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# BE BOLD

## Bold Opportunities Local Decisions

**A**t the Lapeer County Community Foundation, our bold service is a unique opportunity for people who love Lapeer County to use charitable giving to build a brighter future. It is a chance to make change in a big, bold way and create a legacy of impact that will live on forever. The generosity of local philanthropists has helped our communities become what they are today. The Lapeer County we pass on to the next generation will be defined by the permanent endowments and the long-term investments made moving forward. Now, more than ever, Lapeer County needs the support of forward thinkers, visionaries and doers such as you, who believe in creating brighter futures for our residents. It is the only way to ensure our communities can address the issues that matter and how Lapeer County will have the available resources for generations to come.

Bold service is an apt description of the exciting year experienced by the Lapeer County Community Foundation. As we reflected on 2019, we read about the way bold service is impacting communities around the world and in Lapeer County. We learned that acts of bold service share some common tenets — regardless if they are happening in rural India, metropolitan Detroit or right here at home. The two tenets that are most striking are:

- Bold service is community driven and community building; and
- Bold service sparks innovation and change. The Community Foundation exemplifies how our collective action drives change. In 2019, donors supported a multitude of endowment funds that will provide resources long into

the future to fund innovative work in the fields for which they feel great passion. Many donors made unrestricted gifts, with the belief that future volunteers who serve the Community Foundation in the years to come will make impactful decisions about how resources are best deployed. Scholarship donors helped the next generation of community leaders achieve their dreams through education. Many donors also gave generously of their time as board members and volunteers who steward the wise use of our endowments to benefit Lapeer County.

In 2019, the Community Foundation embraced a bold vision of culture change in Lapeer County toward continued learning beyond high school through the launch of the Lapeer County LEAF. Building on the belief that all students in Lapeer County should be given the opportunity to plan academically and financially for their futures, the LEAF serves as a long-term investment in our future by supporting students and their families in building assets. The LEAF is a shared value

statement by the Foundation, our community partners and donors that investing in the future begins with our youngest learners. It was a conscious decision that to spark change, it must be community driven at a local level.

As you read through the following pages, our hope is that you are inspired by our bold funding decisions and partnerships. Grants supporting local school districts and nonprofit organizations, and providing funds to expand accessibility of our community and natural resources can transform and enrich Lapeer County.

At the start of the new decade, we feel confident the bold vision of the Lapeer County Community Foundation and the individual donors and volunteers that are the heart of the organization is creating a bright future for our great community.

Once again, we thank you — our donors, professional advisors, and friends of the Foundation — for your continued support of philanthropy in our community. We look forward to working with you in the future.



**Steve Zott, Chair and Nancy Boxey, Executive Director.**

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# Giving through the Community Foundation STARTS WITH YOU



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## GIVE

An individual, family, business or organization makes a tax-deductible gift of cash, securities, real estate or other property.



## INVEST

Funds are carefully invested for long-term growth, overseen by professional advisors and an investment committee. Gifts to the LCCF represent not only the donor's generosity, but their confidence, trust, and vision for the future.



## STRENGTHEN

Lapeer County communities become stronger through grants given to support local nonprofits, schools, and public entities.



## CHOOSE

Your gift creates or adds to a charitable fund to benefit causes important to you now or for the long-term.



## ENGAGE

Nonprofit organizations receive grants based on community needs. We work in collaboration with individuals and organizations to mobilize resources to provide donors flexible gifting and granting opportunities.

## BUILD Community.

The Lapeer County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization created by and for the people of Lapeer County. Many of today's solutions result from yesterday's giving. In 1996, the Lapeer County Community Foundation was started with a \$20,000 gift to create a permanent community endowment fund. Since then, we have grown to represent 64 funds, over \$11 million in assets, and have invested over \$4.3 million back into our local Lapeer County communities.

## GIVE Today.

Since our inception, we have worked with people like you, giving gifts from \$5 to \$500,000 to help ensure there will always be resources available in the future to meet the community's needs and promising opportunities. Giving is personal. We understand that. We combine personalized service, local expertise, and community leadership to help donors meet their charitable goals.

## IMPACT Tomorrow.

As the Lapeer County leader in promoting philanthropy to strengthen our communities, we work in collaboration with individuals and organizations to mobilize resources to meet their goals and objectives. It's all about relationships. We invest not only your dollars, but also our time, in building these long-term relationships.

# Accessibility



A new roof on a horse barn at Equine Escape was possible thanks to a grant from the LCCF. Founded in 2016, Equine Escape serves primarily “at risk” youth and veterans as they face life challenges.



LCCF is proud to support such an important program in our community. Equine Escape has more than 80 clients who are benefiting from EAL treatment.

Equine Escape offers Equine Assisted Learning Programs (EAL) to “at-risk” youth, veterans, police officers, first responders, and their families. They serve those in need throughout Lapeer County and beyond utilizing trained facilitators and volunteers.



Thanks to a grant from the LCCF, students at Orchard Primary School in Almont have a new piece of playground equipment. Originally built for younger students, when Orchard Primary became the home to students grades K-4, it was clear more playground equipment was needed for older students. LCCF was happy to provide funds for a sensory arch on the playground that is something all students — including those with cognitive and physical disabilities — can enjoy.



Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer constructed a universally accessible dock and canoe/kayak/paddle boat launch thanks to grant funding from the LCCF. The new launch provides a safe, accessible, fun space for children from Lapeer County and across Michigan who are able to enjoy a summer camp experience that promotes individual skills-development and teaches each child to live more productively.



The mission at Bear Lake Camp is to provide outdoor recreational/educational opportunities for persons with special needs. The camp offers a unique outdoor focused community that allows individuals to grow no matter what their abilities.

## OTHER ACCESSIBILITY GRANTS

**Child Advocacy Center of Lapeer County: Multi-Disciplinary Team Training**

**Danny’s Miracle Network: Education and speciality programs for those living with disabilities**

**North Branch Township: Handicap accessible doors**

**In-Pro Enterprises: Assisting those who have suffered traumatic brain injuries**



Baseball and softball fans in Dryden are able to clearly keep score thanks to a new electronic score board at the school's baseball/ softball field. The project was a collaborative effort from many funding sources, including a grant from the LCCF.



A timpani set, bass drum and stand, gong, orchestral bells and marimba were purchased for the Lapeer Symphony Orchestra (LSO) thanks in part from LCCF grant funding. The LSO is a multi-generational ensemble featuring all instruments. The group performs free of charge for the community, sharing their high-quality music around the county.



Students, school team members and residents in Imlay City have a new way to get and stay fit thanks to the Spartan Circuit Fitness Trail located at the district's athletic complex, across from the high school. The trail is funded in part by a grant from the LCCF.



For more than 70 years, the Lapeer County Conservation District has worked with local landowners, farmers, governmental agencies, and other organizations dealing with environmental problems. Their new presentation equipment, funded by the LCCF, helps the group in their outreach efforts.



In order to best spread their message of environmental preservation, the Lapeer County Conservation District received grant funding from the LCCF to purchase presentation equipment. A member pictured here is using the new projection equipment for a presentation.

The Spartan Circuit Fitness Trail is a one-mile trail equipped with fitness stations spaced strategically throughout. Each station is user friendly to people of all fitness levels and abilities and can be used all year long regardless of weather.

## OTHER FOUNDATION GRANTS

The LCCF supports additional quality of life initiatives through management of Agency Funds held by local nonprofit organizations. Grants from these funds totaled \$27,000 in 2019.

# Education



Lapeer County students engage in a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) project during a CTE Summer Camp through the Lapeer County Intermediate School District. Funded in part from a LCCF grant, the camps, including Welding, Forensic Science, Veterinary and more, aim to encourage students to explore career and technical programs through hands-on activities and learning.



Proud of their work, students show off their finished Go Cart completed during one of the CTE Summer Camps held through the Lapeer County Intermediate School District. The Go Cart camp was one of 13 different camps students could choose from that aim to teach skills like time management, communication and teamwork.



Floriculture is one of the many careers explored during CTE Summer Camp through the Lapeer County Intermediate School District. The camps always receive positive feedback from students and parents alike. Students say they enjoy working with their hands and participating in projects that involve teamwork.



Fresh out of the oven! Students participating in the culinary camp through the Lapeer County Intermediate School District try their hand at baking. The camps showcase a variety of careers open to Lapeer County students and expose students to the post-secondary education needed to pursue their career goals.



Children learn to read by reading. That simple concept is what lead the LCCF to award a \$10,000 grant to North Branch Area Schools to be used to provide additional books in NBAS classrooms. "Placing Books in Little Hands," was selected as an awardee by LCCF, and focused on growing the collection of books in BK-fourth grade classroom libraries at North Branch Elementary School.



Project Lead the Way (PLTW) students in Lapeer Community Schools now have access to Chromebooks thanks in part to a grant from the LCCF. The Chromebooks allow students to develop responsible 21st-century digital literacy skills while learning science and engineering. PLTW curriculum enhances student learning through science content modules that empower students to develop essential skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and perseverance.

**2019 NON-SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS  
AWARDED TO SUPPORT EDUCATION  
TOTALLED OVER \$100,000!**

**Through the generosity of local donors, the LCCF is committed to investing in future generations through fund management and grantmaking.**





# 2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Lapeer County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the students who were awarded the following scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year totaling \$117,700.

For more information about the Foundation and the scholarships we offer, contact the Foundation Office at 810 664-0691 or visit our website at [www.lapeercountycf.org](http://www.lapeercountycf.org).

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## Ross P. Broesamle Educational Fund Scholarship \$43,000

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Page Abromaitis	Paige Hunger	Alayna Panduren	Sarah Stroup
Clare Biolchini	Eric Johnson	Casey Pepper	Corey Sutter
Jordan Bourdeau	Samantha Justice	Cody Pepper	Jarod Sutter
Isabelle Bourque	Elizabeth Kerby	Erin Riley	Jenna Sutter
Max Brombach	Courtney King	Sean Riley	Hayley Torres
Michael Brzozowski	Justin Knox	Megan Rinke	Sydney Torres
Olivia Bussone	Shelby Kutchev	Madelyn Robbins	Alexandra Winslow
Ashley Gibbs	Joseph Liblong	Garrett Ruhala	Mackenzie Wrobel
Madeleine Gray	Matthew McFarlane	Mia Sliman	
Brandon Herman	Michael Melillo	Mariah Smith	
Delaney Hull	Kaylin Norman	Emma Stefanski	

