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# The Power of Giving

## ***HOW YOUR DONATIONS HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!***

This issue of your Newsletter is a bit different; we are focusing on what we have done with your donations. Don't worry, they are still safely and permanently invested, unless you have instructed otherwise, and the interest and dividends on these donations are making a significant impact on our community through grant making.

This issue outlines the process, from start to finish, of how a grant award is typically made during the application cycle. Grantees must meet our criteria for best practices before we can recommend them for an award. We value the trust you have put in us to make prudent financial decisions in how we spend the funds that you have donated, and we work hard to make certain that we "get it right".

There are times when community needs happen outside of grant application cycles, and needs must be addressed in a timely manner. For those special circumstances we make "pro-active" grants. These are awards made by the Foundation to organizations with the capacity to address the specific need and bring about the desired result.

The bulk of this issue is dedicated to reporting grants awarded in 2019. Without being aware, you have probably seen one or more of these grants in action. Please know, it is your donations that made the difference. These grants could not have happened without you, they are part of your gift that keeps on giving!

On behalf of the Cadillac Area Community Foundation, we wish you, and your family, a joyous Holiday Season and a very Happy and Healthy New Year!



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## 2020 APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications for Cadillac Area Community Foundation Grant Programs may be found on our website [www.cadillacfoundation.org](http://www.cadillacfoundation.org)

### CADILLAC AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community/Trustee Grants  
Feb 28 — June 30— Oct 31

Pell Grants for institutions and Organizations ONLY

Feb 28 — June 30— Oct 31

Wex.-Miss. Veterans Fund  
Accepted Anytime

Women's Giving Circle  
March 1, 2020

Youth Grant Applications Accepted September – May

### MISSAUKEE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Applications for Missaukee Area Community Foundation Grants and Scholarships may be found on their website at: [www.missaukeefoundation.org](http://www.missaukeefoundation.org)

Trustee Grants Program  
March 31 — October 1

Youth Grant Applications  
Accepted September - May

### 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

For information about Scholarship Programs, deadlines, or Application Forms, please visit our website.

[www.cadillacfoundation.org](http://www.cadillacfoundation.org)

## GRANTMAKING PROCESS: APPLICATION THROUGH AWARD

*"It is more difficult to give money away intelligently than to earn it in the first place."* - Andrew Carnegie

Giving away money for a good cause sounds great; but it is a very difficult thing to do. Unlike cutting a check and handing it over to the charity, our fiscal responsibility and oversight of the award makes certain that our involvement with the charity will continue until the grant program is completed and evaluated.

It all starts with an application, completed by the non-profit requesting the funds, and providing us a narrative about their proposed program. This includes such things as a budget specific to the funds requested, and an explanation as to how the grant fits in to their "big picture". The history, mission, and Board of Directors of the applying organization are also important components of every application.

Once a completed application is sent to the Foundation, we are required to do our "due diligence". This means that Foundation staff verify that the organization is who and what they say they are, and that they have a current, legal, non-profit status. The application is read to be certain it meets the geographic guidelines of the Foundation, and the budget is reviewed to be certain that it adds up, and it makes sense.

Once past those steps, the application is turned over to the appropriate committee for their review. Once out of committee, all applications recommended for a grant must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Some of the things that the committees look for is if the program is within the Foundations areas of interest that are published on our website; is the program duplicating a service that already exists in our community; is the program request within the budget of the Foundation; is there a true need in the community; does the program make good use of the requested dollars; and does the program have the ability to continue, without further financial investment from the Foundation, after the initial grant period.

Once a grant has final approval the necessary paperwork is sent to the grantee. The grant agreement lays out the terms of what is expected, what is permissible, and what is forbidden, in regards to the grant award.

Once the grantee program is completed, an evaluation is performed that helps determine the success, or lack thereof, of the program.

Grantmaking guidelines, applications, and deadlines are all available on our website at [www.cadillacfoundation.org](http://www.cadillacfoundation.org).

# 2019 TRUSTEE GRANT AWARDS

## **\$5,000 - Cadillac Area Public Schools - Center Lake Field Day for all CAPS Elementary Students**

Each CAPS Elementary School was able to attend the camp for a day in June 2019 to participate a variety of activities and enjoy a picnic lunch. A total of 1,155 students were able to participate in this event. This grant was awarded from the Pell Fund for Education and the Community Fund.

## **\$1,035 – Michigan State University - Parenting Education Classes**

This educational grant funded 2 separate educational series. One series, for parents of children ages 3 – 7, presented ideas on how to talk and engage with children productively; the second series was for parents of children ages 0 - 3 and dealt with building emotional skills in young children. Each series was 6 – 8 weeks in duration. These classes were funded by a grant award from the Pell Fund for Education.

