

North Central Michigan Community Foundation

2008 Annual Report

Serving Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties

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WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

It is with great pride that we share with you the 2008 Annual Report of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF). We are thrilled to celebrate a year filled with community-improving grants and new funds to support our area.

NCMCF is emerging as an important asset in improving the future of our communities for those who live, work, raise their families, and play here. In the three-county region served by NCMCF (Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties), over \$119,000 was awarded to support our communities during our 2008 fiscal year (October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008).

Here at NCMCF we believe in the power of endowment. We are dedicated to attracting and holding charitable funds from a wide range of donors with specific interests in helping our communities. We invest these funds and each year a portion of the income is used to award grants and scholarships. The remaining investment income is returned to the endowment fund to allow it to continue growing bigger, making an impact on our communities today, and long into the future.

Our donors are the ones who make these grants possible. You are the heart of NCMCF, and because of your generosity, at the end of our 2008 fiscal year, the community foundation had assets of \$2,082,044.

We also would like to recognize our Youth Advisory Councils (YAC). These young people from the NCMCF service area are truly dedicated to helping their fellow youth by awarding grant funding each year to programs specifically benefiting other children. They take the responsibility very seriously, and we are proud to have them as part of the Community Foundation.

On behalf of the NCMCF Board of Directors and entire community, thank you to our donors for helping us make a difference in our communities, and for the vision of recognizing our region's remarkable possibilities. Together we are preparing today for the future of our communities.

Warm Regards,
NCMCF Board of Directors

NCMCF Youth Trustee Graduates

2008 was the first year the Community Foundation included a member of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) on the NCMCF Board of Directors.



Elaina Murray, a Crawford County YAC member and graduate of Grayling High School, served on the NCMCF Board as youth trustee during 2008. During her year of service Elaina provided valuable insight into the youth community as a liaison between YAC and the NCMCF Board.

The Community Foundation is grateful for the chance to work with Elaina and wishes her luck in all of her future endeavors.

Summer Program Provides Opportunities for Youth

For four years the First United Methodist Church of West Branch has hosted a Summer Enrichment Program for young children in Ogemaw County. With the help of a \$1,024 grant from the NCMCF Ogemaw County Youth Advisory Council (YAC), the program served over 50 children from local families. As a free program, it provided a safe and fun environment for children during the summer without the expense of a summer camp.



The group was treated to a pool party, a day at the beach, a visit to a petting zoo, and a tour of a local sheep farm. Participants were also provided with a variety of learning experiences through crafts, games, videos, cooking, science, reading, and weekly library visits.

The Summer Enrichment Program is offered to all families in Ogemaw County without regard to religious affiliation or economic status. NCMCF is proud to have supported this program which has now gained the community support to continue the opportunity for children.

Crawford County Grant



Crawford County Economic Development Partnership was awarded funding in 2008 for the Watershed Art Project. See story on page 2.

Committee Celebrates NCMCF 10th Anniversary

The Ogemaw County Committee of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation hosted a donor recognition event in September 2008 in celebration of NCMCF's 10th Anniversary. Nearly 40 strong supporters of the Community Foundation attended to see NCMCF's accomplishments over the last decade.

NCMCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.



North Central Michigan Community Foundation 2008 Grants

Historical Society Uses Grant to Preserve Artifacts

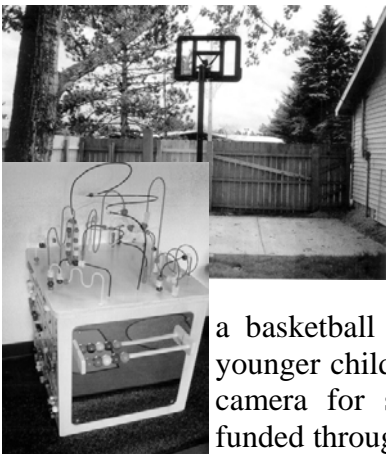
The Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society received \$1,500 in funding from the Ogemaw County Community Needs Fund for an artifact and archive project. When the two-year project is completed, more than 20,000 items reflecting Ogemaw County's history will be archived at the Historical Society Museum for residents and visitors to enjoy.



The organization also used this program as an opportunity to include some educational materials in the school's curriculum. "The Science of Historic Preservation" program and hands-on school kits were given to Surline Elementary School to get the project going.

