

The ICCF Report



Making Ionia County a Better Place to Live, Learn, Work and Play

IONIA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS TO AREA ORGANIZATIONS

The Ionia County Community Foundation is pleased to award 25 grants for a total of \$30,559 to local non-profit 501(c)3 organizations for 2017.

One \$3,500 grant to the Ionia County Intermediate School District (ICISD) will assist with the successful IM Kids 3rd Meal Program, which provides nutritious, kid-friendly meals to alleviate hunger among food insecure students when they are not in school. Another \$2,500 grant will help provide permanent funding for the popular Dolly Parton Imagination Library through an endowment.

Grants of \$2,000 were also approved for two other ICISD projects. The first is to provide a Teen Driver Safety Program; the second is for a Michigan Youth Leadership Training Camp which trains teens to become leaders for positive change in their communities.

An additional \$2,875 grant will help the Second Harvest Gleaners bring monthly mobile

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The little county that did!



A \$2,875 grant from the Ionia County Community Foundation to "Feeding America West Michigan" will sponsor several monthly "Mobile Pantry" deliveries to the Belding Bible Church during the year. ICCF was able to grant \$7,500 to the Mobile Pantries last year, a program that serves as a farmers' market on wheels, delivering fresh food to communities in need.

Thank You

Dolly Parton Library Celebrates Ten Years; Distributes over 155,000 Books

Ten Years of distributing over 155,000 books into the homes of nearly 2700 children in Ionia County is plenty of cause for celebration – and that is just what is happening this year in the name of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Coordinated by the Ionia County Intermediate School District, the program provides our youngest citizens between the age of birth to five with a free book each month to encourage interest in reading and being read to.

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ICCF AWARDS GRANTS *continued*

pantries to Ionia County for a 12-month period. Belding Community Schools received \$1750 to support its College Advisor Program through the Michigan College Access Network, which will provide BHS students with increased access and information about post-secondary education.

New grant recipients in 2017 include Habitat for Humanity and Lyons Township. Habitat for Humanity of Ionia County received \$1,900 to support the startup cost of opening a Resale Shop, which is a non-profit home improvement store and donation center. Lyons Township was awarded \$1,500 for Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment.

These 25 grants totaling more than \$30,000 are in addition to the \$10,000 pledge allocated as part of a 5-year, \$50,000 impact grant to Sparrow-Ionia Hospital's Foundation.

ICCF President Jim McCarty is excited the Ionia County Community Foundation (ICCF) is able once again to empower local organizations to advance their respective communities and residents.

He commended the excellent work of the Grant Committee and shared these thoughts: "The ICCF marked its 21st anniversary in 2016," McCarty noted. "It is a joy to continue to fund projects and programs that do so much good for the citizens of Ionia County. We are very pleased to award these grants to so many fine organizations throughout our Ionia County communities."

According to Grant Committee Chairman Brian Talbot, "This latest cycle of grant-making brings total allocations from unrestricted funds to 501©3 non-profits to almost \$800,000 since the ICCF endowment program was established in the fall of 1995."

When all component funds under the ICCF umbrella are included, the aggregate amount of grant distributions into Ionia County tops \$3 million!

In addition to grantees mentioned above, additional 2017 ICCF project grant recipients include:

- Saranac Community Church, \$1,000 for its Food Pantry
- Portland District Library, \$362 for ICLA's On the Same Page Program and \$923 for its Portland Creates! 2017 program
- Saranac Public Library, \$851 for its Clarksville Craft and Stem Area and \$150 for a Battle of the Books program.
- Ionia Public Schools, \$1,000 for IHS Funding the Future program which helps cover the costs of Advanced Placement tests for Ionia High School students with financial need.



Local business owner Fonda Kasper, with ReSale Shop Manager Ron Huff, is pictured purchasing a refrigerator at the new Habitat for Humanity Ionia County ReSale Shop. The Ionia County Community Foundation granted \$1,900 to support the startup cost of opening the new store, a non-profit home improvement and donation center. Located at 113 S. Depot St., the store serves as a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds will go towards turning it into a full Re Store to help Habitat for Humanity provide affordable housing in Ionia County.

