A Message from the President

The passing of 25 years means something different for different reasons. If you are turning 26 years of age, you might be in awe of surviving a quarter century. If you have been married 25 years then you would be celebrating your silver anniversary. If you’ve worked someplace for 25 years you might be thinking it’s time to retire. Celebrating 25 years of grant-making conjures up two distinct feelings for us. One … that we can’t believe the Greenville Area Community Foundation has been in existence helping fulfill area needs for that long. But also, that we are really just beginning to realize our full potential as we strive to meet the mission determined so long ago of “enhancing the quality of life” in our area.

The most intriguing aspect of meeting our mission is the idea that the definition of “quality of life” can be so different from one community member to the next. So in retrospect, that is quite a lofty goal. But, in quite a brilliant way, the concept of community foundations was determined to accommodate the “ever-changing” needs, laws, rules, economies, Boards, philosophies and circumstances that surround the communities we serve.

And there is another intriguing aspect of meeting our mission. The communities we serve are many. We have our neighbors whose needs are met through the programming offered by area non-profits. We have donors who all have preferences and favorites. We have volunteers and advisory committees and Trustees who all are involved for various reasons. And, of course, we have the IRS. We certainly need to serve that organization as well.

But somehow it all comes together. As you’ll see as you read through this Annual Report, lots has changed over the past 25 years. The GACF endowments have grown certainly and many grants and scholarships have been awarded. The Board has changed, as has the staff. But the end game is the same. The mission has not changed nor does it need too. Because you see, the GACF is here … for good, forever!

Enjoy your read…

Thank you for your support!

Alison Barberi
President & CEO

A word from the Board Chairman

25 years. I would guess that the original five members of what became the GACF Board could not have foreseen what the 25th year would look like. With an initial goal of $100,000 I don’t think they could have imagined the Greater Greenville Community having a $25 million endowment a short 25 years later. If you can imagine the commitment of the original members, if you can imagine the ongoing commitment of our community, then you can imagine what “for good, for ever” actually means and the legacy that has been established in our endowed funds. It is absolutely incredible what our small community has done and how the Greenville Area Community Foundation is looked upon favorably by its community foundation peers. What we do is exciting by providing opportunity for individuals through scholarships, providing opportunities to local non-profit and civic organizations through area of interest grants, and providing opportunities to our local schools. It is all because of a long term vision established 25 years ago. We are pleased to share that growth with our geographic affiliates as we support the philanthropic efforts of community minded citizens in the Lakeview and Montcalm Panhandle areas.

We started as an acorn and stand proud 25 years later as a well-established oak tree. Going forward, we will continue to invest your funds wisely as we look ahead to the next 25, 50, even 100 years. We thank our community of donors and we thank our greater Greenville community for helping create such a wonderful asset.

Sincerely,

Peter Blinkilde

Peter K. Blinkilde DVM
& GACF Board Chairman

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
The GACF would like to thank Stafford Printing/Publishing for sponsoring the 2014 Annual Report. A special thank you goes to Dar Brinker for designing this report.
Leadership over the last 25 years

The Greenville Area Community Foundation has been fortunate to have and had such outstanding, dedicated and caring leadership over the years:

The very first Board of Directors:

Chair: Byron Cook
Vice-Chair: Nancy Hammond
Secretary: Gerry Felix
Treasurer: David Moore
Directors: Charlotte Lothian, Ray Tower, Lloyd Walker

2014 Board of Trustees

Chair: Dr. Pete Blinkilde
Vice-Chair: Charlotte Lothian
Sec/Treas: Eric Januzelli
Chair Emeritus: Byron Cook
Trustees: Susan Ayres, Keane Blaszczynski, Dick Ellafrits, Bill Ham, Doug Hinken, John Kerschen, Dr. Charles McNinch, Dr. John O’Donald, Fran Schuleit, Corey Smith & Phil Tower

Past Trustees & Staff In Memoriam:

Nancy Hammond, John Stafford, Bettilyn Kass, Ray Tower, David Moore

Other community minded people who have served the foundation over the last 25 years include:

Jon Aylsworth, Bill Braman, Jelane Hamper Braman, Harriette Cook, Jeanne Cunliffe, Mike Devereaux, Dan Eagles, Jae Evans, Tom Godfrey, Brad Hool, Christine Kohn, Ted Kortes, Carol Sorensen, Mike Stafford, Todd Taylor & Kathy Jo VanderLaan

The Greenville Youth Advisory Council members have learned leadership skills and have experienced being philanthropic since 1993 with the following advisors:

Carolyn Cook, Gloria Guilfoyle, Dan Johnson, Ryan Lothian, Emily Mason, Tim O’Brien and Hollie Stephenson

There are also Advisory Committee members associated with some of our designated and scholarship funds. Their efforts are important to the grant making and awareness building process as well.

Thank you for your time, interest and dedication!
The Greenville Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) continues to provide real life experiences for members as they participate in the grant making process and community service projects. They have been in existence since 1993 when a challenge grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation was secured and matching money was raised. Locally, enough money was raised to qualify for the top one million dollar gift from the Kellogg Foundation to endow the Youth Fund. The GYAC members use earnings from the Fund to award grants that benefit youth-related needs in the community. Members of this very active and involved group come from Greenville High School & Middle School and are learning first-hand about the importance of community involvement and philanthropy.

Officers for the 2014-15 school year were president Alec Fowler, Vice President Garrett Moeggenborg, Communications Chair Tom Stephenson, and Treasurer Jake Januzelli. Advisors are Mrs. Emily Mason and Mrs. Hollie Stephenson.

