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# 2009 Annual Report





## Letter from our 2010 Chairwoman

### *Barb Quain*

Our motto *For good – For ever* summarizes the power of endowments in four simple words. Four County Community Foundation has a total of 98 funds, most of them permanently endowed. Donors who make a gift to one of these funds not only care about the present, they are investing in the future of our communities and people we serve in Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair Counties.

Over the Foundation's twenty-three year history, many grants have supported activities for youth: the environment, physical fitness, plant and animal science and other experiences that promote spending time outdoors. This annual report features several grants which promote outdoor activities. The restoration of the historic *Grettenberger Grandstand* in Imlay City will allow the field to be utilized for countless baseball games and other events in the future. The *Smith Batting Cage*, made possible by the family of Chuck Smith, will provide a safe location at four Capac baseball fields where pitchers and batters may warm up. The *Julie Pihlaja Korb Scholarship Fund* is featured in this report as one of our new funds. An annual 5K race, *Julie's Run*, is held to fund scholarships for Romeo female track athletes. All of these examples demonstrate facilities and activities that encourage youth to be active in the outdoors.

As we begin to receive proceeds from a new bequest, the Board of Trustees will be discussing pro-active funding of a program called "*No Child Left Indoors*". We will explore partnerships with local organizations such as Seven Ponds Nature Center, local parks, school districts and other venues where young people could increase participation outside, unplugged from their electronic devices and sedentary habits. We envision partnerships and creative new approaches to encourage area youth to learn about, respect, explore and be active in our great outdoors.





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## Mission Statement

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Four County Community Foundation is committed to serving the current and emerging needs of our local community, continuing the tradition of philanthropy begun generations ago. The Foundation is dedicated to bringing together human and financial resources to support progressive ideas in education, health, community, youth and adult programs. The Foundation provides a secure, flexible vehicle for individuals, families, foundations and organizations to positively impact the quality of life in our community. The Foundation recognizes that in order to meet its commitments to the community it serves it must seek growth through its permanent endowment funds from a wide range of donors.

## Legacy Society Members

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Janet Bauer  
John & Connie Brzozowski  
Marion & Robert Fischer  
Paul & Elsie Hinzmann  
Ella Mae & Gertrude Murdie  
Catherine & Dorothy Ondersma  
Dr. James & Ann Sillers  
Bernard Stremmler, M.D.

*We gratefully recognize those who ensure a legacy to the Foundation by planning their future gifts. These people are an encouragement to others to remember Four County Community Foundation in their charitable plans.*

## Advisor's Circle

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*We want to recognize the professional advisors who have worked with their clients to establish major gifts for the Foundation. Their work is indispensable. The number following their name indicates the number of gifts they have brought to Four County Community Foundation.*

### Thank you to—

Shane Diehl  
Sebastian V. Grassi  
Cynthia Lane  
Ed Lynch, 3  
Henry Malburg, 2  
Sean O'Bryan  
Barb Quain  
Ronald W. Rickard, 3







**Chairperson**  
Joe Salas



**Vice Chairperson**  
Barb Quain



**Treasurer**  
Al Verlinde



**Secretary**  
Kim Jorgensen

## 2009 Board Members

### Four County Community Foundation Board

John Brzozowski  
Bill Duggan  
Denis McCarthy  
Dina Miramonti  
Hank Nichols  
Sean O'Bryan  
Jennifer Parker-Moore  
Nancy Parmenter  
Gary Richards  
Laura Schapman  
Daniel Scheer  
Greg Tarr

### Youth Advisory Committee

#### Officers:

President, Jaime Ligon  
Vice-Pres., Emily Fleming  
Treasurer, Fred Flaim  
Secretary, Olivia Papineau  
Historian, Mark Gonczar

#### Members:

Callan Bobcean  
Bailey Engstrom  
John Eschenburg  
Jason Feyes  
Christopher Fruchey  
Tyler Glombowski  
Courtne Hawk  
Elizabeth Iwanski  
Mitchell Kallek  
Megan Lacavera  
Ashley Mousseau  
Ross Moore  
Jake Newton  
Chase Orzel  
Evan Paupet

Jordan Peters  
Andrea Roberts  
Kayla Worley  
Shelby Zegler

### YAC Adult Advisors

Janet Bauer  
Kelly Carson  
Kim Fleming  
Kim Jorgensen  
Laura Schapman

### Emeritus Board

David S. Bishop  
John Bishop  
Patricia Brozowski  
Judy Czerepowicz  
Donald Davenport  
Shane Diehl  
Kathleen Eubank  
Katherine Eschenburg  
Hal Hooks  
James Ligon, Jr.  
Brenda Pinskey  
Edmund Risch  
Charles Schiedegger  
Jim Sillers  
Barbara Stremler

