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A Newsletter from Four County Community Foundation

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## Merger with Shelby Community Foundation Announced

**I**t's official! Four County Community Foundation is pleased to announce our recent merger with Shelby Community Foundation.

When Shelby Community Foundation approached us in 2020 with a proposal of a merger, we were excited about the idea. Not only did we share a geographic border with Shelby Township, we also shared common ideals, goals, and missions.

Shelby Community Foundation was founded in 1996 “to enhance and enrich the quality of life...for citizens of the Charter Township of Shelby by providing resources to support initiatives not normally funded through governmental sources.”

Over the last 25 years, their small but dedicated group of Directors and volunteers raised over \$1.7 million for the benefit of Shelby Township. All the while, they granted \$658,000 to community



*Located in western Macomb County, Shelby Township is home to nearly 75,000 people and has the 2nd largest school district in the State (Utica Community Schools). Shelby Township maintains 1,200 acres of picturesque parks and several miles of the Macomb Orchard Trail.*

programs and awarded \$132,500 in scholarships.

As part of the recent merger, which was effective January 1st, Shelby Community Foundation transferred the assets of 14 charitable funds totaling \$878,439 to Four County Community Foundation. Seven of these funds are permanently endowed and represent a majority of the assets.

Four County Community Foundation is also thrilled to welcome the Treasurer and one of the Directors from Shelby Community Foundation. Linda Stout and Nancy Bates were elected to our Board of Trustees in January for a term of three years.

Welcome, Shelby Township! We look forward to serving you.

## Scholarships Totaling Over \$350,000 Awarded to Local Students

**I**t was a record-breaking year for scholarships at Four County Community Foundation. Because of the generosity of our many donors, we were able to award \$352,950 to local students!

Listed below are the scholarship totals by school district:

Almont	\$46,550
Armada	\$26,600
Capac	\$93,250
Dryden	\$20,000
Imlay City	\$60,800

Memphis	\$ 1,000
Oxford	\$ 1,000
Richmond	\$16,000
Romeo	\$69,250
Utica	\$12,500
Other	\$ 6,000

*Congratulations Class of 2021!*

## “Feeding Families Forever” Golf Outing Raises \$11,000



**Fore! Holly Meadows Golf Course provided a beautiful setting for our golfers to raise money for good cause.**

Rain poured on the morning of June 18th, but that didn't deter our golfers from coming out to support a brand-new fund at Four County Community Foundation.

By afternoon, the skies had cleared (somewhat) and the golf outing to benefit “Feeding Families Forever” was in full swing.

The Feeding Families Forever Fund is a new endowment that was initiated earlier this year by our Executive Director, Kathy Dickens, to address and alleviate food security issues that so many residents in our service area are experiencing. Thanks to several generous donors and golfers, this endowed fund will be used to support local food pantries and other nonprofit organizations that provide individuals and families with food and basic necessities.

We are pleased to report that the golf outing raised \$11,000 for food security! We are especially grateful to our event sponsors:

**McLaren Lapeer Region Hospital  
Tri-County Bank**

our hole sponsors, our donors, our golfers, and our planning committee. Thank you!

At the conclusion of the golf outing, it was our

pleasure to honor one of our long-time trustees, Joe Worden (pictured below), who recently attained Emeritus status with the Foundation.

Interested in participating in our next golf outing? Stay tuned! Another golf outing is already being planned for next summer.

Want to contribute to the Feeding Families Forever Fund? Please see our donor form below.



**The golf outing celebrated Joe Worden's many years of service to Four County Community Foundation and benefitted a cause that he remains passionate about.**

Special Thanks to our Hole Sponsors!

- Mitch & Dawn Blonde
- Pamela Bryan, Coldwell Banker
- Taylor Brynaert, Tarr Financial
- Chief Financial & Accounting, LLC
- Cledenan / Hessler Chiropractic
- Bill Duggan, The Retirement Advantage MI
- North Macomb Foundation
- Barbara Redding
- Thee Office Pub & Cookery

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **Four County Community Foundation**.

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  I prefer my gift to remain anonymous

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please apply my gift to the:

- Four County Community Fund
- Other Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is  In MEMORY of OR  In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Want to help  
make a difference  
in your local  
community?  
Give today!**

CREDIT CARD DONATIONS may be made online at [www.4ccf.org](http://www.4ccf.org) or by calling the Foundation at (810)798-0909.

## 7 Questions for Estate Planners and Financial Advisors

Is your client looking for a way to leave a legacy? Do they want to make a meaningful gift that will benefit their community for years to come?

Four County Community Foundation offers many types of funds and provides the tools you need to assist your clients with their charitable activities.

