

The ICCF Report



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

ICCF ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR \$30,000

The Ionia County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for its 24th annual grant-making round. According to Grant Committee Chairman Brian Talbot, “\$30,000 in funds are available for distribution to nonprofit organizations throughout the county.”

“We are encouraging county organizations with 501(c) (3) Internal Revenue Code tax exempt status to submit an application by going on line at www.grfoundation.org/Ionia”, noted Talbot. “In order to be eligible for the

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grants to be announced no later than March 31, 2020, applications must be submitted on-line by December 31, 2019.”

“We are excited to be able to place so many dollars where they can best serve the needs of our neighborhoods,” continued Talbot. “It is the essence of what the Ionia County Community Foundation is all about.”

Advisory Committee Chairman Jim McCarty commented that this latest grant-making cycle will bring our total allocations from our unrestricted funds to over \$800,000 since the ICCF endowment program was established in the fall of 1995 – 24 years ago.”

And...when the other 31 component funds under the ICCF umbrella are included, the aggregate amount of distributions into the county is over \$3 million.

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Investing in the Future of Young People by Establishing Newest ICCF Fund

ROGER & ALONA ALLEN JOHN & BARBARA ALLEN KRUIS

Roger and Alona Allen were life-long residents of Ionia County. They raised three children, Jim, Bill and Barbara, on their 360-acre farm on Jordan Lake Road, Lake Odessa. Roger passed away in 2017. Alona now resides at Green Acres in Ionia, but still owns and leases the farm.

Roger and Alona attended the former Lake Odessa High School, now Lakewood. Their children and most of their grandchildren graduated from Lakewood High School. Their daughter, Barbara Allen Kruis, is married to John Kruis, a University of Michigan Law School graduate. They reside in Grand Rapids, where John has practiced law for almost 40 years.

“Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors, and giving back is an important way to follow that teaching,” say John and Barb. Over the years, they have given back in various ways, including support of their church, missionary endeavors, and agencies helping the under privileged. John currently serves on the board of the First Tee of West Michigan in Grand Rapids. Barb has volunteered with Kids Food Basket for many years, and is on the board of Bless the Orphans, which supports a small, but growing orphanage in Haiti.

Now, joining forces with Alona in estate planning, they will be establishing the Roger and Alona Allen and John and Barbara Allen Kruis Scholarship for Lakewood High School, through the Ionia County Community Foundation. The purpose of the Scholarship will be to provide financial assistance to graduating seniors from Lakewood High School who are going on to pursue higher education. They have created a similar scholarship for John’s alma mater, Holland Christian High School.

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Edith Farrell Joins ICCF Advisory Board

The Ionia County Community Foundation Advisory Board welcomes Edith Farrell of Lake Odessa as its newest member.

Farrell, a 30-year employee of Union Bank in Lake Odessa, currently serves as the Vice President of Bank Secrecy Act and Information Technology Officer.

“I have always felt that giving back to our communities is important,” said Edith. “Great places to live with a high quality of life don’t just happen. It takes people to make a difference and create change.

I feel that the ICCF does that for Ionia County.”

“The ICCF Advisory board members work hard to facilitate financial gifts and then grant them in ways that create the most impact for Ionia County,” she noted. “I am excited to be a part of this successful organization which is dedicated to the residents and businesses of Ionia County with the goal of making it an even better place to Live, Learn, Work and Play for all of us.”

Throughout her years with Union Bank, Edith has held positions in the Teller area, Accounting, Network Administration and Deposit Operations. In addition to her daily responsibilities, she serves on the bank’s ALCO, Compliance, Strategic Planning, IT Steering and Electronic Services committees.

A graduate of Ionia High School, Edith attended Northwood University as an adult learner, earning a Bachelor’s Degree with dual majors in Business Administration and Marketing in 2011. She accomplished this over a three-year time frame by attending night, weekend and online classes while working full-time at the bank.

She and her husband, Chuck, have been married 35 years. They have three grown children, Nathan, Lindsay and Adam.

Giving back to her community has always been important to Mrs. Farrell. When her kids were in school, she volunteered as the Treasurer for the Lakewood Band Boosters for six years. Once her kids graduated, she joined the Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce board as a Trustee. After a year she took over as Treasurer and fulfilled that role for two years. She was elected President of the Chamber and has served in that position for seven years.