### Staff

#### President/CEO

Janet Bauer

#### Admin. Asst./Accountant

Susan Gainer

#### Program Associate

Valerie Quinn



## Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended	
	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
<b>Revenue, Gains and Other Support</b>		
Contributions – Unrestricted	\$242,834	\$212,351
Interest Income – Unrestricted	\$189,867	\$229,016
Net realized and unrealized gains	\$1,530,000	—
<b>Total revenue, gains and other support</b>	<b>\$1,962,701</b>	<b>\$441,367</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services – Grants and contributions	\$292,442	\$445,696
Support services:		
Management and general	\$126,428	\$142,102
Fund-raising	\$21,957	\$17,977
Development	\$45,717	\$37,482
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$486,544</b>	<b>\$643,257</b>
Losses—Net realized and unrealized losses	—	\$3,476,572
<b>Total expenses and losses</b>	<b>\$486,544</b>	<b>\$4,119,829</b>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$1,476,157	(\$3,678,462)
Net Assets – Beginning of year	\$6,892,097	\$10,570,599
Net Assets – End of year	<b>\$8,368,254</b>	<b>\$6,892,097</b>
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$419,821	\$533,758
Investments	\$7,787,408	\$6,243,894
Dividends & interest receivable	\$5,250	\$1,780
Property and equipment	\$172,979	\$166,143
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$8,385,458</b>	<b>\$6,945,575</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Grants payable	\$13,988	\$50,054
Other liabilities	\$3,216	\$3,424
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$17,204</b>	<b>\$53,478</b>
<b>Net Assets – Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$8,368,254</b>	<b>\$6,892,097</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$8,385,458</b>	<b>\$6,945,575</b>

PUBLIC NOTICE: Our annual audit and IRS 990 are on file for review at the Foundation office during normal business hours. Copies of either document are available for a nominal fee. Names of investment managers, fees charges, and names of Four County Community Foundation trustees responsible for investment and oversight of assets are available upon request.



**Denotes new 2009 Fund**

**Unrestricted**

Four County Community  
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**Administrative**

Friends Operations  
Operating

**Capital Campaign &  
Non-Endowed Funds**

Capac Adolescents Preventing Abuse & Crime  
Capac Youth Sports Project  
President's Advised  
Sillers Family Charitable

**Designated Agency**

Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County  
Roland W. Graubner Endowment Fund for the  
Romeo Library  
Imlay City Historical Commission  
North Macomb Soccer Club Field Development  
Romeo Historical Society/Charles E. Keller  
Symphonia Chorale Endowment

**Donor Advised**

Almont Education & Community  
Armada Education Foundation  
"Stay Strong Stan"-Stanley Ian Babinski Memorial  
Justin C. "Jut" Bullock Memorial  
Capac Educational Endowment  
Darin Conrad Education  
Joseph & Bertha Corrion Charitable  
Imlay Area Christian Community  
Key Players Athletic Foundation  
Ligon Brothers  
Marshall Lock Memorial  
James E. Neely  
Rhonda Nugent Memorial  
Ottevaere Safe Horsemanship Program  
Karras Pelfrey Memorial  
Richmond Athletic Club Endowment  
Gail Rickard Foundation  
Romeo Community Action  
Dr. Bernard J. Stremmer Memorial  
Harold Tietz Memorial Fund for Cancer  
Waterloo Hunt Club Donor Advised  
Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Foundation

**Field of Interest**

21st Century Education  
Almont Area  
Armada Area  
Capac Area  
Dryden Area  
Imlay City  
Romeo Area  
FCCF Home  
Four County Environmental

Healthy Seniors/Healthy Youth  
Imlay City Educational Endowment  
W. K. Kellogg Youth  
Lapeer Regional Hospital  
Lloyd Veitch  
Loral Watson Memorial Endowment

**Scholarship**

Nancy B. Barr Adult Education  
John R. & Iris M. Bartholomew  
Andy Beam Memorial  
Capac Athletic Booster  
Capac Educational  
Harry Bussell  
Marion & Robert Fischer  
Robert Wayne Creger Sr. Memorial  
Cryderman-Hebblewhite Agriculture  
**Howard & Marie Dahn Scholarship**