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## Daley Acres Agricultural Memorial Scholarship \$5,000

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Jennifer Gibbs

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## Christopher Jon Dirks Memorial Fund Scholarship \$500

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Porter Hughes

(continued)

## 2019-2020 Scholarship Recipients (continued)

### Irma Gelhausen Scholarship

\$3,000

Lauren Bickel

Cami Davis

### Jack and Carolyn Griffin Memorial Scholarship

#### Part 1

\$29,000

Jacquelyn Ankley

Michael Gormley

Delaney Kropp

Reilly Roach

Hannah Bader

Sydney Gormley

Zachary McDougall

Caitlyn Rogers

Christian Coy

Abigail Hadden

Colton Maher

Reese Ruhlman

Autumn Deshetsky

Julia Hagopian

Eryn Mead

Gerrid Rutledge

Nathan Farnsworth

Samantha Hemingway

Emily Murray

Joshua Sutton

McKenna Forster

Marcus Holzinger

Selena Nellenbach

Luke Wadley

Bailey Good

Ava Kee

Matthew Osborne

Jenna Gormley

Makayla Klauka

#### Part II

\$7,000

Ryan Beatley

Marybeth Gormley

Janel Ruhlman

Olivia Sweeney

Brady Good

Montana Maher

Samantha Schlaud

### Philip Hart Scholarship

\$2,000

Mikaila Isaac

### Jacob N. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

\$500

Alexis Kigar

### LakeVille Memorial High School Alumni Scholarship

\$3,000

Emily Coleman

Hailey Craft

Sean Jorrey

### Lapeer County Medical Fund Scholarship

\$2,500

Annalise Bourdeau

Eric Johnson

### P.E.O. Chapter DX Scholarship

\$1,000

Ashley Gibbs

### John Sak Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000

Phillip Eickhoff

Matthew Place II

# 2019-2020 Scholarship Recipients (continued)

## Schiedegger Engineering Scholarship

\$8,400

Olivia Bussone  
Anthony Henige

Paige Hunger  
Elizabeth Kerby

Benjamin Koning  
Gerrid Rutledge

## Hazel Simms Nursing Scholarship

\$4,400

Annalise Bourdeau

Rachel Johnson

Matthew Place II

Cassandra Schultz

## Jimmy Thompson Memorial Scholarship

\$500

Jordan Pohl

## Tracey Thompson Memorial Scholarship

\$500

Kyle Johnson

## Traver-Carter Fund Scholarship

\$4,000

Phillip Eickhoff

Alexis Kigar

## Ronald C. and Abi E. Warner Scholarship

\$1,000

Lauren Bickel  
Cami Davis

Matthew Place II

# A letter of thanks

“This journey helped me realize how large this world is and how much I have to offer towards its betterment.”



“I recently returned from Kenya on a nursing abroad experience trip ... I came home with a deeper sense of gratitude and commitment to my own education.”

“The purpose of this letter is to show my appreciation to the Lapeer County Community Foundation.”



From Matthew Place II

# The Women's Fund



**T**he Women's Fund was established through the vision of 100 Founders as a unique legacy of women helping women in Lapeer County. Today, the group includes Founders and Friends at multiple levels of giving.

Through its membership, the Women's Fund has the opportunity to make a lasting impact. By connecting women from all backgrounds and stages of life, they bring unlimited potential to network, share ideas, and plan events and projects that support and impact Lapeer County's women, their children, and families.

The LCCF Women's Fund 2019 steering committee, which meets monthly to plan a variety of events and review grant applications, includes Tracey Chapman, Kathryn Lawter, Della Hammond, Jackie Gibbons, Jacquie Wilson, Dahna Loeding and Nancy Smith. Not pictured: Dana Miller, Betsy Felton, Kim Adams, and Kristi Kigar. Photo by Cherri Weir

## #GivingTuesday

**F**or the second year, the Women's Fund took advantage of participating in the Foundation's #GivingTuesday matching funds campaign. Volunteers were on hand all day to greet donors, serve refreshments and engage in conversations regarding the mission of the Women's Fund in Lapeer County. They boldly rose to the challenge and not only received \$8,660 in donations plus the maximum \$3,500 in matching dollars, but also were the winners of a \$2,500 matching gift for most individual donors as well as a \$500 matching gift for the most walk-in donors. This one day of giving grew the Women's Fund endowment fund by over \$15,000! Each year during the event, the Women's Fund raffles off a beautiful wine basket to increase donations while also sparking interest in the work they do.

Lapeer County Community Foundation



Women's Fund



## 2019 Women's Fund Education Grants

The Women's Fund, in partnership with the Foundation for Mott Community College, offers Education Grants to non-traditional Lapeer County women juggling multiple demands of life as they pursue furthering their education. Funds can be used for non-tuition related expenses including books, fees, childcare, transportation, and program costs. Students may receive up to \$1,000 per academic year. By helping to remove financial barriers, these grants allow women to reach their full academic and professional potential. Applicants must hold a minimum 2.5 grade point

average, can apply at any time, and may re-apply each academic year.