Farrell is recognized by the Chamber members as a resource for business experience who uses her knowledge to help others in areas such as business planning, strategic planning, marketing and business continuity.

Additionally, she can be seen as a volunteer at almost every Chamber event. Under her leadership, during the past seven years, Chamber membership has grown from 41 to 107 members.

Other organizations that she has served include the Ionia County Broadband Committee, which was a joint initiative between the Ionia County Economic Alliance (ICEA) and Connect Michigan, as well as, the Lake Odessa Fall Festival Committee and Girls Night Out Committee.

In her spare time, Edith enjoys reading, golf and running.

Welcoming the newest ICCF Advisory Board member, ICCF President Jim McCarty said, “We are very pleased to have Edith Farrell join our Ionia County Community Foundation board. She will certainly be a very strong addition to our team as together we seek to make Ionia County an even better place to live, learn, work and play.”



SPARROW IONIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION RECEIVES FINAL PLEDGE PAYMENT FROM IONIA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Final payment for ICCF \$50,000 commitment to new hospital

Ionia, MI: On Wednesday, September 11, 2019 the Sparrow Ionia Hospital Foundation received their final pledge payment of \$10,000 from Ionia County Community Foundation. The payment fulfilled ICCF's \$50,000 pledge in 2014 to help build the new hospital.

The Ionia County Community Foundation is pleased to present the final \$10,000 payment of a five-year \$50,000 pledge in support of the new Sparrow Ionia Hospital. According to ICCF President Jim McCarthy, "ICCF is proud to have partnered up with Sparrow to help make this major project possible and bring about this tremendous asset to the County and the surrounding area. It is another example of fulfilling our Ionia County Community Foundation mission of Making Ionia County a Better Place to Live, Learn Work and Play."

Bill Roeser, Sparrow Ionia CEO shared, "Thanks to the Ionia County Community Foundation for helping us build an impressive, LEED Certified, state-of-the art facility that has attracted much attention. We thank you for enabling us to attract and retain the right Caregivers to ensure that the best possible outcomes are paired with the most compassionate care. We also appreciate the support from the community, it has been overwhelming since the new hospital opened. Lastly, thank you to ICCF for investing in us as we help build a vibrant and healthy community."

Sparrow Ionia Hospital opened the new hospital on June 14, 2015. The two-story facility includes 22 inpatient rooms, an emergency department with 12 patient rooms, a surgery department with two operating rooms, a chemotherapy and infusion lab, radiology, nuclear medicine, digital mammography, ultrasound and bone density technology.

Members of the Sparrow Ionia Hospital Foundation Board include: Tom Dickinson, Steve O'Mara, Ken McKee, Sharon Page, Virgil Biggs, Jason Eppler, Mike Kirgis, Mike Lehman, Kylie First, Ann Martinez and Meg Wheeler.

The Sparrow Ionia Hospital Foundation was created in 1979 to improve healthcare services for Ionia County. Sparrow Ionia Hospital and its Foundation are charitable non-profit health organizations entrusted with the solemn duty of caring for every person that comes to our hospital.

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ICCF GRANTS \$3000 FOR MOBILE FOOD DELIVERIES IN BELDING.

Three organizations join forces to fight hunger in Ionia County

Between April and October, neighbors facing hunger in Ionia County can receive food at one of four Feeding America West Michigan Mobile Food Pantries held at [Mount Hope Church](#) in Belding. Generously sponsored by the Ionia County Community Foundation, these community food distributions offer fresh produce, dairy products and nonperishable items to all community members in need.

5,000 pounds of food were distributed at each Mobile Pantry – enough to provide 100 families with more than 40 meals worth of food. But Chris Scrauben, Mount Hope’s Mobile Food Pantry coordinator, isn’t concerned about the numbers. “We’re here in the Belding community for a reason – to make a difference,” he said.

He stressed the importance of helping even just one family or one person in need.

“That impact on that one family is important,” he said. “They may be down to their last meal – you just never know.”

Mount Hope Church is eager to serve its neighbors. At times, nearly half of the church’s 100 members volunteer to distribute the food.