In November and December of 2014, council members reviewed, discussed, and decided on grants for 2015. $50,492 in grants were awarded to non-profit organizations with projects or programs that benefit Greenville area youth. Area organizations that benefited from GYAC grants include Greenville Public Schools, Greenville Recreation Department, Special Olympics, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Greenville Area Community Center and the Education Foundation of Greenville’s Yellow Jacket Challenge. Money was also given to the Council of Michigan Foundation’s Learning To Give initiative.

In the spring, the GYAC reviewed new member applications. Eight new members were chosen from a pool of qualified applicants. Those not accepted were encouraged to re-apply for 2016-2017. In early May, the GYAC hosted a benefit breakfast at Applebee’s and was able to donate $736 to the Greenville Public School’s Opportunities for Success Fund. Later in May the group enjoyed an afternoon of swimming at Montcalm Community College followed by dinner at the Eddie’s Pizza Place to honor its senior members. Congratulations to the seniors for a job well done. Graduating seniors include: Megan Ayres, Brianna VanHouten, Alex Amidon, and Stevie Eipper.

The 2015-2016 executive board was finalized with the following members re-elected to the board: Alex Fowler will serve as President with Garrett Moeggenborg serving as Vice-President; Tom Stephenson is the Communications Officer; Jake Januzelli is the Treasurer and Grant Chair; and any interested members may serve as board members. Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Stephenson stay on as advisors.
Scholarships

The Greenville Area Community Foundation awarded 64 scholarships worth over $185,000 to support post-secondary education for students in Belding, Carson City-Crystal, Central Montcalm, Greenville, Lakeview, Montabella, Tri County and Vestaburg during 2014.

These scholarships are made possible through the generous donations of individuals and families who have created permanent endowment funds at the GACF, and its affiliates – Lakeview Area Community Fund and Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund.

Meet some of the area students that have been helped by the generosity of our many donors:

Greenville High School

The 2014 Dick & Kay Barnes Scholarship and Dr. Albert James “Bert” Bower Scholarship was awarded to Jared Downing. Jared was an excellent student who took leadership roles in music, the Boy Scouts and in sports. He will use the two $1,000 scholarships to pursue a pre-medicine degree at Aquinas College with dreams of becoming a pediatric cardiologist. Jared is pictured here with the Kay Barnes family, who started the new fund in 2014 upon the passing of husband, father and grandfather, Dick.

Lakeview High School

Nicole was awarded the Bob & Mary Charnley Scholarship for 2014. She attends Central Michigan University’s Honor College studying to become a secondary education math and English teacher. Says Nicole, “At the end of one’s life, when they look back on what they have accomplished they do not look at their monetary achievements, they instead recall those they have influenced for good. It is for this reason that I have made it my goal to become an educator. I wish nothing more than to have a positive impact, and I can think of no better way to do it than through teaching.”

Lakeview High School

Estelle and Garrett received the Joe Cook Memorial Scholarship in 2014. Estelle attends Ferris State University with plans to go into the Dentistry field. Garrett attends Ferris State University as well, with plans to make welding his career. Both students excelled in the classroom, on the playing field and in their community.

Tri County High School

Alexis was awarded the Cheryl Pease Scholarship for 2014 for her high academic and athletic achievements while at TCHS. Alexis attends Lake Michigan College focusing on the physical education/nutrition field of study with hopes of becoming a personal trainer, physical education teacher or basketball coach; or any combination of the three! Alexis is a member of the Lake Michigan Red Hawk basketball team.

Belding High School

Thomas received one of two Stanley & Blanche Ash Scholarships given to a Belding High School senior. Thomas is studying Mechanical Engineering at Michigan Technological University with aspirations of engineering heavy machinery for John Deere or Kubota and one day having enough land to support livestock. He thanked the GACF by saying, “I am fully committed and ready for the challenges to come. Your unselfish contribution inspires me to do great and give back to society whenever possible.”

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.GACFML.ORG
Forty-Five Organizations received 96 Grants worth $618,555
from Endowment Funds housed within the GACF Family of Funds during 2014

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF GREAT GRANTS - BOTH SMALL AND LARGE - IN 2014:

**LARGE GRANT SUPPORTS IMPORTANT GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL INITIATIVE**

A large, $90,000 grant was awarded to Greenville Public Schools in support of the school district’s Chinese Language and Culture Program. The grant was used to aid in the expansion of the program into a second-grade classroom and additional support for the elective Middle/High School program. The grant was awarded from the Grace Sagendorf Education Fund.

**Spectrum Health Foundation - United Lifestyles - Supported by the Lakeview Area Community Unrestricted Fund** \( \text{\$1,000} \)

Funding to support the Project Save Our Children program for students in the Lakeview School District that provides a pro-active, hands-on education program with the goal of preventing drunk and distracted teenage driving.

**Grand Rapids Symphony Society - Supported by the Grace Sagendorf Education Fund** \( \text{\$20,000} \)

Funding will underwrite Greenville Public School students’ participation in the Symphony’s Artists-in-Residence program serving Kindergarten through Sixth Grade students during 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

**City of Greenville - Supported by the Stanley & Blanche Ash Community Improvement Fund** \( \text{\$45,840} \)

Funding to replace fire fighter turn-out gear for members of the department whose current gear is over 10 years old, to provide adequate protection for personnel during firefighting operations.

**Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank - Supported by the Stanley & Blanche Ash Community Improvement Fund** \( \text{\$15,000} \)

Funding to help support their effort to replace the aging fleet of trucks that enables Feeding America West Michigan to provide food to pantries.

**Mid-Michigan District Health Department - Supported by the Meijer Children’s Health Care Fund** \( \text{\$13,000} \)

Implement a fluoride varnish oral health program in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, targeting children age six months to three years.