In 2019 the Women's Fund awarded nine Education Grants totaling \$8,550 to eight deserving recipients. These women are pursuing degrees in nursing, psychology, physical therapy, dental hygiene, and accounting. They reside in Lapeer, Imlay City and Almont. Each of them is maintaining a grade point average well above 2.5 while tending to their respective studies, employment obligations and families. The Women's Fund is proud of their tenacity, their determination, and their tremendous accomplishments.

### *The Women's Fund Welcomed new Friends in 2019!*

Betsy Felton  
Karen Fitzgerald

Jody Kerbyson  
Barbara Skirmants

Kathy Smith  
Rehne Voss

To view the complete list of Women's Fund Founders and Friends please visit:

<https://lapeercountycf.org/the-womens-fund/>

Consider becoming a Friend of the Women's Fund with a gift of \$500 which can be pledged over a five-year, \$100 per year commitment. As a Friend, your gift is held in endowment, contributing to the permanent legacy that will be passed on to future generations of Lapeer County women. Only the earnings are distributed, but as the Women's Fund grows, so does their ability to help.

## CELEBRITY SERVER EVENT A SUCCESS

In March, the Women's Fund was honored to be the chosen fund recipient of a Celebrity Server Dinner fundraiser held at the Metamora Golf and County Club. Celebrity servers included members of the Women's Fund along with other esteemed community volunteers.

The evening featured a five-course dinner and wine pairings provided by Wagner Family Wines. Nancy Smith, the Women's Fund Secretary was able to discuss the bold service and vision of the Women's Fund to address immediate and long-term needs of women and their children in Lapeer County. The evening generated over \$5,000 in donations to help grow the Women's Fund endowment.



**Women's Fund Vice Chair and celebrity server Jackie Gibbons along with the LCCF Executive Director Nancy Boxey.**

## Meet Jennie Ritchie:

**A 2019 Education Grant Recipient and guest speaker at our Women's Fund Luncheon**



Jennie is pursuing a Physical Therapy Assistant degree at Mott Community College and worked at the Family Literacy Center in Lapeer. Jennie gave a heartwarming speech at the annual luncheon last fall, where she opened up about the hardships she has experienced in her life.

Jennie and her two children had been living in her car when she decided to move to Lapeer to be closer to a family member. Once here, she became connected with the Family Literacy Center who offered her part-time employment.

Jennie learned about the Women's Fund through the Family Literacy Center and applied for one of the education grants. She stated, "If it were not for these two agencies I don't know where I would be today. It is my hope that one day soon I myself will be able to be a Friend of the Women's Fund!"

Jennie continues to make great strides both educationally and professionally. She is currently employed by Michigan Works. The Women's Fund is honored to have assisted Jennie in her many outstanding accomplishments, as she exemplifies everything the Women's Fund stands for. We commend her for being bold in pursuing her dreams for herself and her family.

Please "like" the Women's Fund of Lapeer County Community Foundation on Facebook.





LEAF was started with a shared value statement publicly reflected in a Memo of Understanding (MOU) signed by LEAF financial partner ELGA CU, the Lapeer County Community Foundation, Lapeer County ISD and leaders from all five public school districts, three parochial schools and one charter school in Lapeer County. The MOU was signed at the LCCF Annual Celebration.



# LEAF Fund launches across the county



Preparing our students academically, and financially to achieve their future education goals is the driving force behind the LEAF Fund. This, along with creating a countywide culture of support for post-secondary learning will provide hope and opportunities starting with our youngest learners.

LEAF stands for the Lapeer County Education Attainment Fund and is a children's savings account (CSA) program which

establishes deposit-only long-term savings accounts for all kindergarten students in Lapeer County. The program is designed to encourage, reinforce, and incentivize the importance of saving early for postsecondary education expenses, while also providing financial education lessons and classes to students and families.

In the fall of 2019 members of the Lapeer County Community Foundation (LCCF) team, along with LEAF financial partner



During the launch of the LEAF program kindergarten students around Lapeer County got to meet ELGA Credit Union's "Money Marvel" – the program's very own LEAF Super Hero.

ELGA Credit Union visited schools across the county to launch the program. Nearly 900 kindergarten students were introduced to LEAF through a special event at their school and each received a piggy bank to help encourage the idea of saving. The LCCF Board of Trustees approved a three-year \$166,000 funding commitment to the LEAF. The Foundation “seeds” each student’s account with an initial \$25 deposit. Parents, relatives, and friends are encouraged to contribute to the student’s account throughout their school career, and the LEAF program and individual school districts host a number of saving events and in-school “banking” days to incentivize saving for the future.

The LCCF is actively working with our community partners, donors, and local organizations to fully endow the LEAF Fund so that every student and family in Lapeer County, forever, can be given the financial and academic tools to achieve their future goals – and build assets for future financial independence.



The LEAF financial partner, ELGA Credit Union, provides financial literacy curriculum and lessons to kindergarten students in Lapeer County which talks about their newly-opened LEAF accounts and the importance of saving money for their future.



Nearly 900 kindergarten students were introduced to LEAF in the fall of 2019. Here students from Weston Elementary School in Imlay City learn more about the program and receive their piggy bank to help encourage saving.



The LCCF attended all kindergarten roundups and held orientation meetings with local districts. The program conducted “kick-off” assemblies at each school where students received a piggy bank and learned about the program. Here Matt Young, co-director at Chatfield School introduces the program to students.