“Belding is a pretty giving community. We’re just one more cog in the wheel that helps,” said Chris. Mount Hope started hosting Mobile Pantries four years ago. At that time, Chris was surprised to see people he knew going through the line. Often, food insecurity isn’t overtly apparent. 1 in 9 neighbors face hunger in Ionia County; therefore, it’s likely that everyone knows someone in need of an extra meal.

“It’s nice to provide for them, and have everyone leave happy and get good quality food,” Chris said. Feeding America West Michigan appreciates how eager the Ionia County community is to come together to make a difference for those facing hunger. Without supporters like the Ionia County Community Foundation and Mount Hope Church, the food bank wouldn’t be able to carry out its mission in Ionia County.



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:

- Daniel and Janet Balice**
- Bruce and Margaret Chadwick**
- 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**
- Brian and Mindy Talbot**
- Elaine VanLaanen**
- Alona Allen, Barbara Allen**
- Kruis, John Kruis**

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

- Paul and Alberta Allen**
- Chapin, Melvin and Rathburn Laux**
- Ed and Maxine Compagner**
- Mary Esther Daddazio**
- George Eddy**
- Frost, Bird and Burger**
- Don and Emma Goodell**
- Chuck Henney**
- Bea McCarty**
- Kenneth and Shirley Morris**
- Walter Sprague**
- Ben and Lucy Simons**
- Ward VanLaanen**

We apologize for any omissions on this list. To add a name please contact Jim McCarty at (616) 642-6435.

REMINDER: Save the Date!



23rd Annual ICCF Golf Outing

Date: June 12, 2020

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

Location: Willow Wood Golf Club

12227 Sanborn Rd, Portland MI 48881

9:00 AM **Shotgun Start**



Enjoy a day of golf while supporting your community!

- 4-Person Scramble
- Meal, Contests, and Prizes, including a chance to win a car!
- Register by June 5, 2020
- Fabulous Gift Sets to win!
- Cost \$100 per golfer

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

Questions? Email Boomer Hoppough at khoppoug@ibcp.com

See you on June 12, 2020!

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Each year, the money available for grants is 5% of the endowment's average market value of assets for the previous 16 quarters. This allows the asset base to grow while helping meet the cultural, educational, recreational and economic needs of Ionia County. Grants are not available for general operating expenses, annual fund raising drives or debt retirement. They are available for projects that:

- represent an innovative, start-up effort or are capital in nature (e.g., bricks and mortar, equipment)
- promote cooperation among agencies without duplicating services
- need additional funding to implement and maintain projects
- strengthen or improve agency self-sufficiency or efficiency
- yield substantial community benefits for the resources invested
- serve a broad segment of the community
- encourage additional and permanent funding or matching gifts from other donors

Applications will be reviewed by the ICCF Grants Committee and approved by the Fund Advisory Committee. They will be evaluated on program needs, effectiveness, clarity of focus and goals, degree of risk and other criteria. Once again applications are available on the ICCF website at www.grfoundation.org/Ionia and must be submitted by December 31, 2019. Questions should be directed to Brian Talbot at (616) 527-8721.

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"We have been blessed beyond all measure, and our faith compels us to share our blessings with others. Education is vitally important to continued success, and what better way to share and encourage than to invest in the future of young people?"

If you would like to explore the benefits of supporting Ionia County through your estate, please contact Marilyn Zack, Vice President of Development, Grand Rapids Community Foundation 616-454-1751.

2019 GOLF OUTING

22-Year Total Surpasses \$235,000!

A course full of golfers, over 100 of them, took to the Willow Wood Fairways in Portland Friday June 14 to help celebrate the 22nd annual Ionia County Community Foundation outing.

The special day kicked off in the morning with an aerial photograph of the impressive scene captured by “Flyovers by Ferris.” It was indeed another successful friend and fund raising event for ICCF boosting proceeds from the activity during the years to over \$235,000.

“We are so grateful to all of those who supported us in so many ways,” commented Golf Chair Boomer Hoppough. “It was a great day filled with good memories for all of those who participated and made it possible.”

