

2016 Report to the Community

Four County
Community
Foundation





Chairperson and CEO Message



*President and CEO Janet Bauer and
2016 Board Chairperson John Brzozowski*

It is amazing that next year we will be celebrating the Foundation's 30th anniversary. The impact that our organization has made on the communities we serve has been made possible through the dedication of thousands of individuals, families, businesses and organizations. We are summarizing our past year by reporting on 3 Cs: Charitable Interest, Commitment and Community.

Charitable Interest: In 1987, Four County Community Foundation started with the sale of the Community Hospital for \$2,500,000 to St. Joseph Mercy of Macomb. The proceeds created our first endowment fund, the Four County Community Fund. Since that time, we have grown to 118 charitable funds which have been created for a broad range of purposes. We offer knowledge of our communities and creative strategies to meet donors' interests. We listen carefully to each donor's intent and build funds that meet their needs. At the same time hundreds of donors make annual donations to the existing funds that they wish to support. Historically, gift sizes have ranged from \$10 to \$1,200,000. Our assets now total over \$13,000,000.

Commitment: The dedication of our Board of Trustees, Emeritus Members, Staff and Volunteers is inspiring. This year, the Board and Staff worked with a facilitator to create a three year Strategic Plan to further support our Vision 2020. We continue to participate in community events such as concerts in the park, a homecoming tailgate, Night Under the Stars, hometown festivals, and numerous gatherings of local organizations. Our volunteers and staff serve as ambassadors in our communities.

We also collaborated with St. Clair, Huron and Sanilac County Community Foundations to secure funding from the Michigan Health Endowment. We collectively brought \$294,000 in health grant funding to our Thumb Region. We continue to improve our communications and technology. We are revising our website, have added an electronic newsletter and increased our Facebook postings. Another major project we have implemented is providing on-line grant and scholarship applications and review by our committee members.

Community: Our motto is Helping Our Community Grow, which is demonstrated by the hundreds of community grants and scholarships we have awarded over our existence. This past twelve months, we have awarded \$211,000 in grants to charitable organizations in the corners of Lapeer, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair Counties. We awarded 176 college scholarships totaling \$174, 000. That makes a total of \$385,000 in charitable projects. A sampling of our recent grants include: support of a reproduction canoe like French voyageurs used from 1701 - 1825 for Stony Creek Metropark educational programs; Victory Day – an event co-sponsored by Imlay City and Capac Schools which provides cognitively and/or physically impaired youth with a football or cheer special event; a kiosk shaped like a caboose for information located at the April Millsap Memorial Garden in Armada; monthly family fun night for current or past residents of Turning Point – which provides services for people who have experienced domestic or sexual violence; Almont Music in the Park; Robotics team support; and a Girls STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Conference.

We want to thank all of our stakeholders and hope you are encouraged by our efforts to Help our Community Grow. Please consider making a gift to your favorite fund, creating a new fund and/or volunteering to assist the Foundation with its vision.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wilson, 2015

Lewis Wilson Music Scholarship

Lewis Wilson grew up in Harbor Beach, Michigan, home of the Pirates. After high school, he enrolled at Central Michigan University, pursuing BME and MA degrees in Music Education and Guidance Counseling. While at CMU, Lew met his wife, Yvonne. Yvonne was also seeking a degree in education. Their love for teaching others led to their marriage in 1964 when Lewis and Yvonne became husband and wife.

From 1965 to 1969, Lew taught vocal music at Brandon Public Schools to grades one through twelve. In 1969, H.B. Johnson, the principal at Oxford Junior High, gave Lew the wonderful opportunity to teach both junior high band and choir, beginning a thirty-six year relationship with Oxford Public Schools. This relationship saw Lew and his students earning numerous 'superior' scores at band and choir competitions, performing over thirty musicals and plays, and marching in the 1982 Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. In 1995, Lew ended his teaching in order to become a full time guidance counselor at Oxford High School, until his retirement in 2005.

Lew did not limit his teaching and directing talents to the schools. From 1971-1995, he spent twenty-four years directing the Bell Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir at Oxford United Methodist Church. Lew Wilson's influence was not only felt through his music, but through his mentoring and guidance outside of music. During the 1980's, Lew began organizing canoe trips for students and over thirty years later, the trips are still going strong.