LCCF attended Family Fun Day in downtown Lapeer to introduce the Lapeer County community to the LEAF program, a child savings account that is started with \$25 of seed money from LCCF for each kindergarten student in Lapeer County. Students are able to earn additional incentives to help grow their accounts.



Kids and their families participate in a fun financial education activity at Family Fun Day in downtown Lapeer. Once LEAF launched, deposit days, community financial education workshops to support parents and families and more continued to keep the idea of savings forefront in each student’s mind.

# Youth Advisory Committee



The YAC presented a check for the LEAF Fund at the Annual Celebration.



Comprised of 7th-12th grade students in Lapeer County, the Youth Advisory Committee - a grant making body of the Lapeer County Community Foundation - is dedicated to learning about and addressing the needs of youth in Lapeer County.

YAC members volunteer their time to assess community needs, study issues important to youth, report their findings to community leaders and evaluate grant proposals requesting funds for youth-oriented programs. The group is also active in the community, completing four or five community service projects annually.

In 2019, YAC made some bold moves of their own when it came to deciding on what they wanted to fund. They supported grants that primarily focused on Education and Mental Health.

The YAC wanted to make a big statement and decided to support the LEAF program, which starts Child Saving Accounts for every kindergartner in Lapeer County. They proactively granted \$4,500 to the Lapeer County LEAF Fund each year for three years to show their support of the program. YAC believes that promoting savings at a young age, along with financial literacy for students and their families throughout the years is important. We must change the community mindset that it's not 'if' these children go on to post-secondary education, but 'when'. Whether they attend a university, go to a trade school, enroll in a certificate program, or purchase tools for their job, it's important that students have confidence in knowing they have the support of a community that believes in them and wants to see them succeed.



Please "like" the Lapeer County Community Foundation YAC on Facebook.



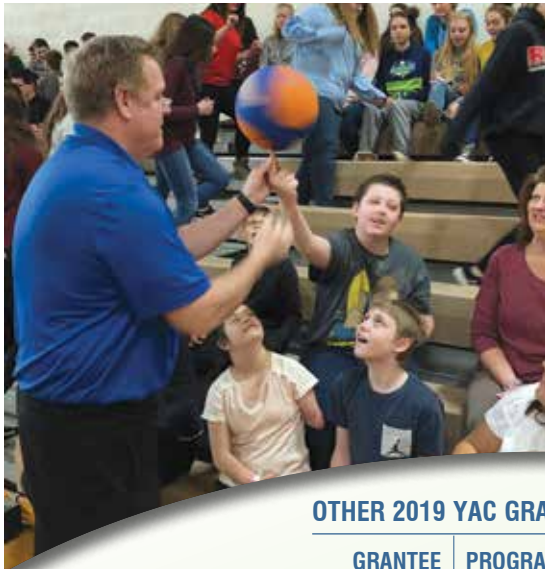
# 2019 YAC MEMBERS



The YAC provided funding for district wide Professional Development for Imlay City Schools educators, staff and students to address critical mental health training needs and awareness.

The YAC also supported a few mental health related grants. This is such an important topic for the YAC since they are in the schools and are exposed to these issues on a daily basis. Bullying, depression, substance abuse, misuse of social media, suicide, stress, lack of confidence and not knowing how to deal with feelings are just a few of the topics that were covered

by these grants. They supported Socio-Emotional Professional Development for educators and staff to be trained to help with mental health topics and awareness as they interact with students. They also funded motivational speakers who spoke about bullying and positive character building and also important topics related to social media.



Jim "Basketball" Jones, motivational speaker at Almont Middle School talks to students about character, bullying and making positive choices.

- ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL**  
Adelynn Kuligowski  
Allison Mitchell  
Anna Wedemeyer
- CHATFIELD SCHOOL**  
Allie Barriteau  
Aubrey Goward  
Aiden Muir
- DRYDEN JR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
Anna Maria Cronkright  
Virginia Cronkright  
Lily Finnigan  
Sean Finnigan  
Noah Hall  
Jessica Voss  
Morgan Voss
- IMLAY CITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
Tanya Barragan  
Jenna Schefka
- IMLAY CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Elliot Whitney
- LAPEER HIGH SCHOOL**  
Paige Demers  
Colin Fleming  
Karli Huestis  
Alexis Kigar  
Emma Muir  
McKenzie Nowak  
Maria Reitz  
Lindsey Willett
- NORTH BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL**  
Lillian Patten  
Olivia Phillips
- POWERS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
Matthew Deitering  
Natalie Deitering
- ZEMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Boon Hunt  
Karina Reitz

## OTHER 2019 YAC GRANTS

GRANTEE	PROGRAM/PROJECT SUMMARY
<a href="#">Almont High School</a>	<a href="#">Project Graduation</a>
<a href="#">Lapeer High School</a>	<a href="#">Project Graduation</a>
<a href="#">Muscular Dystrophy Association</a>	<a href="#">2019 Summer Camperships</a>
<a href="#">Lapeer Community Schools</a>	<a href="#">Chromeart charging station</a>
<a href="#">Lapeer County Intermediate School District</a>	<a href="#">Materials for Summer 2019 CTE Academy Camps</a>
<a href="#">North Branch Area Schools</a>	<a href="#">Protecting Young Eyes presentations</a>
<a href="#">Lapeer Community Schools - CFI -LCHS</a>	<a href="#">GLTA tokens for transportatrion for alternative education students</a>

