Mission
The mission of the Bay Area Community Foundation is to fulfill a wide array of donors’ charitable wishes throughout Bay and Arenac counties by building permanent endowment funds and serving as a leader for community improvement through effective grantmaking and collaboration.

Vision
The Bay Area Community Foundation will be the Bay Area’s leading philanthropic resource to improve the overall quality of life throughout our community.

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Believing in Bay and Arenac counties

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Everything good begins with the belief that it is possible.

From our donors who believe they can make a difference, to our nonprofit partners who believe they can improve the human condition, you are helping make the Bay Area a better place for generations to come.

It is only through you—our friends and supporters—that the Bay Area Community Foundation was able to invest $1.71 million in grants and scholarships throughout Bay and Arenac counties in 2018. Your generosity has improved our community by:

- Leading a comprehensive effort to build STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) strength in area schools as a means of powering community prosperity
- Initiating a framework for researchers to develop new pathways for restoration of the Saginaw Bay and its watershed
- Providing access to one-on-one tutoring for young students who struggle with dyslexia
- Preserving our local history by restoring and repairing important historical buildings
- Purchasing diapers, wipes, and baby supplies for families in need
- Offering specialized training opportunities for caregivers of people with dementia
- Promoting fine and performing arts in Bay and Arenac counties—public art installments, performances, art classes, and camps, just to name a few
- Upgrading amenities of our Riverwalk and Railtrail system and at local parks throughout the area
- Outfitting low-income children with new clothes and shoes as they embark on a new school year

It is because of you that this is all possible. We thank you for believing you can make a difference . . . for believing when others may not . . . and for believing in Bay and Arenac counties.

Most importantly, we thank you for believing in the power of community. Together, we will accomplish great things.

Believing the best is yet to come,

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“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

- Coretta Scott King

Picture yourself in your home, and count every door and doorway you can think of.

Now imagine you have dementia. You’ve waited too long to get up to use the restroom, and you can’t remember which door leads to the bathroom.

How do you feel? Frustrated? Angry? Scared?

This is one demonstration that Golden Horizons’ dementia educator Bonnie Fritz often uses when conducting dementia training for caregivers. She helps them understand how a patient may be feeling, so they can work through strategies to address the situations they may encounter.
These trainings for caregivers are provided through grant funding from Bay Area Community Foundation’s Alzheimer’s Fund. The fund was established to assist those who struggle with dementia and Alzheimer’s.

Golden Horizons conducts a minimum of 24 training sessions a year—although it is usually closer to 40—for healthcare workers at nursing homes, hospice, assisted living homes, senior citizen high rises, and community organizations. Additionally, they offer free trainings for caregivers and family members at their facility every month that are open to the community.

Lisa Smith, a direct care provider through Visiting Angels Home Care, took a three-part class when she started her job. She had experience as a caregiver, but not in working with seniors. She currently works with three patients struggling with memory issues and finds that this training has helped immensely. “The best advice I remember is to get to know the patient and what they are interested in,” she said. “Sometimes it sparks a memory that allows you to connect with them.”

“Would you recommend this training to others?” we asked. Excitedly, she responded, “Yes. I already have!”

Lisa stresses that there isn’t enough information available for healthcare workers or the general public. There are many misconceptions about dementia, and these classes help dispel those.

Annette Syring, who is responsible for nurse education at Bay Medical Care Facility, agrees that the classes are very enlightening and helpful, especially as new staff members, who may not have had experience with dementia patients, join the team.

Without the foresight of a group of like-minded individuals who established the Alzheimer’s Fund, these dementia trainings would not be possible. Through this fund, BACF awarded $20,000 in 2018 to support this program and provide compassionate care for this vulnerable population.
In 2018, the Bay Area Community Foundation invested more than $1.7 million in Bay and Arenac counties. This includes $1.39 million in grants to local nonprofits to support arts and culture, community initiatives, education and youth, the environment, health and wellness, human services, and recreation.
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Brother and sister Henry and Irene stand outside their historic Bay County home where they grew up and lived their lives.
If you had met brother and sister Henry and Irene Linkowski, you would have quickly learned of their strong faith, great pride in their Polish heritage, love of travel, and generous hearts.

