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THE REPORT

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FOR 25 YEARS

Your gifts helped to create ‘sense of place’

By Mary Patrick

A “sense of place” is defined as “the meaning that people attach to a geographical place that may increase the quality of life of a community,” and much has been written about its importance in recent years. Ionia County includes the local communities Belding, Clarksville, Hubbardston, Ionia, Lake Odessa, Lyons, Muir, Orleans, Palo, Pewamo, Portland, and Saranac. While each has a unique history, heritage, and traditions, each is a part of the larger community of Ionia County where we share the same “sense of place.”

This is what Vivian Brown had in mind when she gave \$1,000 to Ionia County National Bank President Ron Story in 1981, with a request that it be used towards her vision of establishing a local foundation to enhance the long-term quality of life in the area. In 1995, Mr. Story and Mike Magee (former President of Independent Bank Corporation) worked together to bring that vision to reality and formed the first steering

committee for the Ionia County Community Foundation (ICCF).

This year, the ICCF is celebrating 25 years of achieving its mission of making Ionia County a better place to live, learn, work, and play. Since 1996, the ICCF has given county residents a strong

sense of place by improving the civic, cultural, health, educational, and social enrichment through grants that have sought to benefit every county resident in at least one way.

If you’ve used your library, you’ve seen books, computer service, or programs made possible through grants. Do

you know a child who attends school? If so, he/she has benefited from upgrades to science labs, playground equipment, new classes and materials, school library books, water safety, musical instruments, and various college scholarship awards. In addition, continued investments are made to help educate students about the dangers of smoking, vaping, drugs, and alcohol. Assistance through grants can also be found in areas such as providing backpacks and supplies, IM Kids 3rd Meal, Relief After Violent Encounter (RAVE) needs, vision enrichment services, food and clothing banks, baby pantry and clothing items, and most recently, the COVID-19 Crisis Fund food trucks. Finally, all of Ionia County and the surrounding areas will continue to benefit from Sparrow Ionia Hospital, which has been the beneficiary of an ICCF grant pledge of \$10,000 each of the last 5 years.

The year 2020 will be

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

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to Live, Learn, Work and Play**

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etched in the world's mind as one of the most difficult in modern times. Lives were disrupted in ways we never imagined while we watched "essential worker" friends and neighbors leave the relative safety of their own home and family to do a job that benefited all of us. As the ICCF looks back on 25 years of improving our community, and ahead to a bright future over the next 25 years, it is worth remembering that nothing builds social bonds like adversity and hardship, which create a need for solidarity, eventually becoming a central part of a community's sense of place.

Advisory Board welcomes Mary Patrick

The Ionia County Community Foundation welcomes Mary Patrick as the newest member of the Advisory Board.

After growing up in Westphalia, Mich., she has called Ionia home for more than 35 years. Now retired, Mary is enjoying spending her days and energy in Ionia.

"Because I spent nearly my entire work life in Lansing, I was probably more aware of the things that were going on in that community than my own. I knew this was where I wanted to raise my family." Mary loved being part of the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School when her children were students there, and especially enjoyed working on the school fundraising auctions each year. "Now that I'm retired, I have the time to re-immense myself in Ionia and Ionia County. I've always loved the county's mix of small towns and farms, and it's been fun for me to see all that goes on here each day, what the needs are, and how volunteers work to meet those needs. I remember when the Foundation was started so it's exciting to become part of it in a milestone year."

Mary's career spanned over 40 years within State of Michigan departments that included Education, Corrections, and Natural Resources, where her last years were spent with the Michigan History Center. There she managed the Michigan Historical Marker Program and worked with both the Michigan Freedom Trail



Mary Patrick

Commission (Underground Railroad) and the Michigan Historical Commission.

Mary is married to Michael Donaldson and they enjoy traveling at any opportunity. They have four grown children: daughter, Kasey Patrick of Ionia; sons Christopher Donaldson and wife Katherine of Carlisle, England; Kevin Donaldson and wife Madie of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and, Robert Patrick, III, of Royal Oak, Mich.

Welcoming the newest ICCF Advisory Board member, ICCF President Jim McCarty said, "We are very pleased to welcome Mary Patrick to our Ionia County Community Foundation Advisory Committee Board. Mary will 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."

**ICCF – Positively Impacting
How We Live, Learn, Work and Play**

ICCF highlights from the past 25 Years

1981

A \$1,000 donation from Vivian Brown “planted the seed.”