Gualdoni Family Education  
Hilda M. Hill Memorial  
Imlay City Educational  
Grettenberger  
Alvin Norlin  
Glenn L. Smith II  
Lee Weyer Athletic  
Richard P. Wheeler  
Imlay City Schools Alumni Association  
Ruth Isaacson Memorial  
Lawrence & Rose Juip Memorial  
Knights of Columbus Council #7018 Roman Catholic  
Laurie Lee Memorial  
Russell W. Ligon Memorial Engineering  
William & Betty Morrison Memorial  
Murdie Educational  
North Macomb Soccer Club  
Romeo Community Schools  
American Legion  
Dan Barnabo  
David Brockman  
Ralph Dietz  
Romeo Kiwanis/Steven Fritz Sr.  
Ellis C. Haskell  
Haskell Trust  
Al Moran  
Eldon Mueller Memorial  
David L. Olson/Rotary



**Julie Pihlaja Korb Memorial**  
Romeo Boosters Club  
Sisson  
Starkweather/Garvin  
George S. Souten Performing Arts  
Vera Souten Medical Field  
St. Clement Church & K of C #7018 College  
Jean Currey Stanwood Memorial  
Brian Verstrete Memorial  
Floyd W. West Memorial  
Xi Gamma Rho of Beta Sigma Phi





### Julie Pihlaja Korb Memorial Scholarship

From 1991-1995, the halls of Romeo High School were paced by Julie Pihlaja Korb. Julie an outstanding student, who carried a grade point average of 3.99, also excelled at running.

Scholastic and athletic dedication allowed Julie to attain academic all state honors and enshrined her legacy in the Romeo High School Hall of Fame.

Any athlete can appreciate Julie's effort and devotion on and off the track. Her leadership was recognized by her teammates who nominated Julie captain of both the Cross Country and Track Team.

Julie was the daughter of Ray and Nancy Pihlaja, and sister to Jill and Christine. In 2000, Julie graduated from Western Michigan University and married Collin Korb, a fellow Western Michigan Student.

Sadly, Julie's life was cut short in 2003 when she suffered a brain tumor that would eventually claim her life. However, the tumor would not define the life of perseverance that Julie had lived. The Julie Pihlaja Korb Memorial Scholarship is given each year to a student in the Romeo School District who exemplifies leadership, dedication, and a passion for athletics and education.



*Julie's run at Wolcott Farm*



## Marie and Howard Dahn Memorial Scholarship

Marie and Howard Dahn married in 1959. They have a cherished history in the Capac and Imlay City areas, even though they lived in Shelby Township since the 1960's.

Marie graduated in the class of 1944 from Imlay City High School. She furthered her passion for education at Central Michigan University where she earned her Bachelors of Arts Degree. She was awarded her Masters and specialist degree from the University of Michigan. Her teaching career was launched in a one room school house. Marie was also the founding member of the Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Teachers Society. Marie worked tirelessly to improve the education of all of her students. Her charisma and appetite for knowledge positively affected many of her students.

Upon graduation from high school, Howard joined the Navy. With education being so essential to him, Howard completed his degree before leaving the service. Howard spent his entire career at the Chrysler Steering Plant.

The Dahn's had such enthusiasm for education that they devoted their lives to the betterment of students. The scholarship will keep the Dahn's dreams to educate further generations alive and honor their memory and years of hard work.





### Capac Community Schools Batting Cages

Chuck Douglas Smith was raised on his family's farm in Allenton, Michigan. Chuck was the ninth child in a family of ten. He attended high school in Almont, where he actively participated in a multitude of sports. He was co-captain in baseball, basketball and football.

Chuck was offered a scholarship to continue his athletic career. However, due to World War II, Chuck had to bypass the college opportunity to work on the family farm. Chuck did not stop playing baseball. A local group of boys would continue to play ball and face teams from local areas. Chuck, the pitcher, was famous for his high speed "smoke ball".

Chuck was passionate about the sport he loved and helping preserve that idea for the generations to come. He always wanted to leave something behind that would help sustain the game he loved in a community he loved. In his memory, batting and pitching cages were donated to Capac Community Schools.

The Four County Community Foundation was pleased to have worked with the Smith Family to preserve Chuck's legacy, not only as a baseball enthusiast, but also as a steward of the community.