Lew Wilson has been honored many times over the years, winning the Oxford Junior High Teacher of the Year in 1974, as well as being named the Jaycees Outstanding Educator of the Year in 1981, and the Scottsville Elementary Volunteer of the Year in 2011. Lew continues as an active member of his community through church and volunteering at the local elementary school. The scholarship, funded by many former students, honors the man who has become a mentor for thousands.

The Lewis Wilson Music Scholarship will be awarded yearly to a graduating senior from Oxford High School who is planning a college major or minor in the area of vocal or instrumental music. Potential applicants can visit wilsonmusicfund.org for more information.



Amy Swanson, Debbie Hickmott, Mrs. and Mr. Lewis Wilson and Lora Baker, 2015

Linda Muir Grant Scholarship

Imlay City Schools Alumni Association

Linda Antoinette Muir was born on August 21, 1949 the daughter of Harold and Hazel (Hibbler) Muir, and grew up in Imlay City. Linda graduated from Imlay City High School with the class of 1967. She married Stuart Grant in 1974 in Ann Arbor. She was a Girl Scout and later, a Girl Scout Leader.

Linda graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Eventually she earned her Master's Degree in Reading Concepts and completed almost all of the class work for her Ph.D. in Education.

Linda started teaching in Romulus but soon found her way back to Lapeer County. She taught in Imlay City for a couple of years and then spent the better part of the next 32 years teaching in schools in the Lapeer Community District (Woodside, Mayfield, Maple Grove, Schickler, Irwin and Seaton). Linda was also on the teaching staff of Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, and Oakland University.

Linda retired due to health issues and moved to Florida. However, her love of teaching continued. She taught craft and painting classes in her retirement community. She kept busy knitting booties, hats and sweaters for preemies at McLaren Hospital and hospitals in Florida. She knitted gloves for the US Navy, socks for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and made quilts for the homeless.

Linda died suddenly while on vacation in Florida on January 26, 2014. In death she became a Gift of Life donor.

The Linda Muir Grant Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 in memory of Linda by a gift from her sister, Arlene Muir Corriveau.

The Imlay City Schools Alumni Association fund was established in 2002 by ICHS Alumni. The endowed fund provides classroom grants to Imlay City teachers and college scholarships to ICHS graduates.



Linda's Yearbook Photograph 1967

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Position

	<i>for year ending</i>	
	<i>December 31, 2015</i>	<i>December 31, 2014</i>
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 127,176	\$ 164,476
Accounts Receivable	\$ 7,550	\$ 2,500
Beneficial Interest in Trust	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,776
Investments	\$ 12,144,250	\$ 12,752,372
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 13,394	\$ 12,763
Land, Building, Furniture, and Equipment - net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 145,369	\$ 151,035
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 13,087,739	\$ 13,733,922

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,999	\$ 10,373
Grants Payable	\$ 52,800	\$ 22,327
Other Liabilities	\$ 2,016	\$ 2,293
Total Liabilities	\$ 63,815	\$ 34,993
Net Assets - Unrestricted	\$ 12,373,924	\$ 13,045,785
Net Assets - Temporarily Restricted	\$ 650,000	\$ 653,144
Total Net Assets	\$ 13,023,924	\$ 13,698,929
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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

	<i>for year ending</i>	
	<i>December 31, 2015</i>	<i>December 31, 2014</i>
REVENUES		
Contributions - Unrestricted	\$ 191,162	\$ 246,395
Contributions - Temporarily Restricted	\$ -	\$ 663,276
Investment Income - net of expenses	\$ 247,366	\$ 382,206
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains	\$ (455,130)	\$ 253,819
Other	\$ -	\$ 10,781
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ (16,602)	\$ 1,556,477

EXPENSES		
Program Services	\$ 62,554	\$ 54,083
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 447,550	\$ 358,889
Support Services		
Management and General	\$ 77,181	\$ 94,236
Fundraising	\$ 15,984	\$ 14,955
Development	\$ 55,134	\$ 46,175
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 658,403	\$ 568,338

NET ASSETS		
Increase in Net Assets	\$ (675,005)	\$ 988,139
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$ 13,698,929	\$ 12,710,790
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 13,023,924	\$ 13,698,929

PUBLIC NOTICE: The financial information contained in this report has been prepared from our most recent annual audit. Our audited financial statements and IRS Form 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 and trustees responsible for investments and the oversight of assets are also available upon request.