Grants Help Shelter Buy Toys

River House Shelter is often where mothers and children call home during difficult times. With the help of grants from NCMCF, the shelter has been able to feel more like a home with the addition of toys and space for healthy activities for children.



River House was able to build a basketball court, purchase new toys for younger children, and install a new security camera for safety. These projects were funded through the Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Funds, and community needs funds.

Peer Mentoring Program Helps Oscoda County Youth

The benefit of a consistent, positive relationship with a mentor can often make a real difference in the self-esteem, decisions, and future of a young person. The Oscoda County MSU Extension Peer Mentoring program works to match teen mentors with youth who need positive role models.

While peer mentoring provides the mentees with positive guidance, it also helps the mentors develop leadership skills, learn ways to strengthen community awareness, and learn how to address youth issues. Mentors are trained to understand the best ways to handle peer pressure, low self-esteem, sexual activity, and alcohol and drug use prevention.

\$2,400 was awarded to Oscoda County MSU Extension during 2008 to support the Peer Mentoring Program benefiting students at Fairview and Mio Schools.

Grant Brings the Fine Arts to Crawford County

A \$1,000 grant to the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership supported the Watershed Art Project in Grayling. Funding provides an opportunity for



local artists to exhibit their work in the community, and for residents and visitors to get a taste of the fine arts at different events. The Watershed Art Project has received support from other

local organizations as well who view cultural opportunities as a necessity.

The Christmas Walk Art Exhibit was held on November 15, 2008, and more events are scheduled including the Spring Student Art Exhibit, 4th of July Revolution Exhibit, and the Fall Art Stroll.



As the fine arts are generally an underserved area in rural communities, NCMCF is proud to have supported this project with a grant from the Crawford County Community Endowment Fund.

2008 Reading Program Draws Hundreds of Families

Thousands of hours of book-reading exposed the youngest of children and their parents to how much fun reading can be, and part of it was done with a \$1,900 grant from Ogemaw County's Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Over 200 children and 70 teens participated in the West Branch District Library's 2008 Summer Reading Program where they saw guest speakers, a magician, and the Michigan State Police who hosted a session on internet safety. The hands-on drum group "Drumcommunity" also performed bringing hundreds of people to "Rock and Read", an evening event for families.

Grant Supports Youth Theater



A 2008 grant to Kirtland Community College helped put on the Kirtland Youth Theater during the summer for children and their families.

North Central Michigan Community Foundation 2008 Grants

Adrian College\$800 Scholarships	Grayling Co-Operative Preschool\$300 Music – September 2008	Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society\$1,000 Archive and Artifact Preservation Initiative
Alma College\$500 Scholarship	Grayling Fish Hatchery\$400 Fish Hatchery Summer Programming	Ogemaw County Humane Society\$1,000 Shelter Start-up
Alpena Community College\$500 Scholarship	Grayling Little League\$4,000 Scoreboard Purchase	Ogemaw County Literacy Council\$500 Born to Read
Bowling Green University\$500 Scholarship	Grayling Promotional Association\$1,000 GPA AuSable River Expo	Ogemaw Shared Childbirth Association, Inc.\$500 Childbirth Education Materials Update
Cedars for the AuSable\$3,872 Wooden Stakes Project Expenses	Hospice of Helping Hands\$528 Annual Grant from JL Howard Fund	Ohio Dominican University\$500 Scholarship
Central Michigan University\$1,500 Scholarships	Huron Pines RC&D Area Council\$2,625 Environmental Projects	Reynold Gogarn Scholarship Committee\$38,000 Scholarships
Children’s Bereavement Network\$200 Camp Live, Laugh, Love	Junior Achievement of the Great Lakes\$300 Junior Achievement Program	River House Shelter\$1,300 Toys for Children’s Well-Being
Crawford AuSable School District\$631 Renaissance Program	Kendal College\$2,500 Scholarship	Rose City Elementary School\$200 Author Visiting Rose City
Crawford County Devereaux Library\$300 Crawford County Library Cyber Teens	Kirtland Community College\$6,975 Scholarships Kirtland Youth Theater 2007-08 Season	Saginaw Valley State University\$3,200 Scholarships
Crawford County Economic Development Partnership\$1,000 Watershed Art Project	Lake Margrethe Foundation\$3,840 Lake Margrethe Lake Level Study	Spring Arbor University\$1,000 Scholarship
Crawford County Family Court\$2,175 Juvenile Tobacco Cessation/Education	Lake Superior State University\$6,385 Scholarships	Surline Elementary School\$650 Pre-school Book Program 4 th Grade Trip to Mackinac Island
Davenport University\$500 Scholarship	Maranatha Baptist Bible College\$500 Scholarship	University of Michigan\$200 Scholarship
Delta Community College\$2,575 Scholarships	Mason Tract Cedars Fund\$360 Wooden Stakes	Upper AuSable River Property Owners Association\$4,587 Project Expenses
Emma Lowery Congregational Church\$1,000 Emma Lowery Food Pantry	Michigan Technological University\$1,500 Scholarships	West Branch-Rose City Schools\$4,411 Imagination Association Fiction Writing Contest NJROTC Area THREE Drill Meet Art Class Field Trip to Detroit Institute of Arts Theatre Exposure
Falcon Site Development\$2,500 Ogemaw Heights High School Soccer Fields	MSU Extension – Oscoda County\$2,407 Peer Mentoring Program	West Branch Crisis Pregnancy Center\$500 Sexual Integrity Program
Ferris State University\$750 Scholarship	National Wild Turkey Federation – Ogemaw Chapter\$871 Archery in the Schools	West Branch Public Library\$1,900 2008 Summer Reading Program
First United Methodist Church of West Branch ...\$1,024 Summer Enrichment Program	New Tribes Bible Institute\$500 Scholarship	Western Michigan University\$500 Scholarship
Friends of the Oscoda County Library, Inc.\$850 Friends of Literacy in Oscoda County	Northern Michigan University\$1,000 Scholarships	
Grand Valley State University\$2,162 Scholarships	Ogemaw Commission on Aging\$300 To Your Good Health	

