



Four County Community Foundation

2018 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Chairperson and President & CEO Message

Celebrating the Past, Present and Future

In this busy world we live in, it is important to pause and reflect on the accomplishments that have taken place over the thirty-one years that Four County Community Foundation has been in existence. Thank you for your continued commitment to the Foundation and your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Without you, the programs and services that the Foundation provides would not be possible.

Janet will be retiring at the end of this year and considers it an honor and privilege to have served Four County Community Foundation as its President & CEO for twenty years. During her tenure, the Foundation has grown from \$4.9 million to \$16 million in net assets. In its first eleven years, the Foundation awarded \$1.6 million in grants. Under Janet's leadership, the Foundation returned \$7 million in grants to the community. Janet will always cherish the experience of being a part of Four County Community Foundation.



John has served Four County Community Foundation for ten years as a Trustee and as Board Chairperson. In his three years as Chairperson, John implemented a strategic plan and hosted annual “friendraising” events to increase the Foundation’s visibility in the community. He also introduced a community-at-large volunteer role which allows individuals to serve on the Foundation’s committees and assist in a variety of ways. In January, John will leave the Board of Trustees, but will continue to volunteer as an Emeritus Trustee.

We both believe in leaving things better than we found them. As the Foundation transitions to new leadership, we look forward to its continued growth and progress. Since most of its funds are endowed, we know that Four County Community Foundation will continue to make a difference - forever. We challenge you to join us and continue your support. The future looks bright for Four County Community Foundation!

The April Millsap Memorial Fund

The April Millsap Memorial Fund was developed to honor a young lady who had a deep passion for education, poetry and writing, and animals. The fund awards college scholarships to students graduating from Armada High School. The first two recipients of the April Millsap Memorial Scholarship were awarded in June, 2018 to two of April's classmates.

April Millsap was only 14 years old when she died. Her time here was short, but impactful. Like many children these days, April's parents were divorced. She lived with her mother in Armada. April was determined not to let her circumstances bring her down. Her experiences helped her develop a maturity beyond that of a teenage girl. April was the person others went to for sympathy and a listening ear. Her friends described her as loyal, down-to-earth, and kind.



2018 scholarship winners Corrine Wegner and Mitchell Ruczynski, along with April's mother, Jennifer Millsap



April was also quiet and shy. She did not like attention and chose rather to observe and learn from others. She learned to see the world beyond herself. She paid attention to the natural world around her; her dog, nature, and the changing seasons. Her observations turned into a passion for writing short stories and poetry. The peacefulness and beauty of the nearby walking trail inspired April's writing.

As a reminder of all aspects of her personality, she is honored through this fund. April's dream of one day becoming a veterinarian and a writer is celebrated. Her impulsive smiles and meaningful observations still bring us joy today. This is our way of celebrating April's life and her passions. Since we could not catch a shooting star, we developed this fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Position

	for year ending	
	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 787,571	\$ 1,195,144
Investments	15,207,097	12,972,452
Beneficial Interest in Trust	140,000	30,000
Prepaid Expense	17,242	17,335
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	134,331	139,702
Other Assets	1,409	1,199
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,287,640	\$ 14,355,832
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 13,042	\$ 9,446
Grants Payable	95,411	76,478
Other Liabilities	3,037	2,515
Total Liabilities	\$ 111,490	\$ 88,439
Net Assets - Temporarily Restricted	140,000	30,000
Net Assets - Unrestricted	16,036,150	14,237,393
Total Net Assets	\$ 16,176,150	\$ 14,267,393
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 16,287,640	\$ 14,355,832

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

	for year ending	
	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
REVENUES		
Contributions		
Unrestricted	\$ 187,024	\$ 735,075
Temporarily Restricted	140,000	66,490
Investment Income, net of expenses	270,477	249,833
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains	1,947,892	748,967
Other Revenue	210	1,014
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,545,603	\$ 1,801,379
EXPENSES		
Program Services, including grants	\$ 471,668	\$ 411,636
Support Services		
Management and General	91,216	82,775
Fundraising	5,804	6,010
Donor Development	68,158	57,489
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 636,846	\$ 557,910
NET ASSETS		
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 1,908,757	\$ 1,243,469
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	14,267,393	13,023,924
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 16,176,150	\$ 14,267,393

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.