- Ionia Montcalm Families Against Narcotics, \$1,000 for programs addressing the epidemic of prescription/opioid addiction through educational and informative information.
- Lake Odessa Community Library, \$500 for its project, "Lake Odessa Little Free Library".
- Lakewood Public Schools, \$818 for a School to Work Program at Middle School; \$1230 for LHS Podcasting/Broadcasting program; and \$1,035 for the Lakewood Makerspace Robot Programming Lab.
- Junior Achievement USA, \$900 for its Empowering Ionia County Youth as an avenue to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy by supporting the delivery of 2 JA Our Nation Program to 5th graders at Saranac Elementary School.
- Saranac Community Schools, \$117 for flexible seating; \$160 for Fluent Informational Reading; \$488 for an Alpha Better Desk; and \$500 for a digital keyboard.
- Portland Public Schools \$1,500 from the Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors funds to enable third grade students to participate in the Ionia YMCA Swim Safety Program.

Ionia County Community Foundation Mission Statement

Making Ionia County a Better Place to Live,
Learn, Work and Play

Vision

The Ionia County Community Foundation, an affiliated fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, will be seen as a respected leader of positive transformation in Ionia County through philanthropy.

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A \$3,500 grant was awarded to the Ionia County Intermediate School District in support of the very successful IM Kids 3rd Meal Program which provides nutritious, kid-friendly meals to alleviate hunger among insecure students when they are not in school. Pictured are volunteers preparing evening meals that are sent home with 500 children five days a week.



Accepting a \$1,000 grant award from the Ionia County Community Foundation are officers representing the Ionia/Montcalm Counties chapter of Families Against Narcotics. (I/M FAN) At left is Treasurer Ann Tyson and at right is Vice President Charlie Powers. The program is dedicated to saving lives by empowering individuals and communities to prevent and eradicate addiction. It raises awareness to the dangers of prescription narcotics, supports those affected by narcotic addiction and is committed to erasing its stigma.

Together we can solve hunger.™



The Ron & Margaret Story Legacy Society was established in 2010 to pay tribute to the couple for their charitable bequest and financial contributions to ICCF, as well as for their time, talent, and efforts given to it over the years.

Please join Ron and Margaret in remembering the Ionia County Community Foundation in your estate plan.

The Ron & Margaret Story Society is designed to honor those of you who are creating your own legacies through planned gifts. As a member of it, you will be recognized in a special way in our newsletter and other materials.

If you have already included the Ionia County Community Foundation in your will or estate plan (or if and when you do) please contact our development staff (616-642-6435) so we can add you to our special society.

Following are our Current Legacy Society Members:

- Thomas D. and Tamara S. Dickinson**
- William and Jewel Eckstrom**
- Boomer and Laurie Hoppough**
- Gary and Janeen Lemke**
- Jim and Teresa McCarty**
- Deanne Prince**
- Ron and Margaret Story**
- Lowell and Judy Swartz**
- Elaine VanLaanen**

Honorary Memorial Members
(Story Legacy Society members who have passed away)

- Paul and Alberta Allen**
- Chapin, Melvin and Rathburn Laux**
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- Mary Esther Daddazio**
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- Don and Emma Goodell**
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- Kenneth and Shirley Morris**
- Walter Sprague**
- Ben and Lucy Simons**
- Ward VanLaanen**

IONIA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WELCOMES BALICE, DOANE AS BOARD MEMBERS

The Ionia County Community Foundation Board recently welcomed the appointment of Janet Balice and Kimberley Doane as the newest members of its advisory board.

Born and raised in Ionia, Janet Cook Balice has a deep commitment to being a part of making her community a great place to live!



Janet Balice

In January, 2017 Janet joined the ICCF Advisory Board; in February, 2017, she was named Executive Director of the Ionia County Literacy Council.

Now retired from her career as an educator, Janet continues her long-standing involvement with numerous volunteer organizations, such as Christmas in Ionia, IM Kids 3rd Meal, and Relief After Violent Encounter. She also co-chairs the Governor's Lawn Party at the Ionia Free Fair.

Janet is familiar with the good work of the ICCF since its inception. She supports the ICCF's annual campaign, has attended many special events hosted by the ICCF in its 21 years, and has witnessed the results of educational and community projects funded by ICCF grants.

"Through my professional life and my affiliations with community and non-profit organizations, I have seen the good things the Ionia County Community Foundation can do," Janet said. "I am very proud to be a part of the ICCF organization which benefits the community I live in now and for generations to come."

Janet is a graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in education. She has worked for Berrien County ISD, Lansing School District, Ionia Public Schools, and retired in 2015 from the Ionia County Intermediate School District after 33 years as an educator.

Janet is married to Dan, Ionia Mayor and attorney, and has two grown children, John and Leigh. She enjoys biking, cross country skiing, and travelling.