UNRESTRICTED

Jane E. Bishop Memorial
Four County Community
Dora & Toos Ondersma
Sillers Family Charitable

ADMINISTRATIVE

Friends Operations

NON-ENDOWED

Capac Youth Sports Project
President's Advised

COMMUNITY FUNDS

Almont Education & Community
Armada "Al Verlinde" Community
Capac Community
Dryden/Metamora Community
Imlay City Community
Romeo Community Action

DESIGNATED AGENCY

Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County
Roland W. Graubner Endowment for the Romeo District Library
Imlay City Historical Commission
Richmond Rotary Foundation Robert "Tiger" Fruin Memorial
Romeo Historical Society/Charles E. Keller
Symphonia Chorale Endowment

DONOR ADVISED

Armada Education Foundation
"Stay Strong Stan"-Stanley Ian Babinski Memorial
Justin C. "Jut" Bullock Memorial Scholarship
Capac Adolescents Preventing Abuse & Crime
Capac Educational Endowment
Darin Conrad Education
Joseph & Bertha Corrior Charitable
Victoria E. Hill Memorial
Imlay Area Christian Community
Key Players Athletic Foundation
Ligon Brothers
Marshall Lock Memorial
Sally McGeorge Memorial
James E. Neely Scholarship
Rhonda Nugent Memorial
James A. and Marilyn K. Ottevaere


Karras Pelfrey Memorial Scholarship
Richmond Athletic Club Endowment
Gail Rickard Foundation
Dr. Bernard J. Stremmer Memorial
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 Area
Romeo Area
Linda M. Felton Memorial
Four County Community Foundation Home
Four County Environmental
Healthy Seniors/Healthy Youth
Healthy Seniors/Healthy Youth 2
Imlay City Educational Endowment
W. K. Kellogg Youth
Lapeer Regional Hospital Endowment
Lloyd Veitch
Loral Watson Memorial Endowment
The Women's Fund

SCHOLARSHIP

Nancy B. Barr
John R. & Iris M. Bartholomew & Polly Ann Boldt
Andy Beam Memorial
The Blonde Scholarship
Capac Educational
Athletic Booster
Harry Bussell
Marion & Robert Fischer
Robert Wayne Creger Sr. Memorial
Cryderman-Hebblewhite Agriculture
Howard & Marie Dahn
 Linda Muir Grant - Imlay City Schools Alumni Association
Hilda M. Hill Memorial
Imlay City Educational
Grettenberger
Alvin Norlin

Glenn L. Smith II Memorial
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
Harry Moore
William & Betty Morrison Memorial
Murdie Educational
North Macomb Soccer Club
Romeo Community Schools Educational
American Legion
Dan Barnabo
David Brockman
Mary Chinoski
Ralph Dietz
Steven Fritz Sr. / Romeo Kiwanis
Ellis C. Haskell
Haskell Trust
Al Moran
Eldon Mueller Memorial
David L. Olson / Rotary Club
Julie Pihlaja Korb Memorial
Romeo Boosters Club
Sisson
Starkweather/Garvin
Tabar-Schultz
Watchdog
Ruth M. Sayles Memorial
George S. Souten Performing Arts
Vera Souten Medical Field
St. Clement Church & K of C #7018 College
Albert Himes & Jean Currey Stanwood Memorial
Brian Verstrete Memorial
Floyd W. West Memorial
 Lewis Wilson Music
Xi Gamma Rho of Beta Sigma Phi

 represents new fund established in 2015

Helping Those Who Help Others

As part of our mission, Four County Community Foundation is dedicated to bringing together human and financial resources to support progressive ideas in education, health, and community. In 2015, we supported several human services programs throughout the communities we serve. Our work with the following agencies, along with many other organizations we support, continues our tradition of philanthropy begun generations ago.



Love, INC

Families facing the threat of homelessness or the possibility of living without heat and electricity can contact Love, INC of Greater Lapeer for assistance. This past year, there was a distressing increase in calls from elderly citizens who could not afford their utilities and food or medication.