OUR FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Four County Community
Jane E. Bishop Memorial
Sam & Eleanor Mendola
Dora & Toos Ondersma
Dr. James & Ann Sillers

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Friends of the Foundation Operations

NON-ENDOWED FUNDS

Capac Youth Sports Project
President's Advised
Romeo Community Schools Athletic Enhancement

COMMUNITY FUNDS

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

DESIGNATED AGENCY FUNDS

Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County
Roland W. Graubner Endowment for the Romeo
District Library
Imlay City Historical Commission
Romeo Community Archives
Symphonia Chorale Endowment

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Armada Education Foundation
"Stay Strong Stan"-Stanley Ian Babinski Memorial
Andy Beam Memorial
🌱 G. Clare & Jane W. Bishop Memorial
Justin C. "Jut" Bullock Memorial Scholarship
Capac Adolescents Preventing Abuse & Crime
Capac Educational Endowment

Darin Conrad Education
Joseph & Bertha Corrión Charitable
Linda Muir Grant - Imlay City Schools
Alumni Association
Victoria E. Hill Memorial
Imlay Area Christian Community
Imlay City Schools Alumni Association
Lawrence & Rose Juip Memorial
Key Players Athletic Foundation
Ligon Brothers
Marshall Lock Memorial
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
Romeo Historical Society /
Charles E. Keller
Dr. Bernard J. Stremmer Memorial
Waterloo Hunt Club Donor Advised
Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Foundation

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

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

🌱 represents new fund in 2017 or 2018



FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS (CONT.)

Healthy Seniors/Healthy Youth
Healthy Seniors/Healthy Youth 2
Imlay City Educational Endowment
W. K. Kellogg Youth
Lapeer Regional Hospital Endowment
🌳 April Millsap Memorial
Harry Moore
Richmond Rotary Foundation
Robert "Tiger" Fruin Memorial
Lloyd Veitch
Loral Watson Memorial Endowment
The Women's Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Nancy B. Barr Scholarship
John R. & Iris M. Bartholomew &
Polly Ann Boldt Scholarship
The Blonde Scholarship
Capac Educational
Athletic Booster Scholarship Endowment
Harry Bussell
Capac Youth Scholarship
Marion & Robert Fischer
Robert Wayne Creger Sr. Memorial
Scholarship Foundation
Cryderman-Hebblewhite Agriculture
Howard & Marie Dahn Scholarship
Hilda M. Hill Memorial Scholarship
Imlay City Educational
Grettenberger
Alvin Norlin
Glenn L. Smith II Memorial
Lee Weyer Athletic
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Ruth Isaacson Memorial Scholarship
Knights of Columbus Council #7018
Roman Catholic Scholarship



Laurie Lee Memorial Scholarship
Russell W. Ligon Memorial
Engineering Scholarship
Michigan Association of Professional
Insurance Agents Scholarship
William & Betty Morrison Memorial Scholarship
Murdie Educational
North Macomb Soccer Club Scholarship
Lyle & Joyce Powers Scholarship -
Imlay City Schools Alumni Association
Romeo Community Schools
American Legion
Dan Barnabo
Boosters Club
David Brockman
Mary Chinoski
Steven Fritz Sr. Memorial / Romeo Kiwanis
Ellis C. Haskell
Haskell Trust

Al Moran Scholarship Award
Eldon Mueller Memorial
David L. Olson / Rotary Club
Julie Pihlaja Korb Memorial Scholarship
Sisson
Starkweather / Garvin
Tabar-Schultz Scholarship
Watchdog Scholarship
Ruth M. Sayles Memorial Scholarship
George S. Souten Scholarship
Vera Souten Medical Field Scholarship
St. Clement Church & K of C Council #7018
College Scholarship
Albert Himes and Jean Currey Stanwood
Memorial Scholarship
Brian Verstrete Memorial Scholarship
Floyd W. West Memorial Scholarship
Lewis Wilson Music Scholarship
Xi Gamma Rho of Beta Sigma Phi

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Arts and Culture



The Almont Marching Band is performing in new uniforms, thanks to the Almont Music Boosters and 4CCF. The Foundation is pleased to support Arts and Culture in the communities we serve. From uniforms and concerts-in-the-park, to historic preservation and commemorations, Arts and Culture help to make our community a delightful place to live.



Other Arts and Culture Grants:

Village of Almont – Concert in the Park series

Village of Armada – Summer Jams

Lapeer County – Veteran's Welcome Home, Brothers

Health and Human Services



4CCF continues to support programs that deliver food and other necessities to disadvantaged citizens in the communities they serve. Every August, 4CCF supports the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and the Capac Backpack and Food Truck for eligible families. In addition to annual grants, YAC and Board members volunteer their time to help the events run smoothly.



For over 30 years, 4CCF has supplied funds to purchase flu vaccine for the annual free clinic at what is now the Henry Ford Health System's Bruce Township facility. That's thousands of vaccinated individuals!



Lapeer County District Court is working to rehabilitate non-violent drug/alcohol addicted offenders, increase public safety, and educate the community through the Drug/ Sobriety Court, funded for the first year through a partnership with Lapeer County Community Foundation and Four County Community Foundation. The court facilitates treatment in the form of counseling, random drug testing, home visits, and job placement to stop the cycle of addiction.