Kimberley Doane of Lake Odessa is rejoining the ICCF Advisory after serving from 2003-2009. Kim, who recently resigned from Lakewood Public Schools, found the opportunity to step back on the board one she couldn't resist.

"The invite to become part of the Advisory Board came at the perfect time," Kim said. "I wanted to stay involved with the Foundation. I have more time now and want to offer the experience I gained through my affiliation with the Lakewood Educational Foundation. I hope I can now contribute more insight and expertise to the ICCF."

Kim was instrumental in founding the Lakewood Educational Foundation (LEF) and served as its president for 13 years, stepping down in 2014. She continues to be a supporter of LEF.

Kim also recently resigned from LPS after a 26-year career as a teacher and counselor.

"I am excited to see the ICCF grow and continue to contribute to making our Ionia County communities better places to live and work," Kim said. "I am joining a dynamic group of Advisory Board members who volunteer time and leadership to raise awareness, contributions, and sponsor events."

Kim earned her Masters in Counseling Education and Counseling Psychology at Western Michigan University. In addition to Lakewood Public Schools, Kim has taught in Delton Kellogg Schools and the Kent Intermediate School District.

Kim resides in Lake Odessa with her husband, Mark, owner of the Doane-Smith Insurance Agency. Their three grown sons have relocated to San Francisco, Chicago and East Lansing, giving the Doanes fun places to visit.



Kimberley Doane

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL GRANTS \$7,597

Presenting their 2017 grant awards to the ICCF Advisory Committee at their April Meeting on behalf of their Youth Advisory Council members are : Jonah Powell (left) and Drew Ward, Saranac Sophomores.



RECIPIENTS OF THE 2017 GRANTS FROM THE ICCF YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC) FUND INCLUDE:

- *\$750 to Belding Area Schools to provide a full-time college advisor to assist BHS students throughout the postsecondary selection process, including applications, financial aid and visits
- *\$400 to Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library to encourage caregivers of preschoolers to have an early start to books before starting school, which has proven to improve language skills and social awareness.
- *\$400 to Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore to help provide financial assistance for Girl Scout membership, uniforms and/or program fees for 42 girls in Ionia, Belding, Lakewood, Lowell, Portland, Saranac and Pewamo-Westphalia.
- *\$1,000 to the ISD for the IM Kids 3rd Meal Program to provide an evening meal for food insecure children Monday-Friday.
- *\$1,000 To the ISD to provide teen driver safety education.
- *\$1,000 to the ISD to provide teen leadership training to enhance their leadership skills to become impactful leaders in heir communities.
- *\$500 to Ionia Public Schools for a Special Education Year-end Awards Banquet to recognize and acknowledge students for their academic and leadership success during high school.
- *\$600 to Lake Odessa Community Library to provide hands-on STEM materials to patrons to enhance scientific learning, discovery and curiosity.
- *\$500 to Lakewood Public Schools to purchase components for students to build two PCs for use in the makerspace lab and community enrichment programs.
- *\$1,000 to Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital to prepare and sustain children and teens after rehabilitation to face the adversity of their disability and to find their “new normal” through adaptive sports.
- *\$447 to Spectrum Health Foundation for bike helmets to offer benefits of physical activity, safety and health education.



Displaying the Outstanding Traffic Safety Achievement Award on behalf of the Ionia County Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is Co-Chair Jack Lufkin of Portland. Presented at the Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Annual Awards ceremony at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, the award was for the YAC’s Strive 2 Arrive Alive teen driver safety initiative. The ICCF made a \$2,000 grant this spring to the youth Advisory Council for their S2AA Teen Driver Safety Program



Attendees at the Michigan Youth Leadership Training Camp participate in a get acquainted team building exercise at Camp Tuhsmehta near Greenville. The program, which received a 2017 grant for \$2,000 from ICCF is designed to train teens to become leaders for positive change in their communities.

**20th Annual Golf
Outing - Morrison Lake
June 16, 2017
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REMINDER: Save the Date!



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community foundation™
For good. For ever.

20th Annual ICCF Golf Outing

Date: June 16, 2017

Location: *Morrison Lake Golf Club*

6425 Portland Rd, Saranac, MI 48881

8:00 AM **Registration, Putting Contest,
Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar!**

9:00 AM **Shotgun Start**

Enjoy a day of golf while supporting your Community Foundation!