## **\$10,000 – Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library - Manton Library**



Grant funds will assist in the replacement building for the Manton Library. This branch of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library has been housed in a 100 year old building, in use as a library since 1933. The new building will be 3,150 square feet and will include a children’s area, room for literacy classes, computers for community use, free Wi-Fi, and all of the amenities of a modern library. Construction of the facility will begin in the Spring of 2020, with completion in 2020. This grant was awarded from the Community Fund.

## **\$700 - Cadillac Area Public Schools - Cadillac High School Music Department**

Highly talented and motivated music students were able to participate in a Master Class with Tonic Sol Fa, an unusual opportunity for a rural area such as Cadillac. This grant was awarded from the Anna Van Houten Memorial Fund.

## **\$5,000 - Springville Township (Mesick) Community Center and Library - Youth Programs**

Grant funds will be used to purchase furniture and electronics for use in the designated areas for teens and for youth in the new Community Center/ Library Building. This grant was awarded from the Pell Fund for Education.

## **\$50,000 - Alliance for Economic Success - Economic Development**

This non-profit organization, that focuses on economic development, was contracted to support economic development for our community. This grant award was made from a field of interest fund held at the Foundation, the Economic Development Pass-through Fund.

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# 2019 TRUSTEE GRANT AWARDS

These grants are awarded from multiple grant programs to nonprofit groups and/or organizations that hold a 501 (c) (3) status, and offer programming that enhances life in our service area. The service area for the Trustee Grant Awards program is the Cadillac Area Public School District. In 2019 the following grants were awarded:

## **\$3,750 New Hope Shelter- A/C Replacement**

The 5,000 square foot shelter was in need of a central air system. The new system will improve the health and sleeping conditions for shelter residents, 45% of whom are women and children. New Hope provides over 10,000 bed nights per year at their shelters. This grant was awarded from the Community Fund.

## **\$4,739 – Cadillac Area OASIS/FRC – Health & Safety Upgrades for Shelter and Offices**

OASIS provides many services including 24 hour a day crisis support and emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. This grant helped upgrade security for survivors and staff. This grant was awarded from the Community Fund.

## **\$2,800 - Wexford-Missaukee Great Start Collaborative - Car Seat Safety Program**

This grant paid for the purchase of 40 car seats to be used by Wexford County parents. Motor vehicle deaths are a leading cause of death among children in the United States, but many of these deaths can be prevented through the use of properly installed car seats. The Car Safety Seat Program also has certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians to train parents and caregivers on proper use and installation. This grant was awarded from the Community Fund.



Gardener at the Cornerstone Community Garden.

## **\$2,500 - Cadillac Housing Commission - Cornerstone Community Garden**

This grant supported the garden at Cornerstone Apartments, a public housing community that is income based. For a small fee, community members could tend to their own plots, or donated garden beds were offered for very low income residents. Necessary garden tools, a roto-tiller, soil, water, are all available for the gardeners to use. The grant specifically funded raised garden beds and greenhouse repairs. The grant was awarded from the Community Fund.

## **\$500 - Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District - Taking the Next Step Disability Expo**

This event was held to educate and empower attendees who are dealing with a disability by making them aware of the resources available to them in the community; and to help reduce, and remove, the barriers faced by the disabled that result in poverty due to a lack of employment opportunities. This grant was awarded from the William and June Winn Fund.

## **\$2,049 - Agape Health Care Schools - Equipment for CPR Training**

This grant provided new CPR Training Manikins with electronic monitors to provide precision in CPR training to improve the effectiveness of first responders as they perform CPR on cardiac arrest victims. This equipment update was required to be compliant with updated national standards for CPR training and be able to continue offering CPR programs in the community. This grant was awarded from the Dr. Carl & Linnea Munson Fund and the Community Fund.

# 2019 PRO-ACTIVE TRUSTEE GRANT AWARDS

Sometimes grants are awarded outside of the regular grantmaking cycle to organizations with a time sensitive need that have the capacity to bring about a desired result. These are called “pro-active” grants, and they all benefit our community in some way. Pro-active grants made in 2019 include:

## **\$250 Wexford/Crawford Physician Hospital Organization - Blue Zones Project**

Blue Zones are areas where people live longer, healthier, and happier lives. Research has shown changes that communities can make to become a Blue Zone. This grant helped fund expenses to bring a speaker to our community to speak about Blue Zones, and to advise community leaders on the necessary steps to become a “Blue Zone”. These grant funds were awarded from the Community Fund.

## **\$412.50 Feeding America West Michigan – Free Food Distribution**

This grant awarded, matched by United Way of Wexford and Missaukee Counties, funded a Free Food distribution that was held February 17, 2019. This grant was awarded from the Community Fund.

## **\$711 – Mackinaw Trail Middle School – Outdoor Classroom**

This grant, from the Community Fund, was a match for the \$711 Youth Grant made in 2019.