## Youth Advisory Committee (continued)



**YAC members pose for a photo following their annual backpack stuffing day. Partnering with Love, INC, the group purchases backpacks and school supplies for students in need throughout the county. Each year they get together to stuff the backpacks to be distributed to youth.**



**YAC members participated in the Fantasy Forest event in October at Rowden Park and passed out candy and materials about LCCF and YAC.**

**YAC members volunteered their time to wrap 40 toy collection barrels at Holiday Depot. The YAC also decorated the storefront window display at Holiday Depot and adopted two families from the organization.**

# The Lapeer County Community Foundation Does That!

Established in 1996, the Lapeer County Community Foundation (LCCF) has invested more than \$4.3 million back into Lapeer County's local communities. But how do they do that? Here's how!

## Assist donors

The team at LCCF works with individual donors and organizations who share a common charitable goal to help them meet that goal. One example is the Foundation's Celebrity Server event, which helped the Women's Fund earn additional dollars for grant-making in 2019.

## Connect resources

The LCCF serves as a leader in Lapeer County by connecting the financial and human resources of individuals, families, and businesses to support nonprofit and community needs. This ensures efforts are not duplicated, only strengthened. This is accomplished through communication and special events which draw together local organizations, donors, grant and scholarship recipients and other community members. The LCCF Annual Celebration is one of these events which helps highlight past accomplishments, outline future projects and initiatives, and provide a forum for discussing community challenges and opportunities.

## Leverage resources

The LCCF leverages resources to make the most of each and every donation. Once a year the organization is able to do this in a big way through the #GivingTuesday celebration. In 2019 the LCCF hosted their third-annual #GivingTuesday Open House. The celebration included a Matching Funds Challenge, which matched donors' contributions to LCCF endowment funds 1:1 up to \$3,500. More than \$92,000 in contributions were received with nearly \$71,000 in funding funds provided.

## Adhere to best practices in philanthropy

The LCCF was reaccredited through National Standards in 2019. The National Standards certifies community foundations that meet and exceed federal and state law requirements in practice and by policy. It demonstrates a community foundation's commitment to accountability and excellence to its donors, its community, policymakers, and the public.

## Improve the quality of life

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# Gaye Butterfield

The idea of making an impact that lasts forever is something that greatly appeals to Gaye Butterfield. That desire led Gaye to become an advocate, supporter, and important partner of the Lapeer County Community Foundation (LCCF). Her involvement began thanks to her late husband, Tom.

A prominent Lapeer County attorney, Tom was an active supporter of many community causes across the county. He recognized the importance of creating permanent sources of capital to address future needs and opportunities and served as the first Chair of the Foundation. Tom lost his battle with cancer in 2006 but not before helping to position the Foundation for future growth by attracting other community leaders and donors including former LCCF Trustee, Curt Carter.

Carter shared that Tom was relentless in his pursuit of having him serve on the board. While he initially resisted due to his many other commitments, Tom helped him understand that because the LCCF is

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forever, it is ultimately the most important board in the county. Carter stated, "Tom wasn't just the Chair of the organization, he was a true leader." The Thomas K. Butterfield Administrative Fund, held by the Foundation, was named in honor of the immeasurable efforts of Tom.

In addition to Carter, Tom ensured another particularly important community member became involved in the LCCF — his wife, Gaye. Gaye has committed her time, talent, and treasure to supporting the LCCF, first with her critical role in founding the LCCF Women's Fund and today as she continues to actively support this fund and other efforts and events of the Foundation.

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Gaye said there have been many highlights during her time working with the LCCF and the Women's Fund. Often the Women's Fund can help women who have nowhere else to turn, because their need may not fit another nonprofit's requirements. This has led to some of Gaye's favorite grant awards including the time the Women's Fund was able to provide grant funding to build a ramp for a woman in a wheelchair and another time when



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a grant allowed for the purchase of a refrigerator. Gaye said it was so satisfying to be able to give women something that they really need that wasn't available any other way.

Of course, Women's Fund education grants that assist non-traditional Lapeer County women attending Mott Community College and grants awarded to nonprofits like LACADA (Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault) are also important to Gaye. She added that she also supports the Mother's Day card program for the LCCF Women's Fund.

Most of all, Gaye stressed that being a part of the LCCF in any capacity, means being a part of giving that will last forever in Lapeer County and that is something she cherishes.

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



## A DESCRIPTION OF ALL THE LAPEER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

### **42 Access to Nature Endowment Fund**

Supports creating universal, barrier free access to recreation opportunities for people of all abilities in the Lapeer County community.

### **18 Clarke Adams Memorial Fund**

Supports broad charitable purposes and non-profit organizations within Lapeer County.

### **22 Thomas K. Butterfield Administrative Fund**

Named in memory of Thomas K. Butterfield, long-time Chair of the Foundation, it supports the Lapeer County Community Foundation's administrative operations.

### **36 The Carpenter Fund**

Supports the operations of Lapeer Community Schools.

### **58 Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer Fund**

Supports the Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer.

### **64 Thomas Daley Memorial Fund**

Created in memory of Thomas Daley, it supports broad charitable purposes with primary focuses in music, traumatic head injuries, children, and agriculture.