**The Danish Cultural Center of Greenville - Supported by the Ray & Mary Tower Family Fund & the Ranney Family Fund** \( \text{\$8,421} \)

Funding to bring the old Danish Brotherhood Hall up to code so that it will be safe for public use.

**Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail - Supported by the Lena and Fred Meijer Fund** \( \text{\$4,365} \)

One mile of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail was resealed (Grow Road to Miller Road) and the parking lots in Stanton and McBride were resealed and painted.

**Kathy Frank, Greenville Public School teacher, received a $565 grant from the Catherine Stall & June Motley Fund during the 2014 Spring Educational Cycle. Kathy is excited to have them for her early childhood special education students. She says that the kids are doing very well at circle, music, and story time with the special chairs.**

**GRANT TO EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM MAKES BIG DIFFERENCE TO SPECIAL KIDS**

**Tri County Area Schools - Supported by the Montcalm Panhandle Community Unrestricted Fund** \( \text{\$3,600} \)

Purchase of new equipment to improve and renovate the 20 year old weight room for safety and efficiency, with hopes of making it a “community facility” that will produce healthier students and community members and more competitive athletes.
**Great Grants both Small and Large continued**

**Howard City Lions Club** - Supported by the Montcalm Panhandle Community Unrestricted Fund $500
Money to accessorize the Lions Club “Cart for Awareness” rickshaw.

**Greenville Public Schools** - Supported by the Kellogg Youth Fund $6,000
Funding to support “The Lotus Project”, a program designed to encourage young, mostly at-risk women, to strengthen their inner selves in order to reach their full potential and to recognize their value and beauty.

**Community Hope Christian Counseling & Mental Health Center** - Supported by the Kellogg Youth Fund $1,800
Support for a Greenville Middle School Substance Abuse & Self-Esteem Group that provides two weekly groups for 24 weeks of substance abuse and self-esteem counseling.

**St. Charles Catholic School** - Supported by the Grace Sagendorf Education Fund $4,437
Funding for twelve iPads and iPad cases to increase the access of the latest technology in classrooms.

**American National Red Cross** - Supported by the Stanley & Blanche Ash Community Improvement Fund $3,375
Replacement of substandard cots and equipment in the Greenville Disaster Supply Trailer.

**Special Olympics Area Six** - Supported by the Kellogg Youth Fund $4,000
To help fund ski rental for adults and students of Greenville Public Schools with intellectual disabilities that participate in Special Olympics, as well as State events for Special Olympic athletes that attend Greenville Schools. The grant also allowed other students from within Greenville High School to attend as peer supports – creating a common experience to share.

**Greenville Area Ecumenical Food Mission** - Supported by the Ray & Mary Tower Family Fund $4,000
Purchase food for the food mission so that they can serve those in the community in need of food.

**Montcalm Area Intermediate School District** - Supported by the Kellogg Youth Fund $6,962
Purchase a walk-in cooler for I’M Kids Food, a cross-county collaboration that provides healthy and fresh sack dinners to food insecure elementary school students.

**Montcalm Area Reading Council** - Supported by the Bill & Harriette Cook Literacy Fund, Bill & Helen Braman Fund, and the Ray & Mary Tower Family Fund $15,000
Supports programming that promotes literacy through trained volunteers providing one-on-one assistance.

**Montcalm Area Intermediate School District/Montcalm Great Start Collaborative** - Supported by the Lena Rader Meijer Donor Advised Fund $750
Provided books to children 0-3 years of age that live within the Lakeview Area School District through a literacy-based school readiness program called Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

**Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes** - Supported by the Grace Sagendorf Education Fund $15,000
Implementation of a Junior Achievement pilot program at Lincoln Heights Elementary in 2014 and then implementation in the three other Greenville elementary schools for the 2015-16 school year that will deliver programs focusing on financial literacy, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship.

The Greenville Area Community Center received a $3,249 grant from the GACF Unrestricted and Creative Arts Funds to establish a social art studio “Artfully Yours Paint Bar” that offers a creative, educational & artistic experience in a fun and relaxing setting.
Donor Advised, Designated and Agency Grants

Donors can have on-going involvement with the use of their gift when they establish Donor Advised Funds. Donors work with our grant staff in identifying ways to use dollars from their advised funds to address the community needs they care about most. Donor recommendations are submitted to our local board of trustees for approval; we then manage the distribution of the grant dollars. Some examples of this type of Fund include: Aggressive Tooling Fund, Catherine Stall & June Motley Fund, Lena Rader Meijer Donor Advised Fund, Ray J. & Mary G. Tower Family Fund, Reisch Family Memorial Fund for Children, Stafford Family Fund for Community Enhancement, and Ranney Family Fund.

Donors can direct their gift to a specific agency or purpose with Designated Funds. Examples include Greenville Optimist Camp for Persons with Disabilities, Ellingen First Congregational Church Fund, museums, your church, or most any non-profit charitable organization in the area. Donors identify the organization they wish to benefit through their gift—the GACF staff manages the annual distribution of funds.

Some examples of this type of Fund include: Bud & Anne Martin Family Fund for the LCWC, Carl Barberi Caring for Kids Fund, Knights of Pythias Fund, and Danish Kingdom Fund.

Area non-profit organizations can enhance their assets by developing a fund with the GACF—Agency Endowed Fund. This fund would allow the organizations assets to grow and create long-term financial security and relieve the non-profits staff of managing the fund. The earnings of the fund are granted at the desire of the agency for the organizations needs specifically. Other donors may contribute to Agency Funds as well. Some examples of this type of Fund include: EFG Performing Arts Fund, Fighting Falcon Military Museum Fund, Montcalm Area Reading Council Fund, and Flat River Community Library Fund.