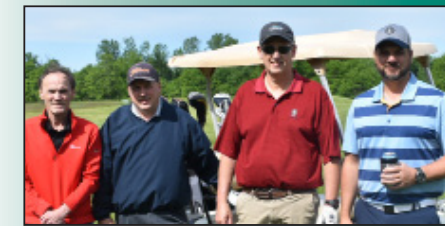
According to Hoppough, the original unrestricted fund has grown to over \$1,000,000 and along the way it has resulted in over \$800,000 in community benefiting grants to non-profits throughout the county.

“What’s more,” continued Hoppough, we now have 31 component funds under our ICCF umbrella totaling \$8.4 million in market value. When all of these funds are considered, grants and scholarships have been awarded to non-profits to the tune of over \$3 million right here in Ionia County.”

Board Chair Jim McCarty, added that our mission is “Making Ionia County a Better Place to Live, Learn, Work and Play”...and that is exactly what so many generous people made happen on the day of our 22nd Golf Outing. Thank you all for your support of this worthy cause!”



The winning 4-some, besting all golfers in the foundation's 22nd outing, were from the left: Bill Peuler, Roger VanderLaan, Dean Webster and Randy Goodyke.





SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all who contributed to the 22nd Annual Golf Outing for sharing a vision to make Ionia County an even better place to live, to work, and to enjoy today and for future generations. Such participation supports "A Legacy of Caring" that will last forever.

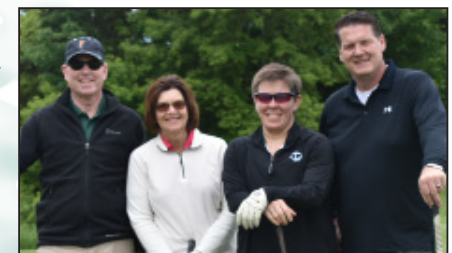
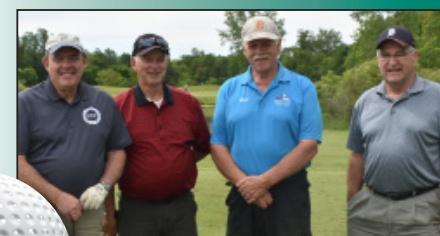
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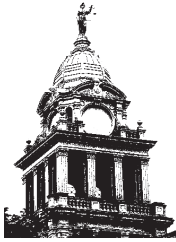
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Funds Held by the Ionia County Community Foundation

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2019

ICCF Fund	\$1,092,239
ICCF Fund – Youth Fund	\$177,216
ICCF Administrative Fund	\$15,532
Belding Educational Fund.....	\$100,854
Belding Schools Fund – Frost Renaissance Foundation	\$285,384
Belding Schools Fund – Bird Scholarship Fund	\$98,423
Belding Schools Fund – Burger Fund.....	\$56,512
Compagner Memorial Fund.....	\$1,059,085
Eddy Scholarship Fund	\$669,280
Kenneth and Shirley Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$695,232
George Romney Fund – Enrich of Ionia County Volunteer Center...\$77,279	
Healthy Youth and Healthy Seniors.....	\$57,865
Chuck Henney Memorial Scholarship Fund.....	\$56,167
Ionia County Parks Preservation & Maintenance Fund	\$148,257
Lakewood Educational Foundation Fund	\$391,285
Saranac Community Schools Scholarship Fund.....	\$288,940
Simons Memorial Education Fund.....	\$544,085
WW Sprague Family Fund	\$291,019
Ionia Public Schools Scholarship Fund.....	\$1,125,014
Ionia Free Fair Fund	\$140,460
Paul and Alberta Allen Scholarship Fund.....	\$114,138
Don and Emma Goodell Scholarship Fund	\$128,513
Ward and Elaine VanLaanen Teaching Scholarship Fund.....	\$63,117
William R. and Jewel H. Eckstrom Future Teachers Scholarship Fund...\$53,030	
William R. and Jewel H. Eckstrom Helping Hand Fund	\$107,198
Swartz Family Fund	\$68,501
Alvah N Belding Library Fund.....	\$77,162
The Belrockton Fund.....	\$51,212
Portland Community Fund	\$28,205
Saranac Community Schools Promise Scholarship Fund.....	\$269,492
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Fund	\$93,016

Total \$ 8,423,859

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