Love, INC applied for and received a grant to support their Housing and Utilities Program. This program is designed to prevent utility shut-offs and housing evictions in Lapeer County. Love, INC works closely with DTE, Consumers Power, propane and water companies, and landlords. In addition, they coordinate their charitable efforts with state and local agencies, other non-profit organizations, and numerous churches in the area.

Samaritan House and LACADA

Samaritan House and the Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Violence (LACADA) received grants to fund the Emergency Support of Women. Checks from our Women's Fund were presented to both organizations to assist women in crisis situations.

Samaritan House, located in Washington, is supported by seventeen Christian churches and serves the villages of Armada and Romeo, the townships of Armada, Bruce, Ray, Washington, and both Macomb and Shelby Townships north of 23 Mile Road. Samaritan House serves the community in many ways including food distribution, shelter and utility assistance, tax preparation, clothing assistance, and school backpacks.

LACADA serves residents of Lapeer County who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. In operation since 1991, LACADA provides free and confidential support services that include crisis intervention, support groups, court accompaniment, information and referrals, emergency shelter, and personal advocacy.

The significance of the services provided by both Samaritan House and LACADA is immeasurable. By supporting their programs, Four County Community Foundation's mission is well-served.

Turning Point, Inc.

Turning Point's mission is to provide programs and resources that enable Macomb County victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to regain control of their lives. Four County Community Foundation supported two programs at Turning Point this past year.

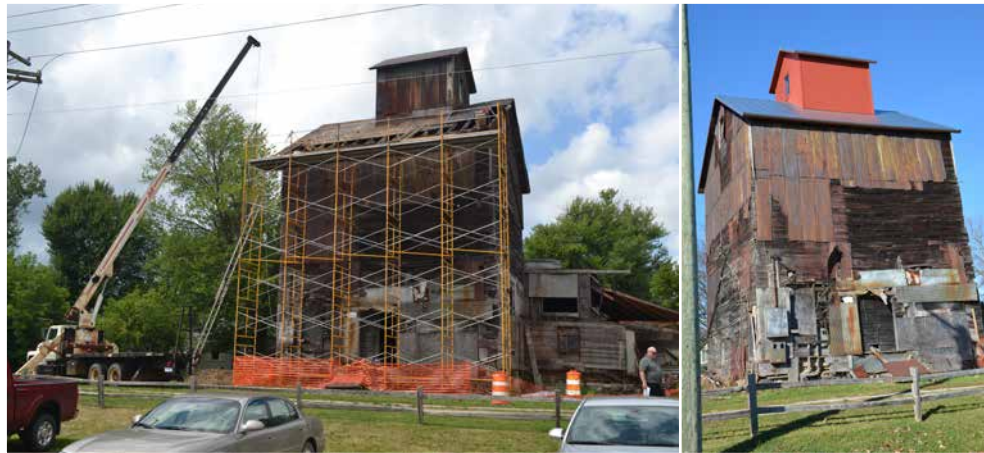
The first grant was from one of our donor-advised funds to support operations of their essential 24-hour domestic violence shelter services. The shelter provides emergency and support services to meet both the immediate and long-term needs of survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

The second grant was awarded for Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Education in several Macomb County school districts and at the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center. Prevention Education is a progressive program designed to educate youth and the community at large, to reduce the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence, and create social change by becoming an active bystander.

Four County Community Foundation is committed to serving the current and emerging needs of our local communities and we are proud to support the efforts of these and other non-profit organizations. We recognize that the significance of their services is immeasurable. Visit our website if you would like to help. Together, we can make a difference!



Historic Preservation Inspires Communities



The Leonard Mill before restoration with scaffolding in place

After, with new roof and cupola

The Leonard Mill

The Leonard Mill was built around 1889 adjacent to the railroad track that is now a part of the Polly Ann Trail. The unique building is an icon for the Village of Leonard. After closing in the early 2000s, the building and surrounding area were neglected for over a decade. The village purchased the property in 2014 and is actively working to build the Leonard Mill Park.

