manager and human resource manager for Genesee County. Robyn's husband Steve works at Ferris State University. The Strattons live in Big Rapids and have three children, Evan, Owen and Peyton. Robyn enjoys volunteering, golf and reading.

"I am happy to be involved with MCCF. The opportunities for people to contribute and make a difference in the community are changing because of the economy and technology. It feels good to be able to play a small role in MCCF's mission to grow in ways it can give back to the community," Stratton said.

COMMISSION ON AGING GRANT

The Mecosta County Commission on Aging & Senior Center will use their \$2,020 award for the S.O.A.R. program. The purpose of this program is for transporting seniors to and from the center that no longer are able to drive for health programs, nutritious meals and activities.



Board Member Judy Tressler presents a grant check to Dawn Ketchum from Mecosta County Commission on Aging & Senior Center

ROSE LAKE GRANT

Rose Lake Youth Camp receives a \$700 grant. The award will be used for the sick tent and for camperships/scholarships for Mecosta County residents.



Board Member Bob Hampson presents a grant check to Amber Kelso from Rose Lake Youth Center.

FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Check out the new Mecosta County Community Foundation website at:
www.mecostacares.com

Please make the new website one of your "favorite" web pages to stay informed about foundation grants, scholarships, events and much more. You'll see what organizations benefit from your generosity. You'll hear testimonials, learn about your board of directors and even have the ability to donate online!

HOW DO I GIVE TO A FOUNDATION?

"What am I really giving to when I give to a Foundation" is a question frequently asked by people. The idea of making a contribution to a foundation is very appealing as the money stays in the immediate community...in this case...the Mecosta County Community.

In the Mecosta County Community Foundation there are basically three destinations for your contribution. They are:

- 1. The General Fund.** This fund allows the foundation to make grants on the earnings of the general fund at its discretion upon qualification and approval of grant applications made to the foundation. This is a very important fund as it allows the foundation to look at and take action on current community needs.
- 2. Designated Fund.** A designated fund is designed to allow a donor to establish and name a fund and have monies disbursed for a specific cause. The idea of a designated fund is to provide support for a specific cause over many years.
- 3. Advised Fund.** An Advised Fund is also a fund that is established and named by a donor. The donor in this case advises the foundation of where they want the monies generated by the fund to be disbursed.

Each of these funds offers unique and specific opportunities to you as a donor. They allow you various levels of involvement regarding how your monies are used. MCCF can also assist you with information on designating estate giving, wills, and insurance beneficiaries. This is very different than many other organizations competing for your generosity.

MCCF is working hard this year to become more visible where work is being done in your community. We want to grow and expand our capacity to make an impact. This is made possible when donations are made to the General Fund, new funds are developed, or existing funds are added to. We would love to talk to you about which fund might be right for you.

Please contact us at our website at mecostagives.com or contact any of our MCCF board members for assistance.

From the President...

There is a popular band called the Black Eyed Peas that currently has a hit single, that contains the following lyrics... "I've got a feeling, that tonight's going to be a good night." Well, I have a feeling this year is going to be a great year... especially for the Mecosta County Community Foundation, and those whom we serve.



Gary Trimarco

We have some exciting projects that we are currently working on that will be implemented a little later this year. I will keep you informed, so stay tuned! However, prior to talking about what will be taking place down the road, let me talk to you about some of the great work the foundation has accomplished over the past few months. We have just added another scholarship to the many scholarships available through your foundation. The Morley Stanwood Education Association Scholarship Fund is intended to be a scholarship awarded to a Morley Stanwood Community Schools graduate attending a college or university and pursuing a degree in education. This brings the available scholarships awarded through the foundation to 11! If you get a chance, go to our website and check out all of the available scholarships along with available grants offered through the foundation. By the way, did I mention we have a new (much more user-friendly) website?

One of the goals we had for this year was to update our website with the following objectives in mind. Continually add and update content, while making our site extremely easy to use. We decided the best way to do that was to blow up the old site, and start from scratch. We put a small committee together and enlisted the professional help of a local company (Net-port) to guide us along the way. Visit www.mecostagives.com and let me know what you think.

Sadly, we do say goodbye to Kris Jackson who has served the Mecosta County Community Foundation for many years as our recording secretary. I'm sure everybody shares my sentiments in thanking Kris and wishing her the best of luck in her future endeavors. That brings me to a wonderful addition to the board. Robyn Stratton joins us as our administrative executive. Robyn brings with her many years of community service and a wonderful positive attitude to do anything she can to help the foundation serve Mecosta County. Robyn has a Master of Science Administration degree from Central Michigan, and her Bachelor of Science from U of M. We are very excited about the skill set she brings to the board!