### **08 Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library Endowment Fund**

Supports programs and special projects at the deAngeli branch library.

### **11 Family Literacy Center Endowment Fund**

Supports programs of the Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County.

### **19 Family Literacy Center Fund +**

The non-permanent fund supports programs and operations of the Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County.

### **27 Joseph Property Capital Defense Fund +**

The non-permanent fund supports the legal defense of the development easement at the Joseph property at 9302 McWain Road, Grand Blanc, MI.

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Supports the legal defense of the development easement at the Joseph property at 9302 McWain Road, Grand Blanc, MI.

### **30 LACADA/Roberta Jane Lynch Legal Defense Fund**

Supports operations and programs of Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault as well as needs based legal services for women and their families.

### **32 Lapeer Community Schools Endowment Fund**

Supports programs for the staff and students of Lapeer Community Schools.

### **45 Lapeer County Autism Support Fund**

Created to honor Grant Lee Johnston, the fund supports organizations and programming for autistic children and family support services in Lapeer County.

### **100 Lapeer County Community Fund**

Supports grantmaking and philanthropic activity to benefit the residents of Lapeer County.

### **70 Lapeer County Emergency Relief Fund +**

Provides emergency assistance funding to local nonprofit organizations caring for and assisting vulnerable populations in Lapeer County and addressing the gaps in key services in response to COVID-19. Serves as a centralized point of giving and distribution of financial assistance in times of countywide emergency needs.

### **14 Lapeer County Historical Society Fund**

Benefits the efforts of the Lapeer County Historical Society.

### **65 Lapeer County LEAF (Lapeer County Education Attainment Fund) Fund**

Encourages and supports post-secondary education savings and financial literacy for students and their families. LEAF establishes child savings accounts for each kindergartner in Lapeer County and provides classroom and community financial education.

### **01 Lapeer County Probate Children's Fund**

Supports programs that address needs of children who come to the attention of the Probate Court.

### **06 Lapeer County YAC Fund**

Created with matching grants from the Kellogg Foundation, it supports grantmaking and other programs for youth in Lapeer County.

### **09 Lapeer Courthouse Restoration Fund**

Supports the continued restoration and maintenance of the historic Lapeer County courthouse.

### **16 Lapeer District Library Endowment Fund**

Supports the activities and programs of the Lapeer District Library.

### **35 Lapeer Vocational Fund**

Supports alternative educational experiences in Lapeer Community Schools.

### **15 George D. Lutz Camp Fund**

Supports Michigan Christian Youth Camp programs through the Lapeer Kiwanis Club.

### **34 Adam & Corrinne Moore Music Fund**

Promotes and enriches the music program beyond normal expenditures in Lapeer High School.

### **59 Optimist Club of Lapeer County Fund**

Supports operations of the Optimist Club of Lapeer County.

### **67 Paradise Animal Rescue Endowment Fund**

Supports operations and animal protection and welfare efforts of Paradise Animal Rescue.

### **51 Doris F. and Burns L. Rolland, Sr. Endowment Fund for Rolland-Warner Students**

Established for the enrichment of the lives of Lapeer's Rolland-Warner Middle School students.

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**68 Seven Ponds Nature Center Endowment Fund**

Supports programs and operations of Seven Ponds Nature Center.

**38 Six Rivers Lapeer County Land Conservation Fund**

Supports the Six Rivers Land Conservancy efforts and range of needs for private land conservation in Lapeer County.

**39 Suncrest-Lapeer County Medical Care Facility Fund**

Enhances the Lapeer County Medical Care Facility's ability to provide healthcare services for the aging.

**33 The Taylor Fund**

Supports kindergarten, industrial arts, home economics, and agriculture programs in Lapeer Community Schools.

**21 United Way of Lapeer County Endowment Fund**

Supports programs and operations of the United Way of Lapeer County.

**20 United Way of Lapeer County Fund +**

The non-permanent fund supports programs and operations of the United Way of Lapeer County.

**43 Valley Lapeer Community Schools Library Endowment Fund**

Supplements district spending for elementary and secondary school libraries in the purchase of printed and audio visual materials directly used by students.

**03 Wakaresku Cultural Fund**

Established by Joseph Wakaresku, this fund supports education and cultural projects for the benefit of children and youth in Lapeer County, including study in foreign countries.

**24 Women's Fund**

Supports women and their families in need.



## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**05 Ross P. Broesamle Educational Fund**

Provides educational assistance to students residing in Almont or Dryden.

**52 Mary Jane Congdon Memorial Scholarship Fund +**

The non permanent fund in memory of long-time Lapeer educator, Mary Jane Congdon, supports scholarships to Lapeer Community Schools graduating seniors.

**54 Daley Acres Agricultural Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in loving memory of J. Clifford "Kip" Daley and Thomas J. Daley, the fund awards scholarships to Lapeer County students pursuing a career in agriculture.

**13 Christopher Jon Dirks Memorial Fund +**

The non-permanent fund provides annual scholarships to the Outstanding Graduating Senior at Lapeer High School.

**31 Irma Gelhausen Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships for Lapeer County students in at least their third year pursuing a career in education.

**49 Jack and Carolyn Griffin Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships to North Branch graduating seniors and past recipients of the Griffin Scholarship.