Organizations receiving Grants from these types of funds include: (may include multiple grants from multiple funds):

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Supporting An Organization “Near And Dear” To Their Heart

The Flat River Community Library received a $4,000 grant to digitize early vital records currently owned by the Library on microfilm and make digitized newspapers available to the public. Digitized vital records and early newspapers will be a new service for the community members served by the Flat River Community Library. This grant was proudly supported by the Stafford Fund for Community Enhancement.

Small Grant Makes A Big Impact

Linda Van Houten, Director of Student Services at Greenville Public Schools, received a $2,050 grant for Welcome Packages. The goal for these packets was to provide a variety of items to each homeless family that comes into the district, helping them feel welcomed and cared about. One-hundred welcome packets were assembled and distributed to each building in the district to be dispersed throughout the school year. “One unanticipated benefit we have already seen is what the Goodwill cards are having on the families. Some of the families have been in tears when we are able to give them a gift card to get whatever they need at the Goodwill store. This is unanticipated for them and it seems to overwhelm them that we are able to help in that way,” says Van Houten. This grant was awarded from the Ray & Mary Tower Family Fund.
Many Funds for the Many Needs in the area

Through the generosity of many community-minded citizens, over 125 Funds have been developed within the Greenville Area Community Foundation (GACF) encompassing a variety of purposes. They include various scholarship opportunities, as well as, funding for fields of interest such as literacy and education, youth and senior citizens, universally accessible recreation, local churches and organizations, museums and libraries. And some of the most important funds are the Unrestricted Funds that will truly allow the GACF and its affiliates to try and meet the ever-changing needs of the years to come.

GACF & its affiliates in Lakeview and the Panhandle area of Montcalm County, provide members of our community of modest or considerable means with the opportunity to return something to the community. By investing with your community foundation, you are contributing to a funding source that will make an immediate impact as well as a long-term difference in the quality of life in this area.

Donors can start their own fund with a gift of just $10,000 or they can contribute to funds already housed within the GACF. Funds can also be built over time using our “funds under construction” plan ... contact GACF for more information.

Here is a list of all endowment funds housed within the Greenville Area Community Foundation and its affiliate families of funds...

**Affiliate Funds**

**Lakeview Area Community Fund - Lakeview Area**
- Bob & Mary Chernsey Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bud & Anne Martin Family Fund – for the LCWC
- Clair & Alice Ellafrits Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Elmer & Mary Coon Scholarship Fund
- Darrell Proctor Memorial Scholarship Fund – new in 2014
- Darwin & Ethelda Van Houten Scholarship Fund
- Guilfoyle Family Scholarship Fund
- James Kos Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Joe Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ken & Aleta Sutherland Family Scholarship Fund
- Lakeway Area Community Unrestricted Fund
- Lakeway Comm. Schools Calculus Scholarship Fund
- Lawrence & Pearl Padden Family Fund - new in 2015
- Lakeway Education Association Scholarship Fund – new in 2014
- Lakeway Youth Fund
- Lena Rader Meijer Donor Advised Fund
- Roger Betten Family Scholarship Fund – under construction
- Rossman Family Scholarship Fund
- Russell & Louise Hansen Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Spectrum United in Health Fund – Kelsey Campus
- Tamarack District Library Fund
- Abby & Todd Molitor Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Alfred & Leona Kranz Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Lincoln Family Adult Scholarship Fund
- Trenant Area Scholarship Fund
- Wales Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund**

- Howard City Area
  - Kyle Boss Memorial Aviation Scholarship Fund
  - Randall L. Fisher Scholarship Fund
  - Robert W. & Fayga Parker Fund
  - Montcalm Co. Panhandle Area Chamber of Commerce
  - Robert M. Alger Scholarship Fund
  - Montcalm Panhandle Community Unrestricted Fund
  - Pease Scholarship Fund
  - William & Barbara Rollins Unrestricted Fund
  - SETG Scholarship Fund

**Agency Funds**

- Camp Wah-Wah-Tay-See Fund
- Education Foundation of Greenville Academic Enhancement Fund
- Education Foundation of Greenville Athletics Fund
- Education Foundation of Greenville Performing Arts Fund
- Fighting Falcon Military Museum Fund
- Flat River Community Library Fund

**Scholarship Funds**

- Richard & Kay Barnes Scholarship Fund
- Alden & Hilda Miller Memorial Music Scholarship Fund
- Allen & Frances Highfield Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Brian Stauffer Memorial Scholarship Fund
- C. J. Gibson - Outward Bound Fund
- Carlotta Selleck Bower & Dr. Albert James (“Bert”) Bower Scholarship Fund
- Clark & Dorothy Oliver Memorial Scholarship Fund - new in 2015
- Dr. Harold & Eleanor Steele Scholarship Fund
- Barbara Hansen Drake Scholarship Fund – new in 2014
- Edward Ellingen - Outward Bound Fund
- Eloise Johnson Memorial Scholarship for Education
- Fran Rivard Rotary Scholarship Fund – new in 2014
- Fordyce/Hurst Lions Club Scholarship Fund - new in 2015
- Greenville BPW Educational Scholarship Fund
- Herman and Verdie Clark (Ellingen) Music Scholarship Fund
- James S. Bower Scholarship Fund
- Jennifer Marie Horst Memorial Scholarship Fund
- John and Joan Beam Scholarship Fund
- Keith & Jean Hudson Music Scholarship Fund
- Marilyn Stanek Health Career Scholarship Fund
- Marion Sagendorf Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ed and Helen O’Boyle Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Rick & Jody Petersen Memorial Football Scholarship Fund
- Sagendorf Congregational Church Scholarship Fund
- Stafford Communication Arts Scholarship Fund
- Stanley & Blanche Ash Educational / Scholarship Fund
- Suzanne M. Christensen Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Victoria Walter Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Victor C. & Lois U. Beal Scholarship Fund
- William A Lodging Scholarship Fund - new in 2015