Once again...exciting news is coming so keep checking out www.mecostagives.com for details. This year is going to be a great year!

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MECOSTA COUNTY FOUNDATION

Period Ended March 31, 2010

Fund Name	Net Assets
Scott D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship	35,055
Artworks: Big Rapids Area Arts & Humanities	12,713
Barry Barratt Scholarship	11,221
Charles R. & Marian D. Beadle Advised	20,553
Big Rapids Realty Advised Fund	16,665
Harold Boerma Eagle Scout Scholarship	14,236
Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Endowment	9,819
Class of 1974, Linda Willette Scholarship	15,898
Sarah Marie Comer Memorial Fund	26,437
William F. DuBois II, MD & Catherine DuBois	17,561
Feeding Mecosta County	7,358
Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library	116,788
Healthy Youth and Seniors - Mecosta	33,000
Horticulture and Technology Scholarship	10,369
Lake-Osceola State Bank Community Support	16,756
Dennis Lerner Advised	39,464
Lerner, Csernai & Fath Financial Group	20,999
Little Kevin Hockey Hope Fund	42,883
MCYAC Hope Scholarship Fund	53,100
Mecosta County Community Foundation Build A Fund	8,000
Mecosta County Community Fund Administrative	(26,707)
Mecosta County Community Foundation General	462,070
Mecosta County Medical Center Foundation	15,114
Mecosta County Habitat for Humanity	13,201
Mecosta-Osceola United Way Fund - MCCF	13,244
Michcon Legacy Fund for Mecosta-Osceola United Way	85,707
Mildred A. Miller Swede Hill Park	140,545
Robert D. Miller Scholarship Fund	22,887
Ben Mondrella Memorial Fund	38,897
Alyce Peterson Fund for Project Starburst	93,964
Riverwalk Fund	4,704
Riverwalk Endowment	154,215
Rotary Club of Big Rapids	31,681
The Schinderle Fund	110,571
Schuberg Designated for Immanuel Lutheran Church	19,964
Schuberg Designated for St. Mary's Catholic School	122,596
Alice Stephenson Schuberg	28,851
Carl A. Schuberg Fund	25,337
Shamrock Invitational	88,639
Solid Ice - Endowment	306,531
Solid Ice - Flexible	495
Spirit of the Season - Endowment	118,793
Spirit of the Season - Flexible	718
St. Mary's Elementary School Education Enrichment	9,798
Scholarship Fund for St. Mary's School	11,204
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church	48,871
STAGE-M Leon Keys Memorial Fine Arts	10,150
Jenine Stickler Memorial	13,888
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Scholarship	24,554
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Fund for Tamarack District Library	12,277
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Fund for Wheatland Township Library	12,277
Jacob and Gertrude VanDyke Scholarship	89,508
Women's Information Services, Inc.	39,135
Youth Endowment Fund of Mecosta County	271,420
Total of Fund Balances	\$2,943,976

2010 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

SCHOLARSHIP

Scott D. Anderson (FSU)

Scott D. Anderson

Barry Barratt

Boerma Eagle Scout

Horticulture and Technology

Robert D. Miller

Alice Stephenson Schuberg

Ken & Aletha Sutherland Family

Jacob & Gertrude VanDyke

Class of 1974, Linda Willette

RECIPIENT(S)

Ben Toft – Ferris State University

Manuel Vazquez – Ferris State University

Brandon Goodfellow – Morley Stanwood

Kayla Wheeler – Morley Stanwood

Bridgette Buse – Big Rapids

Jenna Daniels – Big Rapids/Math Science Center

None

Todd Bunce – Big Rapids

Brook Leiter – Chippewa Hills/MOISD

Marisa Pennock – Chippewa Hills/MOISD

Shikala Muhammad – Big Rapids/MOISD

Hannah Karcher – Chippewa Hills

Chloe Balanda – Crossroads/Math Science Center

Lisa Bullock – Evart/Math Science Center

Jenna Daniels – Big Rapids/Math Science Center

Kahla Wheeler – Morley Stanwood

None

GENERAL FUND GRANTS - SPRING 2010

\$2,000 Mid Michigan Community Action Agency Inc.-

"To assist Mecosta County residents who are experiencing a need for heat, utility or other household emergency."

\$ 1,500 Mecosta County Park Commission-

"To offer safe & accessible fishing opportunity in the Barryton area."