With a grant from Four County Community Foundation, the village was able to hire a local contractor to replace the roof and completely restore the cupola, which gives the Leonard Mill its distinctive appearance. Owners of the demolished South Lyon Grain Elevator donated materials and equipment for future use in interpretive displays at the Leonard Mill Park. The Village of Leonard collaborated with local businesses such as the Orion Home Depot, Dillman & Upton, and the Elder Building Company to complete the roof project. Project organizers have determined future uses for the Leonard Mill Park may include a farmer's market, a concert venue, wedding rentals, and a meeting space for seniors. "The improvements helped preserve a unique sense of place and provide future generations with a connection to the important heritage of this area." Visit www.leonardmill.com for project updates.



North view of Wolcott Mill

The Wolcott Mill – Huron Clinton Metroparks

Built in the 1840s and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Wolcott Mill had a leaky roof and deteriorating siding. Preserving the structure was essential in order to insure the vision of the Wolcott Mill Metropark as "a growth destination with recreational and educational activities, events and interpretive programs that describe historic rural food ways, commerce, life skills, farm practices, and land stewardship that celebrate Michigan's agrarian past while inspiring a sustainable future." Four County Community Foundation collaborated with the Metroparks Foundation, the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority, and the Americana Foundation to fund the restoration and preserve the heart of the Wolcott Mill Metropark.

In both the Leonard Mill and Wolcott Mill projects, residents and park patrons expressed relief that their cherished buildings have been given the necessary attention and care they deserve. Four County Community Foundation readily supports historic preservation to positively impact the quality of life in the communities we serve.



View of the restored Wolcott Mill with the wood water wheel

Wolcott Mill photos courtesy of Rik and Carol Durning

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS



Dryden High School's Class of 2016 Go Cardinals!



Four charming scholars from Capac High School



2016 Almont High School grads are ready for college life



A delighted Grace Hill poses with Almont's 2016 Hilda Hill Memorial Scholarship recipients.

Education Scholarships Can Make a Difference

Higher education can transform a young person's life. And, in some cases, a scholarship can mean the difference between attaining that higher education or not. Last year, Four County Community Foundation presented 152 students with scholarships that totaled over \$160,000. At Four County Community Foundation, our name is often associated with college scholarships. This is probably because more than half of our funds provide scholarships to students in the communities we serve.

Each scholarship fund at Four County Community Foundation is as unique as its benefactor and as exceptional as its recipients. Our generous donors establish scholarship funds for many reasons: to give back to the community that has contributed to their own success, to honor the memory of a loved one, or to make a significant difference in the lives of students. Whatever the reason, Four County Community Foundation applauds our community of philanthropists who make a lasting impact when they "give where they live."



Three more of Capac High's charismatic scholars

Who can apply for scholarships? Many of our scholarships are awarded only to high school seniors who are graduating from one of our eight school districts: Almont, Armada, Capac, Dryden, Imlay City, Oxford, Richmond and Romeo. However, several of our scholarships are also available to students who graduated from one of these schools and are already attending college.

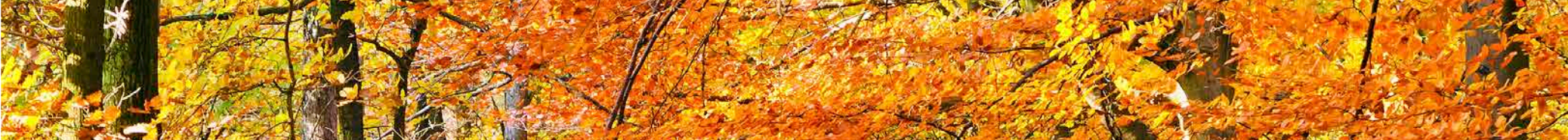
How is eligibility determined? What is the application process? Beginning in 2017, our scholarship application will be online and accessible via our website. A brief quiz will determine whether an applicant is eligible for one of our scholarships. Eligibility is determined by a variety of conditions including (but not limited to) financial need, grade point average, or a declared major. If eligible, an application will be made available for completion and submission. Our application deadline is April 1st. Please visit www.4ccf.org for more information.

How are scholarship recipients chosen? Our recipients are selected in a variety of ways depending upon the guidelines of each fund. Some recipients are chosen by committees that are comprised of current and previous Four County Community Foundation board members. Some recipients are chosen from groups of school teachers and counselors. Others are selected in a blind review by a committee of their peers.