1995

ICCF was established & affiliated with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

The Belding Renaissance Program was the first organization in the county to establish a component foundation. In 2020, there are 30 funds under the ICCF umbrella.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation awarded the ICCF \$125,000 to start the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

1996

Four local businesses pledged annual contributions of \$10,000 each for 5 years; an additional \$160,000 raised through a challenge to their officers.

There were 44 Charter Donors (contributions of \$500 or more). In 2020, 20 of those have remained active donors.

First six grants were awarded totaling \$3,000. In 2020, the cumulative total of grants has reached nearly \$1,000,000. When the many component



ICCF contributed \$50,000 to help build the Sparrow Ionia Hospital.

funds are included, more than \$3 million has been distributed into the county.

1998

First Annual ICCF Golf Outing was held. To date, more than \$235,000 has been raised. In August of this year ICCF partnered with Sparrow Ionia Hospital for its 23rd Annual Golf Outing.

1999

Reached the 5-year goal of \$1,000,000.

2009

Established Ron and Margaret Story’s Legacy Society to recognize and honor those who have remembered ICCF in their estate plans.

Following 14 years of outstanding activism and leadership, Ron Story passed the gavel of the presidency to Jim McCarty.

2011

ICCF partners with the Ionia County Economic Alliance/ The Right Place to support

economic growth.

2017

Dolly Parton Library Celebrates 10 years, distributes more than 155,000 books.

2019

Hour of Impact raised more than \$11,000.

ICCF made its final payment to the Sparrow Ionia Hospital Foundation completing its five-year \$50,000 pledge to help build the new hospital.

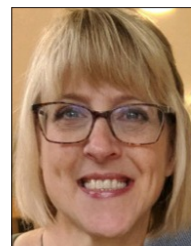
Michigan One Credit Union gives check to ICCF



Thank you to Michigan One Community Credit Union for their continued support. Michigan One selected the ICCF as one of their Community Bonus recipients. ICCF Communications Chair Ryan Wilson and Relationship Development Manager at Michigan One, center, presented a check to ICCF Vice President Tom Dickinson and List Management Chair Janet Balice, during a ceremony at Michigan One Credit Union.

Thank you to Emily Coble for 15 years of newsletter work

Emily provided newsletter layout services and printer coordination for our two-times per year



Emily Coble

publication for the last 15 years. According to Editor Jim McCarty, ICCF has been very fortunate to have Emily playing this role for us for a decade and a half. She was indeed a pleasure and a joy to work with, and we have certainly benefited from her dependable, faithful, loyal sharing of her gifts and talents. Thanks, Emily, for these many years of your service to the Ionia County Community Foundation.

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.

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 and John Kruis

Honorary Memorial Members

(Story Legacy Society members who have passed away)

Paul and Alberta Allen
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George Eddy
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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 Janet Balice at jdbalice@chartermi.net.

Helping our neighbors



The ICCF donated funds to the United Way of Montcalm and Ionia Counties to help feed area citizens.

A \$2,500 grant has been made by the Ionia County Community Foundation to support the COVID-19 Crisis Fund initiated by the United Way of Montcalm and Ionia Counties. The funds are being used to address the growing need of food insecurity for area citizens created by the virus. The



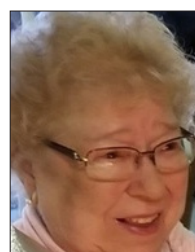
ICCF monies are enabling Feeding America food trucks to come to Ionia and Saranac.

According to Terri Legg, Director of United Way of Montcalm and Ionia Counties, each truck delivers 5000 pounds of food providing a meal a day for 100 to 125 families. "When the dust settles," said Legg, "we will be reporting the total pounds of food delivered, the number of families and households helped, the total number of volunteers involved and their number of hours contributed."

"Together," concluded Legg, "we are making a huge difference through our COVID-19 Crisis Fund! Thanks to all who provided financial support to make it possible."

Patricia Bradley family leaves generous gift to ICCF for Dolly Parton Imagination Library

The family of Patricia Bradley has made a generous donation to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ionia County in her memory. A gift of



Patricia Bradley

\$10,000 was made to the Ionia County Community Foundation directly to the DPIL local endowment fund. This gift will not only support sustainability of the program but will also provide an annual distribution that will fund 16 children in the program each year. Mrs. Bradley was a longtime resident of Ionia and passed away on March 31, at the age of 91. She had five children and spent several years as a school librarian. She has read a few books to children in her time and this offering to DPIL is a wonderful way to honor something that she enjoyed and share it with others.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ionia County and all of the families and children that receive books are grateful for this gift. Thank you so much!