Applying for NCMCF Grants

Applying for NCMCF Grants is now easier than ever. All applications requesting over \$300 can be completed and submitted online. Please visit www.ncmcf.org for complete guidelines, directions and applications.

Common Grants are awarded to a broad range of projects and programs in Crawford, Ogemaw, and/or Oscoda Counties benefiting residents of those communities. Grants are determined by the Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda County committees and the NCMCF Board of Directors and are awarded from the Community Needs Endowment Funds of each county. The deadline to apply is June 30. Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for a regular Common Grant, or up to \$300 for the Common Mini Grant.

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants are awarded to programs benefiting youth under the age of 18 in Crawford, Ogemaw, and/or Oscoda Counties. Grants are reviewed and awarded by the YACs in each county from the Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Funds. The deadline to apply is December 31. (Crawford County YAC accepts grants on December 31 and March 30.) Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for a regular YAC Grant, or up to \$300 for the YAC Mini Grant.

NCMCF 2008 Financial Summary

October 1, 2007—September 30, 2008

<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>Total Gifts</u>	<u>Grants Awarded</u>
\$2,082,044.61	\$88,314.90	\$119,578



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\$1,000 is required to establish a charitable fund with the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF). Please contact us for more information on making your charitable dreams a reality through the Community Foundation. With community knowledge and expertise, our staff can help you with donor-advised funds, charitable gift annuities, bequests, and more.

Types of Charitable Funds at NCMCF

Unrestricted Named Funds give the Community Foundation both the resources and the flexibility to address the ever-changing needs facing the people and institutions of the area. Donors who wish to leave a legacy to their community can establish an unrestricted fund by bequest and know that their gift will be used to respond to community needs during their lifetime and for generations to come.

Field of Interest Funds serve donors who wish to rely on the expertise of the Community Foundation to determine the most effective use of their fund to address problems in a particular area of interest, such as the arts, the environment or human services.

Donor Advised Funds are excellent vehicles for those who wish to participate actively in the grant making process. In establishing a donor advised fund, the donor retains the right to serve as an advisor, making grant recommendations for consideration by the Community Foundation board. A donor advised fund provides an opportunity for families to participate together in the tradition of philanthropy.

Designated Funds are established to benefit specific charitable organizations. Grants are made accordingly, and the donor's intent in making the gift will be preserved over the years. Should the named institution go out of existence, or should the purpose of the original gift become obsolete, the Community Foundation will apply those funds to purposes which closely parallel those designated by the donor. This variance power is a unique feature of community foundations.

Agency Endowment Funds may be created by a nonprofit organization to gain more visibility for the organization and its endowment, thus encouraging those interested to add to the endowment. Placing an endowment with NCMCF also relieves the organization of internal accounting and external reporting, increases opportunities for maximizing investment returns and ensures long-term growth.