How are the scholarships paid? Our scholarships are paid directly to the recipients' university, college, or trade school.

Are scholarships renewable? Our scholarships are available for various lengths of time. Some of our scholarships are awarded only one time, but others are multi-year and may require reapplication.

How can I contribute to a scholarship fund or start a new scholarship fund? Contact us at info@4ccf.org or (810)798-0909.



Let's Get Children Outdoors!

Since 2010, Four County Community Foundation has proactively granted over \$125,000 to subsidize field trip fees and transportation expenses for area students to attend Seven Ponds Nature Center, Stony Creek Metropark, and Wolcott Mill Metropark. The goal of these cumulative grants has always been to provide learning experiences outside of the classroom that will motivate children to spend more of their free time outdoors and eventually pursue interests in biology, animal science, or environmental studies. Field

trips such as these supplement classroom education, but also enrich our children's lives in an "unplugged" environment.



At **Seven Ponds Nature Center**, field trips have been provided at no cost to over 1,400 students from Almont, Armada, Capac, Dryden, Imlay City, Oxford, and Romeo. Grant funds were also used by Seven Ponds for an exceptional program called Annie's BIG Nature Lesson, which is a five-day learning experience designed to give students and their teachers a new appreciation of the natural world. Through observation and scientific

inquiry, students develop a deeper understanding of nature, while enriching their regular studies of math, science, and language arts. In addition, the program is designed to lead children to responsible environmental stewardship. Four County Community Foundation also provided support for the Seven Ponds naturalists to attend three days of training and the teachers to attend a one-day workshop.

At both **Stony Creek** and **Wolcott Mill Metroparks**, field trips have also been provided at no cost to over 2,000 area students. The field trips are an effective way to give students a greater appreciation of local history, food production, and the natural world. At Stony Creek, students learn about the Lives of the Voyageurs or Winter Wildlife. Stony Creek also offered area teachers a Project WILD workshop, which is a wildlife-based conservation and environmental program that fosters responsible actions toward wildlife and natural resources. At Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center, students learn about the historical significance of grist mills and meet all six heritage breeds of dairy cows on the 250-acre working farm.

A field trip to any one of these parks is priceless and we are proud of our Proactive Committee and their continued commitment to childhood education. Four County Community Foundation plans to continue serving the community by supporting "No Child Left Indoors" initiatives.



Field trips to Seven Ponds Nature Center, Stony Creek and Wolcott Mill are made possible by grants from the Dora and Toos Ondersma Fund and from the Jane E. Bishop Fund. Dora and Toos were sisters who moved to Imlay City from the Netherlands in 1982 to be near family after they retired. These spunky sisters were health conscious and liked spending time out-of-doors. Jane Bishop was devoted to the preservation of our global environment with an enduring love for Michigan and the Great Lakes. Contact us if you would like to help support student field trips or any of the wonderful projects sponsored by Four County Community Foundation.

4CCF YAC

The Youth Advisory Committee is a group of hard working student leaders from Almont, Armada, Capac, Dryden, Imlay City and Romeo Schools. These young philanthropists are dedicated to making a difference in their communities.



2016 YAC Members



2016 YAC Officers



Filling Up Food Pantries

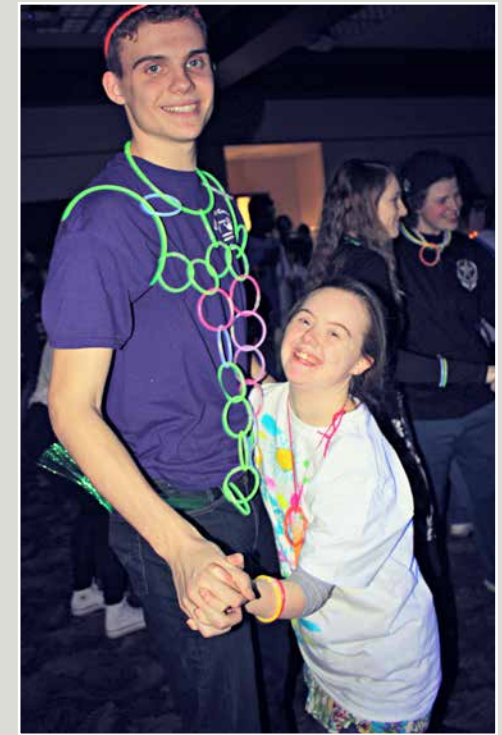
YAC members helped to fill local food pantries with a letter-writing campaign asking for donations from community members and local businesses. Monies donated to the food pantries were then doubled by a matching grant from Four County Community Foundation.