Meet our donors who help meet county-wide needs

Listed below are all who made contributions to Ionia County Community Foundation during the calendar year January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020. We want to recognize and thank them for their support as they are sharing a vision to make Ionia County an even better place to live, learn, work and play. Together we are creating "A Legacy of Caring" that will last forever!

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If you prefer your recognition name to be listed differently, please contact us at 616-454-1751.

Youth Advisory Council grants \$7,300 to groups

The ICCF with the help of the ICCF Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Fund was pleased to present funds to the following organizations.

\$1,000 to Faith Community Christian School to begin a hobby farm to help children process emotions for Social Emotional Health

\$1,000 to Feeding America West Michigan for Mobile Food Pantries to supplement Belding Area Schools' students' fundraising efforts by partially funding three Mobile Food Pantries during the Covid 19 pandemic crisis

\$300 to Friends of the Lake Odessa Community Library for 1001 Nights of Reading Adventure to help families with elementary students as they strive to have their child reading by 3rd grade as required by the state of Michigan

\$1,000 to the Ionia County ISD to develop 8 mini-libraries of books in Ionia County elementary schools to help children cope with adverse childhood experiences

\$500 to the Ionia County ISD for the Solar Technology Greenhouse to purchase ventilation fans for the Heartlands Institute of technology

\$1,000 to the Ionia County ISD for the IM Kids 3rd Meal Program to provide an evening meal for food insecure children Monday-Friday

\$500 to the Youth Service Bureau Summer Program to connect youth experiencing trauma, poverty and other hardships move past these obstacles to create healthy adult relationships

\$1,000 to YMCA in Lowell for a youth engagement program that expands career awareness and builds 21st century skills for Lowell Middle School students

\$1,000 to YAC for their Administrative Expenses



Celebrating the receipt of a grant from the Ionia County Community Foundation are (from the left) ICCF representatives Tom Dickinson and Jim McCarty, two Emerson Elementary School 3rd grade students, teacher Cally Redder and Principal Jonathan Duley. The funds were used to purchase two robots — “Dash and Dot” — to teach students how to program and to learn problem-solving and teamwork skills.

ICCF helps teacher fulfill goal to get students to learn to code

Emerson Elementary School 3rd grade teacher, Cally Redder, had a vision that was outside the box... literally. Her vision was to teach students how to computer code using two sets of robots (that come in boxes) to teach students how to program.

She reached out to the Ionia Community Foundation for a grant of \$695, and upon award of that grant, Redder was able to purchase Dash and Dot, two robots that can be programmed by groups of students to do all sorts of things.

“This grant has given us the Wonder Workshop curriculum and robots, Dash and Dot,” Redder said. “The students are learning how to code, but even more important are the problem-solving and teamwork skills that they are developing throughout these lessons. Robotics has become increasingly popular in secondary schools; however, there is a need in the younger grades for elementary robotics. My students have been very excited to learn along with Dash and Dot!”

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— Cally Redder

Emerson Elementary School’s principal Jonathan Duley said the robots aren’t just for skills-building.

“School needs to be full of learning opportunities every day, but it also needs to be someplace students enjoy going where they have fun while learning,” Duley said.

“I can’t imagine coming to work every day if I didn’t enjoy it. The same goes for students, and the robotics program gives students the ability to have fun while learning.”

Emerson Elementary School is one of the first elementary schools in the area to have a robotics program. Redder and her class are excited to build the program over the next few years.

Redder and Duley, along with the entire Emerson Elementary School staff, would like to thank the Ionia Community Foundation for awarding the robotics grant.

“Without their support,” Duley and Redder say, our students wouldn’t be able to have this kind of incredible learning opportunity.”

ICCF awards 2020 grants to area non-profits

The Ionia County Community Foundation (ICCF) awarded 22 grants for a total of \$32,205.94 to local non-profit 501C3 organizations for 2020.

The eight largest grants (in excess of \$2,000 each) will fund the following projects: **Great Start Collaborative for its Transition to Kindergarten Backpack Project**, \$2,800; **Ionia County Dolly Parton Imagination Library**, \$2,500; **Portland Community Fund**, for food and supplies for weekend meals for insecure children in **Portland Public Schools**, \$2,500; and **Manna's Market, Inc.** for its efforts to provide food, toiletries, clothing and baby pantry items to Ionia County families south of I-96, \$2,500.