**Other Funds**

- William & Barbara Rollins Unrestricted Fund
- Alisha & Carl Sadow Fund
- William A. Loding Scholarship Fund – new in 2015
- Dr. Harold & Eleanor Steele Scholarship Fund

**Unrestricted Funds**

- GACF Unrestricted Fund

**Special Project Accounts**

- Flat River Community Players Special Account
- Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Capital Campaign Fund – new in 2014
- Lakeview Area Veterans Memorial – new in 2014
- Montcalm County 4-H Fair Construction Special Account
- Naomi Lewis Club Scholarship Fund Special Account
- Dorothy Ravell Memorial Music Scholarship Fund Special Account
Mayor Walker asked his cousin Hank Walker if he would consider “gifting” a check for $1,000 to cover legal expenses to submit the application for non-profit, tax exempt status so Hank’s hometown could start a foundation. Shortly after, a check arrived from Denver, Colorado and the Greenville Area Foundation was on its way to becoming a reality.

The first organizational meeting was held on August 2, 1989. Byron Cook was named the first Board Chair, Nancy Hammond first Vice-Chair, David Moore (City Clerk) first Secretary/Treasurer, Gerald Felix (City Manager) first manager of the Board. Other Board members included Lemont Renterghem, Ray Tower and Charlotte Lothian.

November 1991 - 1st grants were awarded: $2,600 to Boy Scout Troop #130; $2,000 to Education Foundation of Greenville for the Artist/Scientist in Residence program; $1,500 to Greenville Rotary Club for summer concerts in the park; $500 to the Coachmen Drum & Bugle Corp for the Summer Drumfest; and $400 to Soutside Child Study Club Book Program.

June 1992 - Bettilyn Kass was hired as first part-time Executive Director on a volunteer basis to help qualify for the W.K. Kellogg Youth Challenge Grant.

March 1998 - Received $764,061 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as a match to local funds to create a Kellogg Youth Fund and the beginning of the Greenville Youth Advisory Council or GYAC.

March 1999 - Received initial gift from the Grace Sagendorf Trust of $2,900,000. In the end the total gift would come to nearly $4.5 million.

December 1999 - Added Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund as a geographic affiliate fund.

March 2000 - Name change to Greenville Area Community Foundation as part of a statewide community foundation “branding” effort through the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF).

September 2001 - Lakeview Area Community Fund added as a geographic affiliate fund with an initial gift of $5,000 to start their Unrestricted Fund.

March 2003 - After operating out of various locations - a home office, attic of the Chamber house, 2nd floor of the Huntington Bank building - GACF moved to the Commercial Bank Building at 101 N. Lafayette Street, Greenville.

January 2005 - $100,000 grant paid out over five years was awarded to Spectrum Health United Hospital for their capital campaign to add patient rooms and a surgical wing.
February 2005 - New Spring Educational Grant Cycle with GACF, Greenville Public Schools and the Education Foundation of Greenville collaborating with a common grant application and deadlines.

Spring 2006 - Commercial Bank moved to their new location and gifted the building to the GACF. Commercial Bank was honored by being named Philanthropist of the Year at the Annual Donor Event.

November 2006 - $10,000 from the Mary Jackson Trust was earmarked for Access to Recreation project because recreation and outdoor activities were important to her. Jackson’s Landing on the Flat River in Greenville is also named in honor of her parents.

Commercial Bank was honored by being named Philanthropist of the Year at the Annual Donor Event.

June 2008 - $1,000,000 came from the Tower estate to start the Ray & Mary Tower Family Fund. Ray Tower was one of the first Directors of the Foundation.

November 2012 - A $200,000 pledge was made to the MCC Foundation for the new Bill Braman Family Center for Education building on the Greenville campus. The new student commons area is sponsored by the GACF.

October 1999 - Alison Barberi became the new full-time Executive Director.

Many thanks to many people!

A special thanks to these individuals who have volunteered their time as GACF Board members over the past 25 years:

Jon Alysworth, Susan Ayres, Keane Blaszcynski, Dr. Peter Blinkilde, Bill Braman, Byron Cook, Harriette Cook, Jeanne Cunliffe, Mike Devereaux, Dan Eagles, Dick Ellafrits, Jae Evans, Gerald Felix, Tom Godfrey, Nancy Hammond, Jelane Hamper, Doug Hinken, Brad Hool, Eric Januszelli, Bettilyn Kass, John Kerschen, Steve Klackle, Christine Kohn, Ted Kortess, Charlotte Lothian, Dr. Charles McKinich, David Moore, Dr. John O’Donald, Norice Thorlund-Rasmussen, Lee Renterghem, Francis Schuleit, Corey Smith, Carol Sorensen, Mike Stafford, John Stafford, Todd Taylor, Phil Tower, Ray Tower, Kathy Jo VanderLaan, and Lloyd Walker.

A special thanks to these individuals who have volunteered their time as GYAC advisors:

Caroline Cook, Dan Johnson, Gloria Guilfoyle, Ryan Lothian, Emily Mason, Tim O’Brien, and Hollie Stephenson

October 2011 - News that upon the death of Blanche Ash, the Stanley & Blanche Ash Foundation would be dissolving with the funds being split between the MCC Foundation and the GACF. GACF’s split totaled over $4.6 million. Two funds, the Ash Community Improvement Fund and the Ash Educational Fund, were created.