YAC members McKennah Hopkins, Shelby Husovsky and AJ Geoit, from Capac High School

Backpack Give-Away

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee enjoyed making a difference at the Capac backpack give-away.



Enjoyable Afternoon at the Glow Dance

YAC members were invited by Lapeer Ed Tech Special Education to participate in a Glow Dance. Both groups worked hard to decorate the cafeteria, and then danced the afternoon away. It was lots of fun for all, and we look forward to working with the Ed Tech students again this year.

Four County Community Fund

AmazonSmile Foundation
Club General Motors
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Mary Ann Daniel
Dale R. Ellery
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Susan Petraitis
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In honor of Dr. Clifton & Holly Clendenan
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In memory of Howard Bauer
Janet S. Bauer
Gerald & Marilyn Bracy
Lisa Brown
John & Connie Brzozowski

Capac Youth Sports Project Fund

Village of Capac
Lynn Township
Capac Community Schools
Riley Township
Berlin Township
Emmett Township

Mary Chinoski Scholarship

Josephine Grider

Joseph & Bertha Corrión Charitable Fund

Robert & Rhea Corrión

Laura Campbell
Katherine Eschenburg
Susan L. Gainer
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Sara Kruger
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In memory of Bob Brozowski

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In memory of Linda Felton

Jeffrey & Francine Weingartz

In memory of Clem Hoover

Philip H. Currier

In memory of Ted McFarlane

Dr. Jim Sillers

In memory of Tom Turner

Bret & Laura Schapman

Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County

In memory of Carol Georgeff
John & Marcia Bacholzky

Linda M. Felton Memorial Scholarship

Imlay City Community Schools

Four County Community Foundation Home

Sara Kruger

Steven Fritz Sr. Memorial/Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of the Romeo Area

Almont Education & Community Fund

American Tree, Inc.
Micaela & Gary Boomer
John & Connie Brzozowski
Thomas & Sandra Edwards
Four County Community Foundation
Louis & Dina Miramonti
In honor of Bob & Beverly Wilson
Gretchen Hough

Armada "Al Verlinde" Community Fund

Four County Community Foundation
Susan Vagi

In memory of Al Verlinde

John King
Tom Reuter
Michael & Debra Shall
Rob Sowinski
Sharon Verlinde

Roland W. Graubner Endowment Fund for the Romeo District Library

Marina Kruse
Ralph & Judith Weibel
In memory of Roland W. Graubner
James Roland Eubank

Victoria E. Hill Memorial Fund

Grace E. Hill

Imlay City Educational Endowment Fund

Thomas & Sherry Bissett
Michael & Tiffany Dyer
Kim Perreault
Joel & Susan Thomas
Donald & Michelle Wood

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Armada Education Foundation Fund

Armada Educational Foundation
Mike & Brenda Pinskey
Steve & Kyle Stark
In memory of Al Verlinde
Sharon Verlinde

Nancy B. Barr Scholarship Fund

Gerald H. Barr

G. Clare & Jane W. Bishop Memorial Fund

David Bishop

The Blonde Scholarship

Mitch & Dawn Blonde

4CCF Board Emeriti, Dr. Laura Schapman and her father, Dr. James Sillers



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Dr. Jim Sillers

In memory of Raymond Hill

Hal & Jan Hooks

In memory of Grant & Doris Muir

Hal & Jan Hooks

In memory of Harold Schonfeld

Hal & Jan Hooks

Imlay City Historical Commission Fund

Sandy Neely

Frederick Radelt

Dr. Jim Sillers

In memory of Robert Brandt

Kathleen Brandt

In memory of Beverly Dick

Donald Dick

In memory of Doris Muir

Imlay City Historical Commission

In memory of Lylie Powers

Dean & Helen Goodrich

In memory of Ethel Richard

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