### Basic Needs

With our current economic conditions, funding for basic needs has become a priority of the Four County Community Foundation. Our local non-profits report a sharp increase in requests for food, shelter, clothing, employment and medical needs. This has had an obvious effect on our service area. Grants to worthy organizations such as Samaritan House's food pantry and medical clinic's diabetic supplies help address the growing need in northern Macomb County. In Imlay City, the Saint Paul Lutheran Church has been putting on hot-meal programs in their effort to get "Food for Families". The Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter is another commendable organization that assists those in need of shelter. Our funding has helped improve the lives of hundreds of individuals who need a helping hand.



## Grand ol Grandstand

The Grand ol Stand proudly welcomes you into R.A. Grettenberger field, named after long time superintendent at Imlay City Community schools. Grettenberger was very important in the growth of Imlay City's schools. He would later become the superintendant of Lapeer Community Schools. The Old Grand Stand was banned for use by the school because it was unsafe. The Grandstand was erected in 1935 as part of the "Works Progress Administration Program".

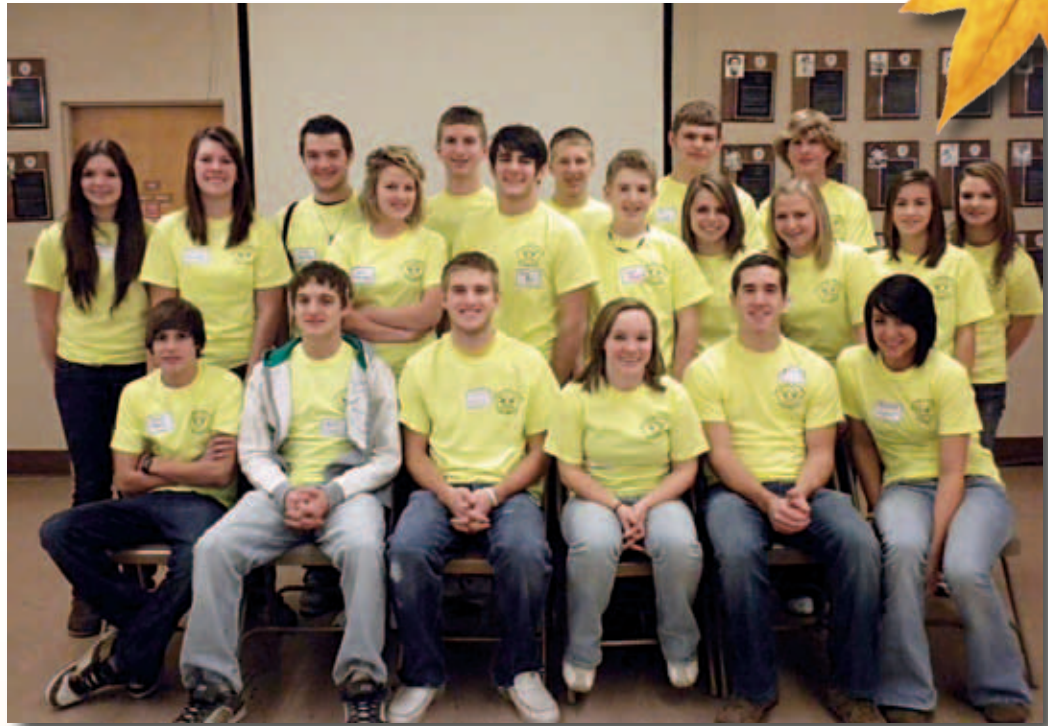


Imlay City did not have the funds to complete the project. The Alumni Association stepped up along with a grant from the Four County Community Foundation, to aid in the completion of the renovations.

This historic landmark in Imlay City has hosted thousands of athletes, parents, and fans with countless innings of America's past time. This historic Grandstand will continue to stand tall for decades to come; housing spectators and future stars of the diamond.







## Four County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee

This past year the Youth Advisory Committee has been very busy. Since we did not have to update the needs assessment this year, it gave us a lot of extra time to do different things. We did a few small things such as speeches at the schools' awards nights, regional training, and some members even participated at the statewide YAC conference. This year every member either participated in a grant review or scholarship review meeting. I found these very helpful and insightful as to what people are looking for. Also this year some YAC members volunteered their time at the Capac Backpack Event. We helped hand out food



and backpacks. By far, the biggest thing we did this year was YAC with Locals. YAC with Locals is a program for seventh grade classrooms in our region and addresses the issues that are occurring in our schools (drugs, alcohol, peer pressure, and positive community services). Overall, we had a very successful year and hope to continue the success.

*2010 President - Olivia Papineau*

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