## **\$1,000 – First Baptist Church - Cadillac Area Backpack Program.**

This ongoing program seeks to reduce childhood hunger in our community by supplying a bag of food each weekend for almost 500 eligible children when free school breakfasts and lunches are not available. This grant was awarded from the Community Fund.

## **\$1,000 - Rotary Club of Cadillac - Community Bike Racks**

With over 200 miles of multi-terrain bicycle trails, our community has become a destination for biking. Well planned bicycle parking has become an essential need for our community. These bike racks double as public art in our community and will be an amazing addition to the White Pine Trail Head as well as our downtown area. These grant funds were awarded from the Community Fund, in conjunction with \$500 from the Youth Fund, \$1,000 from Rotary Charities of Cadillac; and was matched by \$2,500 from Rotary District #6290.

## **\$2,500 – Cadillac Area Public Schools – Tony Hoffman Presentation**

Tony Hoffman is coming to our community to address the drug epidemic in a way that students are able to understand. Grant awards are from the Anna Van Houten Memorial Fund and the Pell Fund for Education. Students from Manton, Mesick, and Pine River schools are invited to attend.



Healing Private Wounds Founder Shirley Petersen (2nd from right) accepting a grant at the Foundation 30th

In conjunction with the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Cadillac Area Community Foundation, three grants were presented for \$10,000 each. Each of the recipient organizations consistently makes a significant difference in our community by delivering necessary supportive and educational services that address critical needs, and improve the lives of our local citizens.

The three organizations selected for \$10,000 grant awards were:

**Healing Private Wounds**  
**After 26 Depot Project**  
**Cadillac Area OASIS/FRC**

# 2019 YOUTH GRANT AWARDS

The Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is an Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees of the Cadillac Area Community Foundation. This Committee comprised of youth in grades 8 – 12, accepts and reviews Youth Grant applications from September through May each year. They then make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on applications to be funded. All applicants that receive grants are nonprofit groups and/or organizations that wish to offer a program or project to benefit youth ages 0 – 18 who are residents within the Cadillac Area Public School District (CAPS). Grants that were awarded from this program in 2019 are as follows:

## **\$7,500 – Boon Sports Management – Dehumidifier Purchase**

Boon Sports Management operates and manages the Wex. The grant award supports the replacement, at The Wex, of the Ice Arena dehumidifier.

## **\$1,000 – Mackinaw Trail Middle School – Day at the Museum**

The Youth Committee partnered with the school to provide 269 5<sup>th</sup> grade students with the opportunity to spend an enriching day of learning at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

## **\$1,000 – CAPS Elementary Music Program – Keys to Success**

The grant funds assisted with the purchase of two new pianos; one piano for Franklin Elementary School and one piano for Lincoln Elementary School. The piano's greatly enhanced the elementary music programs at both schools.



## **\$700 – 4-H – Mock It, Rock It Program**

Program prepares students for college and after high school by holding a day of mock interviews which includes resume writing/refinement, practice interviews with local business professionals, and training in professionalism.

## **\$500 – Project Christmas – Children's Books**

This grant purchased books for approximately 1500 children from needy families in Wexford & Missaukee Counties as part of Project Christmas, which serves around 900 needy families at Christmas time.

## **\$935 – Forest View Elementary School – Sensory Walk**

Grant revitalized a hallway in the school offering many sensory items that allow students to take a break and recharge their brains. The area is utilized for movement breaks, an indoor recess space, and is handicap friendly.

## **\$711 – Mackinaw Trail Middle School – Outdoor Classroom**

Grant funds to furnish an outdoor classroom with eight picnic tables for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts classes to be able to be held outdoors, as weather permits. When not in use by the Language Arts classes, this outdoor classroom area is available for use by other teachers and their classes.

# 2019 YOUTH GRANT AWARDS cont.



## **\$1,500 – Cadillac High School – Baking Club**

This grant was used to help start up a Baking Club open to all Cadillac High School students. Specifically, the funds were used to purchase all necessary baking equipment and supplies to stock 4 baking stations.

## **\$935 – Forest View Elementary School – Sensory Walk**

Grant will revitalizing a hallway in the school where there are many sensory items on the walls and floor that allow students to take a break and recharge their brains. The area will be utilized for movement breaks, an indoor recess space, and will be handicap friendly.

## **\$711 – Mackinaw Trail Middle School – Outdoor Classroom**

Grant funds to furnish an outdoor classroom with eight picnic tables for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts classes to be able to be held outdoors, as weather permits. When not in use by the Language Arts classes, this outdoor classroom area is available for use by other teachers and their classes.

## **\$2,500 – Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Bed Build**

Grant will help this organization purchase materials to build hand-made bunk beds, and furnish them with mattresses and bedding, for children who do not have beds of their own. This particular grant will cover 8 bed ensembles for area youth within the CAPS district.