**12 Philip Hart Scholarship Fund**

Honors the life and work of Michigan's U.S. Senator Philip Hart. Supports scholarships for graduating seniors of Lapeer Community Schools.

**48 Jacob N. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships to graduating Lapeer Community Schools students who have experienced a health challenge, who excel in leadership and community service, and who possess artistic abilities.

**40 Kiwanis Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships at Lapeer High School.

**63 LakeVille Community Schools Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established with funds donated by family & friends of deceased staff members Ms. Mary Marsh, Mr. Olan Mishler and Ms. Wendy Avram to honor their memory and to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of LakeVille Memorial High School.

**57 LakeVille Memorial High School Alumni Scholarship Fund +**

Established by graduates of LakeVille High School for graduating seniors of LakeVille High School.

**10 Lapeer Community Scholarship and Student Loan Endowment Fund**

Supports financial assistance through scholarships and loans to graduates of Lapeer Community Schools.

**26 Lapeer Community Scholarship & Loan Fund Non-Ended +**

Supports financial assistance through scholarships and loans to graduates of Lapeer Community Schools.

**37 Lapeer County Bar Association Endowment Fund**

Provides scholarships for graduating Lapeer County high school students and other charitable purposes designated by the Lapeer County Bar Association.

**07 Lapeer County Medical Fund**

Created in memory of Herbert M. Best, M.D. by the Lapeer County Medical Society, the fund awards medical scholarships to Lapeer County students enrolled in accredited medical programs.

**02 Lapeer County Medical Scholarship Endowment Fund**

Supports scholarships for Lapeer County students pursuing post-secondary education in medical and health related fields.

**25 Lapeer West Boosters Endowment Fund**

Supports Lapeer West High School through scholarships and educational programs.

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## Scholarship Funds (continued)

### **23 North Branch Area Schools Endowment Fund**

Supports scholarships and school-related expenses not part of the operating budget.

### **53 P.E.O. Chapter DX Scholarship Fund**

Established by this philanthropic educational organization, it supports higher education of women.

### **44 Renwick Lapeer Community Schools Loan Fund +**

The non-permanent fund created in memory of George and Ernestine Renwick supports loans from Lapeer Community Schools for students seeking further education.

### **61 Dr. James and Doris Richardson Scholarship Fund**

In honor of Columbiaville's long-time residents, this fund awards scholarships to students pursuing a profession in the medical field.

### **50 John Sak Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Created in memory of long-time Lapeer educator John Sak, it supports higher education for a graduating senior or graduate of Lapeer Schools.

### **60 Schiedegger Engineering Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships to Lapeer County students pursuing a career in engineering.

### **04 Hazel Simms Nursing Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships for Lapeer County students pursuing a nursing career and enrolled in a clinical program in the state of Michigan.

### **55 Jimmy Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships to graduating seniors of Lapeer High School.

### **56 Tracey Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships to graduating seniors of Lapeer High School.

### **62 Traver-Carter Fund**

Provides scholarships to graduates of Lakeville Community Schools or Lapeer Community Schools accepted into or attending a not-for-profit college, university or technical school program in the state of Michigan.

### **47 Ronald C. & Abi E. Warner Scholarship Fund**

Created in memory of Ronald and Abi Warner, it supports scholarships to students in the education, health sciences, and agricultural fields.

### **66 Max H. Whitton Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships for Lapeer County high school graduates pursuing post-secondary studies at a community college, university, trade/technical school, apprenticeship, or certificate program within the State of Michigan.

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**W**hat will your legacy be? Estate planning is often overlooked as a way to contribute to your favorite charity(s). The Lapeer County Community Foundation (LCCF) encourages you to consider planned giving as a way to support nonprofit organizations and the causes that you care about most.

As a Legacy Society member, you may specify the purpose of the fund you would like to establish or designate the existing fund that you would like to support with your gift. You may also remain anonymous if you choose.

Making current or future bequests to the LCCF is an easy way to transfer cash, appreciated stocks or bonds, real or personal property or other assets. Depending on the type of gift, a donor's tax liability could be reduced or eliminated.

The LCCF team is happy to provide you and your professional advisors with the best and most relevant charitable gift solutions. We encourage you to contact us to discuss how you can join this group of forward-thinkers who are planning their giving today for Lapeer County's future and are looking to make a lasting impact tomorrow.

## LAPEER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

- Anonymous*
- Louis Adams*
- Ted Bouwkamp*  
In memory of Shirley A. Bouwkamp
- Paul and Cheryl Bowman*
- Eric and Kristen Cassabon*
- Sandra DuPont*
- John and Dahna Loeding*
- Charles and Claudia Mann*
- Samuel and Charlotte Williams*

# 2019 Lapeer County Community Foundation

**64**

Funds



**35**

Grants made to  
community organizations



**119**

Scholarships for students



**\$311,000**

Total grants made



**1.5%-2.0%**

Administration fee



**\$4.32 million**

Invested back into the  
community



**\$11,456,000**

Total assets as of  
Dec. 31, 2019



## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE



Give today. Impact tomorrow.

\*Copies of the most recent audited financial statements may be found on the Lapeer County Community Foundation website at: [www.lapeercountycf.org](http://www.lapeercountycf.org) or obtained by contacting the Foundation office at: 810.664.0691.



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