

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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*Local Giving,  
Lasting Impact*



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The purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), is a familiar native wildflower, supporting pollinators while in bloom and birds through the winter. Its deep root system helps the plant adapt to changing conditions and its fallen seeds self-sow to ensure future growth.

Like the flower, philanthropy creates impact beyond a single season. Gifts to the Greenville Area Community Foundation support today's needs and create enduring investments that help future opportunities take root.

This annual report celebrates the power of local giving and lasting impact.





To our Community Foundation Friends,

As we reflect on 2025 and prepare this report, we are already well into another year filled with change, opportunity, and growth. In today's environment, being adaptable is more important than ever, requiring us to respond to changing community needs while also embracing opportunities to strengthen and evolve our own work.

We are fortunate to benefit from a strong network of community foundations that supports professional learning and the sharing of best practices. Growth in our assets, made possible through investment performance and donor generosity, has strengthened our ability to expand impact, including the addition of a strategic grant cycle in 2025. The Greenville Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) also continues to thrive, awarding more grants each year and inspiring growing interest in youth philanthropy.

Through this growth and change, one thing has stayed the same, and that is the vision and mission of the community foundation ... "Enhancing the quality of life in our area." For good. For Ever. Please read on ...

**Alison Barberi**

PRESIDENT/ CEO\*

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you to our donors, partners, and community members for the trust you continue to place in the Foundation. Together, we are creating meaningful impact through collaboration, generosity, and a shared commitment to our communities.

2025 was another encouraging year. Over the past decade, Foundation assets have grown from \$25 million to more than \$60 million, strengthening our ability to address evolving community needs through grants, scholarships, and long-term investments in local organizations. This year, nine new funds and two legacy bequests reflected continued confidence in local philanthropy and a commitment to future generations.

We are grateful to our affiliate funds advisory boards for their leadership and local insight, and to our Board of Trustees and dedicated staff for their service and stewardship. Together, we remain committed to enhancing the quality of life in our communities through thoughtful partnerships and a shared vision for the future.

For Good. For Ever.

**Pete Blinkilde, DVM**

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*\*Alison Barberi retired from her role as President/CEO in May 2026. We wish her all the best in her next chapter.*

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A grant from the Greenville Youth Advisory Council provided skill and age-appropriate volleyball equipment for young players.





# Impact by the Numbers

**\$2.2 M**  
*donor  
contributions*



A GACF grant supported renovations at the new Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity Transition House, providing a place for partner families to live while building their Habitat home.

**\$2,286,664**  
*grants & scholarships awarded*

**78**  
*nonprofits  
funded*

**8**  
*competitive  
grant cycles*

**9**  
*new funds*

**330+**  
*donors*

# Nourishing our Neighbors

Addressing hunger and food insecurity requires a variety of solutions. Through generous donors and nonprofit partners, grants in 2025 supported immediate relief, strengthened long-term food access, and provided rapid assistance when unexpected challenges arose. Together, these investments helped ensure more of our neighbors had access to the nourishment they needed.

## MEETING Local Needs



A \$10,000 grant from the Bill Braman Family Fund helped bring fresh, nutritious food to Montcalm County. The support, awarded to Feeding America West Michigan, enabled the delivery of 30,299 meals equivalent to 36,359 pounds of food through 48 Mobile Pantries. Amidst funding and policy challenges, the grant helped Feeding America WM sustain operations and meet increased demand.

## GROWING Lasting Solutions



A \$2,500 grant provided start-up funding for Tabitha Farms, a giving farm located in Gowen, growing vegetable crops and raising animals to provide fresh food for people in need. The grant supported supplies and equipment for chickens, farmland preparation, and crop maintenance/ harvesting. As of December 2025, the organization had given out over 7,650 eggs to local food distributions.

## RESPONDING During Crisis



When disruptions in SNAP benefits created uncertainty for many local households, grants from GACF helped provide immediate support to eight local Montcalm County pantries and two meal programs through proactive \$500-\$1,000 grants. The funding helped ensure resources were available and families could access food during a critical time.



Pictured Left to Right: The Feeding America Mobile Food Bank unloads at the Greenville Church of God distribution site | Volunteers of all ages helped prepare the farmland at Tabitha Farms | Fresh food provided during a pause in SNAP benefits.



# Funds Established in 2025

The following funds were established by individuals and community members in 2025. To view our full catalog of funds, visit [godonate.akoyago.com/gacf](https://godonate.akoyago.com/gacf)

## **Belding Family Scholarship Fund**

The Fund will award the Limitless Minds Scholarship to neurodiverse students or members of their household pursuing post-secondary education.

## **Larry & Barb Disher Scholarship Fund**

The Fund will provide financial support for a Lakeview area graduate to further their education in agriculture or a related field by attending a nonprofit trade/vocational school, community college, or college/university.

## **John Gates Memorial Fund**

In memory of Jonathan L. Gates, longtime Greenville High School administrator, the Fund will provide financial support to Greenville Public Schools staff for continuing education, innovative experiences, and professional development opportunities.