## **\$1,050 Junior Achievement – JA for Franklin Elementary**

Approximately 120 Franklin Elementary students will have the chance to attend the high impact financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship educational programs, presented by Junior Achievement. 77% of students attending this school are considered economically disadvantaged according to the state of Michigan. This critically important program sets the students on the path to financial literacy.

## **\$500 – Rotary Club of Cadillac – Cool Bike Racks for Our Community**

This pro-active grant matches other donated funds to provide bike racks, which double as public art, throughout the downtown area as well as the White Pine (Bike) Trail Head. With over 200 miles of multi-terrain trails, Cadillac has become a bicycle rider destination. These racks will make it convenient and inviting for the rides to enjoy the downtown district, as well as provide attractive public art throughout the city.

## **\$1,000 – Mayor’s Youth Council – Movies in the Park**

This grant promoted family entertainment at the Rotary Arts Pavilion in the Cadillac Commons. 6 different movies were shown on summer evenings from June – August 2019. These family friendly movies specifically targeted high school students.

## **\$500 – Cadillac Area Backpack Program**

The Cadillac Area Backpack Program (CABP) provides nutritious food items to elementary-aged children and Cooley High School students who are at-risk of hunger when they leave school for the weekend and have no access to school meals. This grant supports the Backpack Program.



# **2019 WOMENS GIVING CIRCLE GRANT AWARDS**

The Cadillac Area Women's Giving Circle is a group of women philanthropists that have pooled their funds to annually award grants addressing the needs of women and girls in our community, and promote their economic self-sufficiency and well-being. In 2019, this group of women awarded the following grants:

## **\$5,000 – Cadillac Area OASIS/FRC - Women's Empowerment Group**

For years OASIS/Family Resource Center provided a Women's Empowerment Group, a peer support group aimed at empowering women as they heal from the psychological, emotional and physical impact of experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault. This grant award helps to removed barriers that prevent the women from being able to attend the group by providing gas cards or bus tickets, child care for attendees' children, snacks and/or meals to attendees and their children, and therapeutic item purchases to enhance materials in the group.

## **\$3,500 – Foster Closet of Michigan Wexford-Missaukee - Back to School is Cool" Event**

The Foster Closet provides new and gently used clothing articles, supplies and personal care items to children in foster, guardianship, and kinship placements, and/or to those children who are displaced from their parental homes, still attending school but considered homeless, or children ages 0 – 18 years old who are living in other temporary placement while attending school. The "Back to School is Cool" event gives these children the opportunity to "shop" the Foster Closet for new items including clothing, backpacks, school supplies, and personal care items to begin the 2019-2020 school year. The event also includes free haircuts by licensed cosmetologists. During the 2018 event, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services, 76 children were served.

## **\$1,000-Single Track Sisters Fat Bike Team Inc. – Fat Bike Purchase**

The SingleTrack Sisters Fat Bike Team utilizes the sport of fat tire biking to build focus, fitness, and confidence; and to strengthen and empower local young women ages 14 through 18 years old. In addition to biking, the girls participate in educational activities designed to develop problem solving skills, learn conflict resolution skills, and make healthy choices. The bike team is hoping to expand to 15 members in 2019, and this grant will help by providing a bike for a new member.

## **\$3,700 – Love INC - Women's Fresh Start Program**

Love In the Name of Christ (INC) mobilizes the local churches, businesses, and individuals to transform lives and strengthen our community one person and one family at a time. The Women's Fresh Start Program will help women and their children who are moving from a shelter into their own residence with immediate supplies. Items needed may include mattresses, bedding, basic furniture, household items and personal care products.

## **\$500 – Healing Private Wounds – Projector Purchase**

Healing Private Wounds is an advocate for the health and welfare of all victims of sexual abuse. They also provide Sexual Abuse Awareness and Prevention Education to stop sexual abuse; and work to make our community a healthy, happy place by eliminating sexual abuse and providing care for victims and their families. This grant award for a projector will help the organization with their Sexual Abuse Prevention Education Initiative program, which is presented to junior and high school students. In 2018, over 1000 high school students participated in the program.

## **\$4,445 – Wexford Missaukee Child Protection Council – Safe Sleep Initiative**

The Wexford Missaukee Child Protection Council is the local branch of the State of Michigan's Children's Trust Fund and serves as a voice for the primary prevention, through education, of child abuse and neglect before it happens. The Safe Sleep Initiative provides education and materials to ensure a safe sleeping environment for children under one year old.

## **\$2,900 – Baker College of Cadillac – STEM Camp Scholarships for 29 Girls**

These Scholarships provided for 29 girls to participate in Baker College's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual STEM Camp for Girls. This 2 day camp gives girls going onto 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade the chance to experiment with STEM careers in a safe and inspiring environment. This year the camp was focused on healthcare fields as local medical professionals joined the girls to teach, mentor and inspire them over the 2 day event.