- 4-Person Scramble
- **Register by June 9**
- Cost \$100 per golfer
- Special events & contests, including a chance to win a car & additional prize holes

Of the \$100 registration fee, \$50 is deductible on your Federal Taxes.

Question or Concerns? Contact: Sara Badgero at 517-732-0333 or sbadgero@ibcp.com

Register online at www.givegr.org/iccfcgolf2017

Dolly Parton Library Celebrates Ten Years continued from page 1

According to Cheryl Granzo, Director of Early Childhood Programs at the ISD, “the Dolly Parton Library is a school readiness initiative that is really a gift from our communities. Getting books into homes and encouraging parents to read to their children is certainly a cost-effective way to support literacy in our county.”

Funded by donations from Ionia County businesses and individuals, the DPIL delivers over 2000 high quality books each month for a cost of approximately \$4,300. “We are hoping that people will continue to believe in it and support it financially,” says Granzo. “For \$27 a year per child or \$135 for five years, together we can make possible a reading program that helps our children get off to a great start in life.”

A Dolly Parton Imagination Library Endowment Fund is being established with the Ionia County Community Foundation to help sustain the program into the future.

ICCF recently announced a 2017 grant of \$2,500 to the library in support of its early age book distribution initiative throughout Ionia County at no charge to the families.

As part of Michigan One Community Credit Union’s Community Partnership Program, the Ionia County Community Foundation was awarded a \$500 Year-End Community Bonus. One of 47 nonprofits to be honored, ICCF was recognized for their efforts and service in addressing hunger and food delivery needs for Ionia County Families.

ICCF - Positively Impacting How We Live, Work and Play

Our Donors – Meeting County-wide Needs!

We want to recognize and to say “thank you!” to all of you who contributed to the Ionia County Community Foundation during the calendar year January 1, 2016– December 31, 2016. Together we’ve come a long way!

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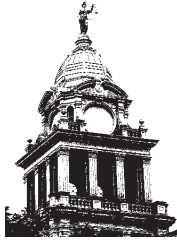


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

A summary of the market value of investments in the various accounts is as follows:

Fund Balance as of March 31, 2017

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| ICCF Fund..... | \$ 1,082,456 |
| ICCF Fund – Youth Fund | \$ 183,517 |
| ICCF Administrative Fund | \$ 7,295 |
| Belding Education Fund..... | \$ 112,986 |
| Belding Schools Fund – Frost Renaissance Foundation | \$ 271,431 |
| Belding Schools Fund – Bird Scholarship Fund | \$ 100,322 |
| Belding Schools Fund – Burger Fund | \$ 53,699 |
| Compagner Memorial Fund | \$ 1,067,747 |
| Eddy Scholarship Fund | \$ 681,547 |
| Kenneth and Shirley Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund | \$ 693,574 |
| George Romney Fund – Enrich of Ionia County Volunteer Center | \$ 75,721 |
| Healthy Youth and Healthy Seniors | \$ 58,442 |
| Chuck Henney Memorial Scholarship Fund | \$ 54,774 |
| Ionia County Parks Preservation & Maintenance Fund | \$ 155,331 |
| Lakewood Educational Foundation Fund..... | \$ 392,149 |
| Saranac Community Schools Scholarship Fund | \$ 286,934 |
| Simons Memorial Education Fund..... | \$ 557,891 |
| WW Sprague Family Fund..... | \$ 287,167 |
| Ionia Public Schools Scholarship Fund..... | \$ 1,066,258 |
| Ionia Free Fair Fund..... | \$ 134,810 |
| Paul and Alberta Allen Scholarship Fund..... | \$ 115,561 |
| Don and Emma Goodell Scholarship Fund..... | \$ 131,360 |
| Ward and Elaine VanLaanen Teaching Scholarship Fund..... | \$ 60,776 |
| William R. and Jewell H. Eckstrom Future Teacher Scholarship | \$ 53,941 |
| Alvah N Belding Library Fund | \$ 38,213 |
| The Belrockton Fund..... | \$ 50,133 |
| Saranac Community Schools Promise Scholarship Fund | \$ 215,229 |

Total \$ 7,989,216

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It's not how much you give; it's the giving that matters. Every donation to the Ionia County Community Foundation is a voice of support for the programs that make our communities wonderful places to live. As a publicly supported foundation, our grants touch nearly every aspect of our well-being – promoting academic achievement, neighborhood revitalization, health, human services, the arts, as well as economic prosperity and environmental integrity.

Support the Community Foundation and you will invest in the opportunity to make our communities great now and for generations to come.