\$2,400 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church -

"To support monthly food deliveries in Mecosta County from Funding America West Michigan Food Bank."

\$900 Mecosta-Morton Area Historical Society-

"To acquire audio-visual presentation equipment."

\$700 Rose Lake Youth Camp-

"To improve recreational physical fitness and increase environmental education of area children, including offering need-based scholarships."

\$741 Mecosta County Medical Center-

"To enable the Medical Center to renovate the 15-year old Birthing Center in which there has been over 9,000 births, for enhanced patient safety and security, increased outpatient testing and pre-delivery diagnosis(triage), and improvement of the overall patient experience."

\$2,020 Mecosta County Commission on Aging & Senior Center-

"The grant is needed for the purpose of transporting seniors to and from the center that no longer are able to drive, for health programs, nutritious meals and activities."

MCYAC GRANTS - SPRING 2010

Mini Grants – grants with a budget of \$400.00 or less for classrooms

Morley Stanwood – Word Attack	\$161.52
Morley Stanwood – Pre-School Literacy	\$276.34
Chippewa Hills – Overhead Screen	\$334.50
Morley Stanwood – Personal Finance Class Supplies	\$349.99
Morley Stanwood – Creative Resources Room	\$396.35
Crossroads Charter Academy – Algebra Gap Class	\$400.00
Morley Stanwood – Digital Camera	\$250.00

Other Grants

Muskegon River Valley Big Brothers/ Big Sisters	\$805.58
Digital Story Telling – Crossroads Charter Academy	\$1,500.00
Mecosta County Youth Attention Center	\$3,000.00
Chippewa Hills Schools – Basketball Academy Program	\$1,544.97



Amy Eddinger and Amber Bergman, from Mecosta-Osceola Youth Attention Center receive a grant check from Board Member Deb Patterson on Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

The money will go towards the Transitional Living Program.

MCYAC NEWS

MCYAC CLASS OF 2010

Pictured left to right

Charisma Thapa - Big Rapids

Kori Cramer - Morley Stanwood

Jon Carney - Big Rapids

Christine Salvati - Morley Stanwood

Scott Barger - Crossroads Charter Academy

Stevie Frey - Chippewa Hills

Sarah Fiorillo - Chippewa Hills



THE MECOSTA COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



MCYAC - is made up of high school students from the Big Rapids, Chippewa Hills, Crossroads Charter Academy and Morley Stanwood. Student's grades 8 - 12 are chosen by their schools to participate in the group. The group meets once a month at the MOISD in Big Rapids to plan student activities, such as volunteering and fundraisers. They also take action on grants that are submitted each year in April and October. The Grant committee reviews the grants at special committee meetings and then presents them to the entire council for action in the spring and fall. Pictured are members of the 2009-2010 council. *Congrats Graduates! The MCYAC Class of 2010 has big plans! All of the graduates will be attending college - Ferris State University, MSU and Central Michigan University are all high on the lists! The graduates have their eyes on diplomas in Business and Marketing, Broadcasting, Elementary Education and International Relations. Best of luck grads! You will all be missed!*

THREE MCYAC SENIORS HONORED IN THE 2010 PIONEER FAB 40!

Congrats to Seniors Scott Barger - Crossroads Charter Academy, Kori Cramer and Christine Salvati, both of Morley Stanwood who were chosen as top students in the Big Rapids Pioneer "Fab 40". Forms were sent to all of the schools in the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, hoping to collect information about the area's brightest and most giving students. The criteria for selection for the Fab 40 consisted of GPA, community service activities and participation in sports and other extra curricular activities. The selection wasn't easy as there was little difference in academic and Philanthropic accomplishments among the students who applied. Students were asked to have a reference provide a testimonial as to why they were deserving of the honor.

Way to go Scott, Kori and Christine!

MECOSTA COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE TEAM - 2010-2011

President - Hannah - Crossroads Charter Academy

Vice President - Kramer - Big Rapids High School

Secretary - Kate - Crossroads Charter Academy Treasurer - Levi - Big Rapids High School

Grants Committee Chair - Erica - Crossroads Charter Academy

Communications Director - Alyssa - Morley Stanwood High School

Fundraising Committee Chair - Rachael - Chippewa Hills High School

Hope Scholarship Committee Chair - Mary Rose - Big Rapids High School

Advisors - Shelly Fortier - Big Rapids High School

Mike Bockheim - Morley Stanwood High School

Lynn Gerould - Crossroads Charter Academy

Geryl Roshak - Chippewa Hills High School

Foundation Advisors - Deb Patterson and Debbie Sztot