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Spring 2011 - Awarded Greenville Public Schools a $180,000 grant to help support All Day Every Day Kindergarten. The grant provided for three additional All Day/Preschool teachers to enhance early childhood programs leading to: reduced class size, development of a continuous progress kindergarten, and no-cost preschool opportunities for at-risk students.

October 2002 - Sally Marshall hired part-time to manage accounting and database software.

January 2006 - Amy O’Brien joined the staff part-time as Program Administrator to handle grants & scholarships. Became a full-time position with the title of Director of Grants & Communications in January 2012.

Just the Facts!

Smallest Gift.................................................................$1.00
Largest Gift........................................................................$4,633,905.12
Smallest Grant........................................................................$50
Largest Grant........................................................................$200,000

Total scholarships given since 1994........693 worth $1,055,550!
Total grant awards given since 1989........totals $6,233,549!
The Greenville Area Community Foundation thanks all of its housing partners over the years!

In the beginning... there was CITY HALL. That was the hub of all community foundation work. Thank you to the City of Greenville for that support!

The first Ex. Director was volunteer BETTILYN KASS, and she worked out of her home on Barry Street. Her phone usage was paid but the other utilities were her gift. Evidence of her passion for the foundation!

As the foundation grew and needed a home... besides Bettilyn’s, the GREENVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE made room in the attic of their “Chamber House” for a very small fee.

When work & files outgrew the attic space, HUNTINGTON BANK came to the rescue. The foundation filled a suite of rooms on the bank’s second floor - and all for FREE!! Use of the large conference room down the hall was an added benefit.

COMMERCIAL BANK offered office space and then the entire building at 101 N. Lafayette Street, downtown Greenville, as their gift to the GACF and the community. Ground floor access and main street visibility is so valuable and much appreciated.
These Gifts were Game Changers

The very first donation to the Greenville Area Foundation was $1,000 from Hank and Alice Walker to help cover costs of filing for non-profit, tax-exempt status! Hank was originally from Greenville and was Lloyd Walker’s cousin.

TOWER LEGACY namesake supports GACF in many ways!

A Director of the foundation, Ray and wife Mary were the first to name the Community Foundation in their estate plans. The Tower name signifies the unique group who have followed suit and listed the GACF in estate plans thus becoming members of the Tower Legacy Society.

Thank you Ray & Mary!

MEIJER continues to support the area through endowments!

Fred & Lena Meijer were some of the first donors to start endowments with the Greenville Area Community Foundation. The Lena & Fred Meijer Fund in Greenville is designated to support enhancements & maintenance of trails in Montcalm County with the Meijer name. And Lena, being proud of her hometown area, supported the start of the Lakeview Area Community Fund family of funds by endowing the Lena Rader Meijer Donor Advised Fund.

Also, in collaboration with other donors, they were instrumental in the development of the Meijer Children’s Health Care Fund.

Upon the passing of GRACE SAGENDORF, the balance of the Marion & Grace Sagendorf estate was gifted to the Greenville Area Community Foundation.

In the end, it totaled over $4.5 million and was to be used for education. That means about $250,000 is awarded toward educational grants in our area each year, many of them supporting Greenville Public Schools.

Grace also started two scholarship funds: one in Marion’s honor and another for Greenville’s First Congregational Church.

Stanley & Blanche Ash - from their Foundation to the Community Foundation

When Blanche passed away she left detailed estate plans that ensured support for many non-profits in our area that for years had benefited from the Stanley & Blanche Ash Foundation. GACF was honored to be named as one of the lead beneficiaries of the Ash Foundation & estate.
The growth of the Lakeview Area Community Fund (LACF), family of funds, has been astounding. In 2014, the LACF celebrated 13 years of awarding grants and scholarships from 25 different endowment funds. Each year an individual, a family or group, decides that giving back to the community through the LACF is the right thing to do, and we’re happy and thrilled for their trust and generosity!

The LACF Advisory Committee is proud to report that just in 2014, $5,200 was returned to the community in the form of grants and $23,100 was awarded as scholarships for Lakeview area high school seniors. This amount is significantly more than in years past because of the renewable Stanley & Blanche Ash Scholarship program that is now administered for the LACF by the Greenville Area Community Foundation.

Among the grants that were approved in the fall of 2014 was a grant to Spectrum Health Foundation for $3,267 from the LACF Unrestricted Fund and the Lena Rader Meijer Fund to help with the United Lifestyles Save our Children Against Drunk Driving program. The LACF Unrestricted Fund also supported the Lakeview Area Chamber of Commerce’s Music in the Park ($500) and Lakeview Jaycees for the Summerfest 2015 fireworks display ($120). And finally, $1,700 was awarded to the Lakeview Community Wellness Center from the Bud & Anne Martin Family Fund to support pool locker room renovations. The Lakeview Youth Advisory Council continued with their community service projects and also raised money in response to a matching grant for their endowment fund.

The following LHS seniors received scholarships in 2014: Kristina Brasington received the Stanley & Blanche Ash Scholarship, the Ellafrits Memorial Scholarship and the Rossman Family Scholarship. The Joe Cook Memorial Fund scholarships were awarded to Estelle Molitor and Garrett Cavendish. Brandon Bisel received scholarships from the Wales Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Trufant Area Scholarship Fund. The LCS Calculus Scholarship went to Kyle Lodden and Nicholas Health, who also received the Trufant Area Scholarship. Additional Trufant Scholarship winners were Justin Girskis and Tarienna Wood. Jordan Stephens and Makennha Raglin received the Kos Memorial Scholarship and Makennha also received the Guilfoyle Family Scholarship. The Molitor Scholarship went to Ericka Haag and the Alfred & Leona Kranz Scholarship to Colleen Allen. Nicole Bannen was awarded the Bob & Mary Charnley Scholarship. Emily Larsen was the recipient of the new Russell & Louise Hansen Scholarship. LACF holds a scholarship fund for a Montabella graduate and that went to Andrea Dunn from the Darwin & Ethelda VanHouten Fund. LACF also has the only “adult” scholarship in the area and it’s awarded from the Lincoln Family Adult Scholarship Fund. The recipient was Kaley McKenna.