Scholarship Funds help deserving young people pursue an education they might not otherwise receive. Because scholarship programs are time consuming to administer and must comply with specific legal requirements, NCMCF is recognized as a natural repository for the management of scholarship funds.

While a prospective donor may wish to establish a new fund at the Community Foundation, the established funds listed above may be added to by anyone, at any time, in any amount. Rest assured, your gift will stay in your community to benefit the charitable needs you care about most.



The North Central Michigan Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a program of NCMCF that teaches young people the power of philanthropy and charitable giving through the grantmaking process.

Each year, YAC members award grants to local nonprofit organizations to support programs and projects benefiting youth in their communities. Funds are awarded from the Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Endowment Funds. During the 2008 fiscal year, NCMCF's YACs granted over \$14,000 to youth programs.



NCMCF YAC members work together to determine funding amounts during a mock grant review session at their YAC orientation meeting.

Grantmaking

Through the grantmaking process, YAC members learn about the specific needs facing youth in their communities, and how local agencies are positioned to address those needs. Each year, members review grant applications and hear presentations from potential grantees. Funds are allocated based upon how much money is available, grant effectiveness and what YAC members feel are the most pressing issues for youth.

For some grants, the YAC uses their Youth Needs Assessment as a guideline. The assessment is a survey taken every three years by students in Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties to determine which issues need the most attention.

Community Service

In addition to grantmaking, YAC members participate in community service projects throughout the year. In 2008 Crawford County YAC helped a grantee with a book drive, Ogemaw County YAC assisted the West Branch Kiwanis Club with the Kids Against Hunger food drive, and Oscoda County YAC made quilts for a local hospital.

YAC members also learn about community service through the unique opportunity to serve on the NCMCF Board of Directors. Two YACers sit on the Board each year—one as a Youth Board Member with full voting rights, and one as a Youth Board Member Elect who spends their first year learning about board service before becoming the voting youth member. Elaina Murray, a 2008 graduate of Grayling High School served as the 2008 Youth Board Member. Erika VanGoethem, a student at Ogemaw Heights High School served as Youth Board Member Elect, and will serve as the 2009 voting youth member. Oscoda County YAC member Katelyn Blair will serve as the 2009 Elect.



Oscoda County YAC member Melissa Eberle (left) works with Susan Perry sewing pieces for quilts to be donated to a local hospital. They also made blankets for U.S. veterans.



Philanthropy and Leadership

As YAC members learn about grantmaking, they also learn about the role of philanthropy in improving the communities they serve. YAC provides a unique opportunity for young people to work with members of the NCMCF board where they build leadership skills and work to increase awareness of the NCMCF Kellogg Youth Funds, which make their grants possible.

LEFT—YAC members discuss different viewpoints about grant opportunities with YACers from Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties and NCMCF Board Member Jerry Gosnell at their annual YAC member orientation meeting.



Supporting the Youth Advisory Councils

Gifts to the Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Funds increase the endowment funds used to award grants, allowing the YACs to make a greater impact for youth in their communities. If you would like to support your county's YAC, please make a check payable to NCMCF with either Crawford Kellogg Youth Fund, Ogemaw Kellogg Youth Fund or Oscoda Kellogg Youth Fund on the memo line and mail it to P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707.

We Support Our Community. Won't You Support Us?

Making a gift to the North Central Michigan Community Foundation is a truly simple way to make a lasting impact on our communities. Donors may contribute to an existing charitable fund, or start their own fund.

To make a gift to an existing fund, there are many options. The most common is a gift of cash via check or credit card. Simply make a check out to NCMCF, and indicate the fund of your choice on the memo line. Then, mail it to P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707. You may also make a gift with your credit card by visiting the online giving section at www.ncmcf.org, or by calling our office.

Donors may also establish a new fund with just \$1,000 to support the charitable cause of their choice. Please call 877-354-6881 to learn more about how the Community Foundation can help you achieve your philanthropic goals.

There are many options for giving, including cash, bequests, gifts of appreciated stock, real estate and others.



NCMCF Board of Directors



NCMCF BOARD—Back row, left to right: Kent Davison, Jim Howard, Jerry Gosnell, Michael Lange and Phil Shaw. Front row: Carolyn DiPonio, Joe Porter, Bob Carpenter and Erika VanGoethem. Not pictured: Hugo Burzlaff, Jeanne Cardinal and David Marston.

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