Other Health and Human Services Grants:

Hospices of Henry Ford – program support

Hospices of Michigan – program support

Lapeer Kids in New Directions (KIND) – program support

Love, INC. – emergency housing and utilities

Loving Hands Clinic – medical support services

Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) – program support

Simpson Park Camp – AED unit for soccer fields

South Oakland Shelter – program support

St. Paul's Church – Food for Families program

Samaritan House – The Sharing Tree

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Education



In 2017, 4CCF and its fund partners awarded over \$190,000 in scholarships to students in the communities it serves. 4CCF has scholarships for students pursuing trade and technical certification, as well as four-year university degrees. Some funds award one-time scholarships and others award for four years. 4CCF has one scholarship especially for performing arts majors, one for engineering and computer science majors, and another for students looking at a career in human or animal medicine. 4CCF manages more than fifty scholarship funds for our eight local school districts.



Each spring, girls from Lapeer County gather at the Lapeer Vocational/Technical center to participate in the Annual STEM Conference. Students are able to try some distinctive STEM-related projects such as designing a mag-lev car or dissecting a shark. The girls and their parents also hear inspiring words from a young woman from Lapeer County who is successfully working in a STEM career.



Area students participate in Annie's BIG Nature Lesson, spending five school days at Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden. The program uses natural history to teach math, reading, writing, and of course, science! The students end the week by completing an environmental stewardship project at the Nature Center. 4CCF proudly supports field trips so our students are able to get out and learn at Seven Ponds!



Sometimes it's hard to sit still. These rocking stools help students stay on task as they complete reading activities in the Resource Room at Weston Elementary School in Imlay City.

Other Education Grants:

Almont Community Schools – geometry manipulatives

Armada Area Schools – clay art supplies

Armada area schools – Morley Candy field trip

Capac Community Schools – FFA State Convention

Capac Community Schools – Mock Trial

Capac Community Schools – athletics program support

Dryden Community Schools – math lab project

Dryden Community Schools – FIRST Robotics

Dryden Community Schools – yearbook project

Dryden Community Schools – ceramics classroom supplies

Imlay City Community Schools – environmental science equipment

Imlay City Community Schools – lifetime fitness program

Imlay City Community Schools – purposeful play project

Imlay City Community Schools – Flint Youth Theater program

Romeo Community Schools – Lego build project

Lapeer ISD Health Programs – vital signs monitor

Community Improvement and Public Safety



Turning Point is dedicated to addressing root causes of domestic and sexual violence. Their prevention programs aim to educate the community as a whole in an effort to meet that goal, as well as to create social change by teaching the community to become active bystanders. 4CCF continues to support Turning Point and their goals by funding shelter support, prevention education programs, and Family Fun Nights for survivors.



The Village of Almont, Almont Township, and Almont Community Schools worked together to put a School Liaison Officer in place. 4CCF sponsored the advanced training for Officer Amanda Manning to attend School Resource Officer training to extend her knowledge and skill as a law enforcement officer, informal counselor, and educator while working in the school community.

Other Community Improvement and Public Safety Grants:

Armada Township – playground improvements

Bruce Township – shared-use pathway

Capac Friends of the Library – library building project

Lapeer County Parks – Polly Ann Trail extension improvements

Romeo Rotary – scouting camp tents

Starkweather Arts Center – building restoration project

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Youth Advisory Committee was privileged to participate in the 3rd Annual Capac/Imley City Victory Day under the lights, an event that received partial funding from the YAC Kellogg Fund.



Victory Day is a fully funded sports event which allows children and young adults, ages 5-26 with cognitive, developmental, and/or physical disabilities to experience a day of football and fun at Capac Football Stadium.



YAC Members, Benjamin Roland, Lilly Rodriguez, and Reagan Roszczewski are pictured at Central Michigan University where they attended a Leadership in Philanthropy conference.



Members of the 4CCF Youth Advisory Committee help pass out backpacks at Capac's annual back to school backpack giveaway.



The 4CCF YAC was invited to spend an afternoon reading in Mrs. Bauer's kindergarten classroom at Capac Elementary School during March is Reading Month.

Mission Statement

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

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.

Janet Bauer

Mitch and Dawn Blonde

John and Connie Brzozowski

Marion and Robert Fischer

Grace Hill

Paul and Elsie Hinzmann

Ella Mae and Gertrude Murdie

Catherine and Dorothy Ondersma

Dr. James and Ann Sillers

Bernard Stremler, M.D.

Please contact the Foundation if you would like information on becoming a member of our Legacy Society.

Advisor's Circle

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

Thanks to:

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