The Elmer & Mary Coon Scholarship Fund supported four undergraduates attending the MSU Drum Major Camp and they were Jessica Black, Cameron Bunker, Camie Cooper and Mia McCrumb.

The Roger Betten Family Scholarship Fund remains “under construction.”

Another highlight of the year was the 2014 LACF Quality of Life award presentation during the 13th annual LACF Community Dinner held October 16 at Lakeview High School. This is a very special award sponsored by the LACF and given to a group or person that has given back to the community and enhanced its “quality of life.” The recipient was Lena Rader Meijer. Lena has always held her home area kindly in her heart and all were pleased to have her in attendance at the dinner. The award was presented by the 2013 recipient Jim Wood who shared some cute stories of Lena in her younger years. Attendance continues to grow at this event and people seemed pleased with the program when updates of community happenings occur.

Anyone wishing information on how to start a new endowment fund, contribute to an existing one, or how to get involved, can contact Dr. Keith Treiber, LACF Advisory Committee Chair at his office 989.352.7752 or contact GACF in Greenville at 616.753.2640.

The Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund Advisory Committee is proud to report that the growth of the Panhandle family of funds continues. And that means that grants and scholarships back to our area and our area graduating high school seniors continues to grow as well.

Over the past 14 years, the Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund (MPCF) has grown to eight endowment funds – the Kyle Boss Memorial Aviation Scholarship Fund, Pease Scholarship Fund, Randall L. Fisher Scholarship Fund, Montcalm County Panhandle Area Chamber of Commerce Robert M. Alger Scholarship Fund, the SETC Scholarship Fund, the Montcalm Panhandle Community Unrestricted Fund and the Robert & Fayga Parker Fund - with a market value of just over $242,618 at the end of 2014. Our mission continues to be the enhancement of the quality of life in the four townships area that comprises the panhandle of Montcalm County, and with the help of the many generous people in our area, the community is now starting to see the benefits of what consistent giving to the MPCF can create.

In 2014, three grants were awarded for a total of $5,700 up from the $5,000 awarded the year before. Howard City Lions Club was awarded $500 to help accessorize the Cart for Awareness, $3,600 was awarded to Tri County Schools to renovate the Physical Education/Athletics weight room, and Spectrum Health Foundation received a $1,600 grant to sponsor the United Lifestyles Project Save Our Children visits to Tri County High School. Although helping many non-profits in the area is good, sometimes more impact can be made by granting more to fewer requests. The MPCF Advisory Committee reviews all grant applications in the fall and makes the decision each year based on the significance of the request, the number of people affected and the grant monies that are available from the MPCF Unrestricted Fund. So a goal is to continue to grow the Unrestricted Fund so more needs can be met each year.

Scholarships were also given to graduating Tri County Seniors from MPCF scholarship endowment funds. Justyn Veneklasen and Alexis Firovich each received a scholarship through the Pease Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Randall Fisher Scholarship went to Alicia Todd. The Montcalm Panhandle Area Chamber of Commerce Robert Alger Scholarship was awarded to Tanner Ruppert and Jordan Adkins received the Kyle Boss Memorial Aviation Scholarship. The MPCF helped facilitate a scholarship in the memory of Dorothy Ravell in honor of her love for music and that went to Nanise Hadley. The total of these six scholarships was $2,700.

The Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund directors continue to be very excited about the future and about the growing number of people who are supporting our efforts. We want our community members to know that credit card gifts can be accepted using the Greenville Area Community Foundations website at www.gacfmi.org. Just click on the “Give Now” button at the top right and then scroll through the list of endowment funds and find the specific funds under the MPCF family of funds that are all listed together. We look forward to the continued growth of the Panhandle family of funds, and to all the benefits that will be provided to our local community.

If there are any questions, the Funds directors are available to provide further details. Those contacts are Fred C. Plath – (231) 937-6758, Richard Pease – (231) 937-4141, and Barb & Bill Rollins at (616) 636-8692.
GACF Annual Financial Statement of Activities years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

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<td>Administrative Expenses: Salaries, Payroll Taxes, &amp; Pension</td>
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<td>Administrative Fees</td>
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**INVESTMENT REPORT**

2014 was a year marked by widening divergence between the U.S. and the rest of the developed world in terms of both economic and market conditions. Domestically, the year brought a string of strong employment and GDP reports to the U.S., and proved to be the best year for job growth since the late 90s. The consistently improving economic picture and increased optimism led to significant inflows to U.S. equities and another year of solid stock market gains.

The Greenville Area Community Foundation’s investment portfolio returned 4.96% for the calendar year, compared to the policy-weighted benchmark of 7.53%. The disparity is primarily due to underperformance within the domestic equity portion of the portfolio. 2014 was a challenging year for active investment managers, as high quality stocks that exhibited stronger fundamentals such as profitability and earnings growth actually underperformed their lower quality counterparts. It is not unusual to see this trend appear from time to time on a short-term basis but we feel confident that owning quality companies with solid fundamentals will prove their worth in periods of heightened volatility and will pay off in the long run.

Legacy Trust is so pleased to congratulate the Greenville Area Community Foundation on its 25th anniversary. We have served as investment consultant for the portfolio for over twelve years now and we have been honored to be able to play a small part in helping the Foundation serve the community. We look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in the many years to come!