## **Greenville Public Schools Mandarin Immersion Fund**

This designated Fund will provide grant funding to support the Chinese Immersion program available to K-12 students at Greenville Public Schools.

## **William T. & Peggy Ham Community Fund**

The Fund was established to provide funding for grants to qualifying charitable organizations from the unrestricted assets of the Foundation.

## **Kohn Family Fund**

Established to provide unrestricted grant funding for nonprofits serving the communities of Montcalm County.

## **Lakeview Veteran's Monument Endowment Fund**

Providing funding to the Village of Lakeview for grants to support maintenance and/or enhancements of the Lakeview Veteran's Monument

## **William and Barbara Rollins Scholarship Fund**

The scholarship fund will provide renewable financial support to students graduating from Tri County High School.

## **Dean and Marlene Scott Family Fund**

Established to fund grants to be given as a part of the LACF Annual Grant Cycle.



*Bill and Barb Rollins serve on the MPCF Advisory Committee and established their scholarship fund as part of the affiliate group of funds.*



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*Thank you to the many generous donors who supported our mission in 2025. While we have made every effort to ensure this listing is accurate, we apologize for any inadvertent errors or omissions.*

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## Statement of Activities - Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

|                                                        | 2025                    | 2024                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b><u>REVENUES AND GAINS</u></b>                       |                         |                         |
| Contributions                                          | \$ 2,211,521            | \$ 1,380,089            |
| Administration Fee                                     | \$ 9,344                | \$ 8,554                |
| Change in value of beneficial interest                 | \$ 98,258               | \$ 103,507              |
| Other income                                           | \$ 13,750               | \$ 12,500               |
| Funds transferred from (to) agency endowment           | \$ 56,141               | \$ 1,462                |
| Net investment return                                  | <u>\$ 9,557,365.00</u>  | <u>\$ 5,324,002.00</u>  |
| Total revenues, gains (losses) and other support       | <u>\$ 11,946,379.00</u> | <u>\$ 6,830,114.00</u>  |
| <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>                                 |                         |                         |
| <b>Program Services</b>                                |                         |                         |
| Grants                                                 | \$ 2,286,664            | \$ 1,479,737            |
| Other program services                                 | <u>\$ 114,155</u>       | <u>\$ 20,081</u>        |
|                                                        | \$ 2,400,819            | \$ 1,499,818            |
| <b>Management and General</b>                          |                         |                         |
| Office Expenses, Office Supplies, & Postage            | \$ 16,341               | \$ 13,074               |
| Insurance                                              | \$ 6,242                | \$ 5,785                |
| Dues, Conferences, Mileage, Meetings, Training, Travel | \$ 25,228               | \$ 29,018               |
| Utilities                                              | \$ 7,061                | \$ 5,363                |
| Professional Services                                  | \$ 70,520               | \$ 58,342               |
| Depreciation - Furniture & Equipment, Building & Land  | \$ 38,840               | \$ 38,562               |
| Marketing                                              | \$ 2,399                | \$ 3,418                |
| Repairs & Maintenance                                  | \$ 5,017                | \$ 6,982                |
| Donor Relations, Programs, Youth                       | \$ 1,804                | \$ 4,980                |
| Credit Card Fees                                       | \$ 206                  | \$ 890                  |
| <b>Administrative Expenses</b>                         |                         |                         |
| Salaries, Payroll Taxes                                | \$ 338,183              | \$ 299,437              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                  | <b>\$ 2,912,660</b>     | <b>\$ 1,965,669</b>     |
| Change in Net Assets                                   | \$ 9,033,719.00         | \$ 4,864,445.00         |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year                          | \$ 47,572,205.00        | \$ 42,707,760.00        |
| <b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>                         | <b>\$ 56,605,924.00</b> | <b>\$ 47,572,205.00</b> |



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| Other program services                                    | \$ 114,155.00           | \$ 20,081.00            |
| <b>Management and General</b>                             |                         |                         |
| Office Expenses, Office Supplies, & Postage               | \$ 16,341.00            | \$ 13,074.19            |
| Insurance                                                 | \$ 6,242.00             | \$ 5,785.33             |
| Dues, Conferences, Mileage, Meetings, Training, Travel    | \$ 25,228.00            | \$ 29,018.28            |
| Utilities                                                 | \$ 7,061.00             | \$ 5,363.13             |
| Professional Services                                     | \$ 70,520.00            | \$ 58,342.44            |
| Depreciation - Furniture & Equipment, Building & Land     | \$ 38,840.00            | \$ 38,562.00            |
| Marketing                                                 | \$ 2,399.00             | \$ 3,418.12             |
| Repairs & Maintenance                                     | \$ 5,017.00             | \$ 6,981.70             |
| Donor Relations, Programs, Youth                          | \$ 1,804.00             | \$ 4,979.66             |
| Credit Card Fees                                          | \$ 206.00               | \$ 890.00               |
| <b>Administrative Expenses</b>                            |                         |                         |
| Salaries, Payroll Taxes                                   | \$ 338,183.00           | \$ 299,436.53           |
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