### Our Funds

*Designated Fund* - supports the good work of a specific nonprofit organization

*Donor Advised Fund* - allows a donor to be actively involved in the grantmaking process

*Field of Interest Fund* - targets a specific need or geographic area

*Scholarship Fund* - helps students achieve their academic and career goals

*Unrestricted Fund* - addresses the ever-changing needs of your client's community

For more information, visit our website at [www.4ccf.org](http://www.4ccf.org). Click 'Advisors' on the menu, then check out our 'Tools for Giving.'

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Do I have clients who care deeply about their local community?
2. Do they give to more than one charitable cause?
3. Are they interested in creating a personal or family legacy in their community?
4. Are they considering the creation of a private foundation, but concerned about cost and administrative complexity?
5. Would they like to stay personally involved in the use of their gift dollars?
6. Do they want to receive maximum tax benefit for their charitable contributions under federal law?
7. Do they place a priority on sound financial management of their contributions?

Want to learn more or schedule a consultation? If so, please contact our Executive Director, Kathy Dickens, at (810)798-0909 or [kdickens@4ccf.org](mailto:kdickens@4ccf.org).

## Big News for Local Nonprofits: *The Michigan Community Resilience Program*

Four County Community Foundation is one of 13 organizations recently chosen by the Michigan Community Service Commission to help launch the Michigan Community Resilience Program. This initiative will focus on making an impact during the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts by expanding volunteerism and increasing the efficiency, effectiveness, and geographic reach of organizations throughout the state.

"We want to tap into the Michigander's grit and determination to help others and start a volunteer movement," said Michigan Community Service Commission Executive Director Ginna Holmes. "We want to ensure we collaborate across the state and that organizations have the tools and resources to support local efforts."

The program will:

- Provide technology resources that assist individuals and organizations to address community issues and connect with nonprofits through volunteering and donating. (Platforms include Nonprofit Guide, Board Connect, Skills-based Volunteer, Get Connected, REDI Leadership, and InnerView.)
- Provide support for National Days of Service Grants.
- Provide support for Governor's Service Awards Program.
- Provide disaster services preparedness grants.
- Offer remote volunteer best practices training and technical assistance.
- Provide networking opportunities.
- Provide capacity building training and resources related to volunteer management best practices.
- Provide virtual volunteering best practice training and opportunities to broaden virtual volunteerism with nonprofits.
- Support schools and nonprofits to engage youth in having a voice in developing solutions for their communities and engaging in volunteer activities.

Four County Community Foundation will be a local leader in this program and will be making sure that all of the free tools and services are communicated to nonprofits in our service area.

For more information, please contact Executive Director, Kathy Dickens.

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Michigan Community Service Commission**

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The deadlines for competitive grants are:

January 1st  
April 1st  
July 1st  
October 1st



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## Grants Totaling \$97,000 Awarded for Local Projects and Programs

Congratulations to the following organizations and schools that received a grant from Four County Community Foundation during our 1st and 2nd Quarter grant cycles:

Addison Township Fire Department  
*Lift for Life*

Almont Community Schools  
*Music Department Sound System*

Almont Project Graduation  
*Senior All-Night Party*

American Diabetes Association  
*ADA Imagine Camp*

Capac Jr/Sr High School  
*Mock Trial Team Uniforms Wrestling Program*

Council on Aging serving St. Clair County  
*Patio for Conrad Center*

Detroit Sportsmen's Club  
*Junior Division Match Fees*

Dryden Jr/Sr High School  
*Senior All-Night Party*

Family Literacy Center  
*Facility Repairs*

Feed Our Kids 2  
*Support for At-Risk Children*

Henry Ford Macomb Health Center - Bruce Township  
*Flu Vaccine Clinic*

Hispanic Service Center  
*Refrigerator for Fresh Foods*

Hospice of Michigan  
*Program Support*

Hospices of Henry Ford  
*Program Support*

Imlay City Fire Department  
*Defibrillators*

Imlay City Historical Commission  
*Program Support*

Krause Elementary School  
*Building Bird Houses*

MCREST - Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team  
*Program Support*

Oxford Township Parks & Rec.  
*Community Garden & Greenhouse*

Samaritan House  
*Program Support*

Seven Ponds Nature Center  
*Hymenoptera Hotel & Turtle Exhibits*

Shelby Township Lions Club  
*Play Park at River Bends*

South Oakland Shelter  
*Program Support*

Turning Point  
*Program Support*

United Way of Lapeer County  
*Imagination Library Project*

Weston Elementary School  
*Cardio Drumming Sets Math & Science Night Virtual Science Fair*