Also, **Ionia County ISD**, to help purchase a Box Truck for its IM Kids 3rd Meal program, \$2,500; **Feeding America West Michigan** for four Mobile Food Pantries to help people in Ionia County facing hunger, \$2,500; **Belding Area School's** project to construct beds for the less fortunate, \$2,300; and **Ionia County Health Department's** program to provide fresh food to low income mothers and children, \$2,000.

The **Ionia County Sheriff's Office** will receive \$1,550.95 to purchase up-

dated evidence technology equipment; **Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes** was awarded \$1,800 to present its program to prepare Oakwood Elementary students for the workplace.

Portland St. Patrick's High School is the recipient of a \$1,500 grant to upgrade the table tops in its science lab for student safety; **Emerson Elementary School** received a grant of \$1,250 to add Gaga Ball equipment to its playground. **Lake Odessa Community Library** was granted \$800 to help repurpose existing space into a Quiet Room.

Woodview Elementary in Belding received \$504.99 to provide video production capabilities for students. **Belding High School** was awarded \$400 for its Broadcasting Class.

Five grants of \$500 each were awarded to: **Lakewood Public Schools**, for its Help Our Students Test Better program; **Portland Middle School**, to purchase equipment for its Robotics Team; **Ellis Elementary** in Belding, for its Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Room; **Belding Schools**, for its Flexible Seating for Engaged Learning; and **Twin Rivers Elementary**, for Library Books for Kids.

RAVE, Relief After Violent Encoun-

ters, received \$1,925 to replace furniture in the safe house and **SS. Peter and Paul Catholic School** received \$375 for participation in the YMCA's Third Grade Water Safety Program, both from the ICCF's Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund.

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

"The ICCF marks its 25th anniversary in 2020," McCarty said. "We are very pleased to award these grants to so many fine organizations throughout Ionia County which do so much good for the citizens of Ionia County."

Grant Committee Chairman Brian Talbot said "More than \$860,000 has been allocated to 501C3 non-profits from the foundation's Unrestricted/Impact Fund since the endowment program was established in 1995."

When all component funds under the ICCF umbrella are included, the aggregate amount of grant distributions tops \$3 million. In addition, the final installment of \$10,000 toward the impact grant of \$50,000 was paid to Sparrow Ionia Hospital Foundation.

Ionia County Community Foundation Grants 2020

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry

Portland Backpacks for Bellies

Transition to Kindergarten Backpacks (All Ionia County Schools)

Ionia County Health Department Providing Fresh Food

Lake Odessa Community Library Creating a Quiet Space

ISD Kids 3rd Meal Program Truck

SS Peter and Paul Third Grade Water Safety

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Ionia County Sheriff Department Evidence Update

RAVE Safe House Furniture

Junior Achievement of Michigan Great Lakes Preparing

Students for the Workplace

Manna's Market

Lakewood Middle School Testing Equipment

Ionia Public Schools Twin Rivers Elementary Library Books

Ionia Public Schools Gaga Ball Equipment

Belding Area Schools Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project

Belding High School Broadcasting lass

Portland Middle School Robotics

Belding Woodview Elementary Video Production

Belding Area Schools Ellis Elementary STEAM Room

Belding Area Schools Flexible Seating for Engaged Learning

St. Patrick Catholic School Science Lab



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ICCF partners with Sparrow Ionia Hospital for 23rd annual golf outing

In spite of all the obstacles created by COVID-19, Ionia County Community Foundation was able to once again hold its annual golf outing — thanks to Sparrow Ionia Hospital — on Aug. 14. According to ICCF Golf Chair Boomer Hoppough, “given everything going on we knew we had to think outside the box this year and that’s when the thought of teaming up with Sparrow Hospital came to fruition.”

“It was great working with their event organizer, Lynn Mackenzie,” continued Hoppough. “It ultimately turned out to be a very successful event. We had to turn away teams to stay under 100 participants.”



Golfers were lined up and ready to go at the 23rd annual golf outing. Sparrow Ionia Hospital joined in this year to help make the event possible. Below co-chairs Boomer Hoppough (right) and Tom Dickinson got the event rolling.

The 23rd straight year for the ICCF outing, held this year at Willow Wood in Portland, raised \$11,400 with each of the two partnering entities netting \$5,699 to assist them with their worthy causes.



Create the future. Plan a gift today.

Generous people like you make our work possible. We sincerely appreciate your faithful support of our mission. Many of our donors choose to continue their support after life, through a gift from their estate. If you believe in our mission, and want to invest in our future, we invite you to make such a gift. We would be thrilled to recognize your commitment with membership in our Ron & Margaret Story Legacy Society. Please see page 4.