Visit us at…www.gacfmi.org

We invite you to visit our website for any of the following information:

- Annual Reports
- Annual Audits
- Donating
- IRS Form 990
- Grant Applications
- Grant Criteria
- Scholarships

And just about any other information you need or want to know. Of course the staff is available to answer your questions as well. Call us or send us an email and we’ll be happy to assist you.
New Funds

Barbara Hansen Drake Scholarship Fund –
Doug Drake, Barb’s son, with the support of the Drake and Hansen families, established this endowed scholarship fund to honor his mother, an avid supporter and graduate of the University of Michigan. Barb was very involved for years with many Greenville area organizations, clubs, church groups and the schools. She felt strongly that a good education was important for our youth. The scholarship was awarded for the first time this past spring.

Darrell Proctor Memorial Scholarship Fund –
This scholarship was established by Kelly Proctor and Pamela Goodfellow in memory of Kelly’s husband Darrell Proctor, to provide financial assistance to deserving students who attended Lakeview High School and have decided to continue with higher education by pursuing a degree at a community college, university or trade school.

Fran Rivard Rotary Scholarship Fund –
Established by Fran’s wife, Maria and the Greenville Rotary Club, this fund will provide a scholarship to a graduating senior from Greenville High School attending a community college, each May. The scholarship was awarded for the first time this past spring. Fran had been instrumental in awarding Rotary Scholarships each year and this is their way of honoring his commitment to the Rotary Club and Greenville youth.

Memorials

Gifts can be made to any of the GACF endowment funds, including those that provide grants and scholarships to the Lakeview and Montcalm Panhandle area, as a memorial or in honor of a loved one. Memorials to GACF/LACF/MPCF during 2014 include:

- Anthony Bilello
- Robert Charnley
- Shirley Croucher
- Barbara Drake
- Robert Fisher
- Maxine Guilfoyle
- Beatrice Hacker
- Vicky Johnson
- Barbara Large
- Elsie McNiel
- Lyle Sande

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The very first SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS!

Virginia Ellingen started an endowment that supported a scholarship to be awarded in two areas of interest. One was in memory of her husband, Edward Ellingen, and supports Greenville students in the Outward Bound program. The other was in memory of her parents, Herman & Verdie Clark, and supports music students. Since the Fund’s inception in 1993, almost $50,000 has been awarded.

The Highfield, Beam, Bower & Stauffer families were soon to follow with scholarship funds in honor of family members or because they valued higher education itself. These are just a few of the many scholarships endowed with GACF.

Virginia also started a designated endowment fund to support the First Congregational Church in Greenville. Over $145,478 has been awarded to church leadership over the years. This is a gift that keeps on giving.

She is just one of many donors who believe in the value of endowments by supporting many!

Panhandle Chamber partners with the MPCF to ensure scholarship perpetuity!

The Montcalm Panhandle Chamber of Commerce transferred its scholarship fund in Robert Alger’s memory to the MPCF to ensure that the scholarship would be awarded every year in perpetuity. They believe in...“for good, for ever!”

The very first SCHOLARSHIP FUND for LAKEVIEW STUDENTS

Perry & Isabel Rossman’s son received the Kos Scholarship when he was a Lakeview High School graduate. Rossman’s were so appreciative they wanted to endow that award and start a scholarship fund in the Rossman Family’s name as well. Having been a hard-working farming family over the years, they designated their scholarship for a student intent on getting an agricultural degree.

Area organizations BENEFIT FROM ENDOWMENTS

The MONTCALM AREA READING COUNCIL was the first area non-profit to have its own endowment that will support its mission for years to come. Others include: area libraries, hospitals, museums, churches, camps and recreational sites.
2014 GACF Board of Trustees

The GACF is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees which meets at least six times a year to award grants back to the community, raise awareness and build endowments, set policy, plan and provide oversight of the operational responsibilities of the staff. During the months that the full board doesn’t meet, the Executive Committee – comprised of the officers and chairs of the Development, Investment and Grant Committee - meets. All meetings are now held on the third Monday of each month at the Foundation's permanent home at 101 N. Lafayette, downtown Greenville.

Operations of the GACF are administered by: Sally Marshall, FIMS Administrator, Amy O'Brien, Director of Grants & Communications and Alison Barberi, President & CEO.

How to Give to your Community Foundation

The GACF can accept all types of gifts – cash, bequests, stock, insurance, etc. or we can help you with planned giving. New named funds can be created or gifts can be dedicated to any of the funds already within the GACF family of funds, including our affiliate funds – the GYAC Kellogg Youth Fund, the Lakeview Area Community Fund with its Lakeview Youth Fund and the Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund.

Credit card gifts are accepted as well. Just go to the GACF website: www.gacfmi.org and click on the Give Now button. We offer a monthly credit card service for your convenience. Contact the GACF office for more information.

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GREENVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
The mission of the GACF is to enhance the quality of life in the greater Greenville area. To do this it will attract and hold permanent endowment funds from a wide range of donors, it will manage these funds to assure safety and growth, it will make grants directed to the community's cultural, educational, social, environmental, recreational and health related concerns and it will function as a community leader and catalyst.

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The mission of the YAC is to make a difference by empowering youth, enhancing life and enriching the community.

LAKEVIEW AREA COMMUNITY FUND
The mission of the LACF is to enhance the quality of life in the Lakeview area by providing community focused grants.

MONTCALM PANHANDLE COMMUNITY FUND
The mission of the MPCF is to enhance the quality of life in the area that comprises the panhandle of Montcalm County and includes the townships of Reynolds, Winfield, Pierson and Maple Valley and the communities therein. This will occur through awarding grants from permanently endowed funds.

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