But, because of their unassuming nature, you might not have realized just how generous they were.

Their niece was sorting their house after they passed, and she found boxes filled with countless thank you cards they had received. She was overwhelmed—she never knew how much they had given in their lifetime.

Henry and Irene were both active in their church, volunteering their time and talents where needed. Donating and putting aside money for others was a regular practice. They also never forgot their family roots. During their entire lives they sent care packages of clothes and money to their relatives back in Poland to support them in times of need.

Their father immigrated to the United States and met his wife here. Together, they raised ten children in Bay City. Henry and Irene continued to live in their childhood home—built in 1907—until their passing.

Having never married and with no children of their own, Henry and Irene wished for a large portion of their estate to go to charities. After distributing funds to numerous nonprofits, their niece came to the Bay Area Community Foundation to invest the remainder of the sum in a scholarship fund to honor Henry and Irene’s legacy.

“Henry and Irene did so much for other people that no one ever knew about,” said their niece.

“Henry and Irene would be overjoyed and honored to know their hard work is supporting young people seeking an education to become leaders in their own communities,” their niece said.

The Henry and Irene Linkowski Memorial Scholarship was established in 2018 and will award scholarships to students attending a Michigan college or university.

Because the scholarship is endowed at the Foundation, the Linkowskis’ enduring generosity will continue forever, providing young people with new opportunities.
The Resource Center was started in 2011 and since then has assisted more than 6,000 individuals looking to further their education or career. The Resource Center provides services not only to graduating high school students looking for help with their FAFSA and scholarships, but also to elementary and middle-school aged students, current college students, adults returning to school, and individuals seeking their GED. Through one-on-one meetings, off-site presentations, and workshops, the Great Lakes Bay College & Career Resource Center is growing our community by degrees.

Continuing education benefits the person, the vibrancy of the area’s economy, and the quality of life for all members of the community. Post-secondary education is a necessity, not a luxury.

Help grow our community by degrees!

Great Lakes Bay College & Career Resource Center

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To and Through College

An educated community is a strong and vibrant community. To help prepare our residents for the future, the Bay Area Community Foundation instituted two initiatives to assist community residents in pursuing education beyond high school: the Bay Commitment Scholarship for first-generation Bay County students and the Great Lakes Bay College & Career Resource Center. The goal of both is to increase college awareness, student readiness, and success by providing information, mentoring, and needed resources such as financial support through scholarships.

Jessica utilized the Resource Center after facing some very difficult life situations. She was able to earn her associate degree from Delta College and get a job to support herself and her daughter.
Bay Area Community Foundation manages more than 175 scholarship funds that honor loved ones, inspire young leaders, and invest in our community’s future. Scholarships are available for individuals from Bay and Arenac counties in all stages of their academic career.

Starting with a single scholarship award of $300 in 1985, Bay Area Community Foundation’s scholarship program has now grown to award $293,016 in 2018 to hundreds of students working toward their continued education.

Bay Commitment Scholarship

Created by a vision to provide opportunity and to drive our area’s economic prosperity, the Bay Commitment Scholarship program awards $2,000 each for up to 100 students annually. These students are first-generation college students (neither parent who the student lives with has a bachelor’s degree) seeking a certificate or degree at Delta College or Saginaw Valley State University.

Read success stories of past Bay Commitment recipients at www.bayfoundation.org/bcsuccess.

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One such community project was the *Bay County Road Map to the Future: Action for Positive and Collaborative Community Growth* published in February 2014. Under the leadership of BACF and the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, this community visioning document came from eighteen months of listening to direct input from more than 300 local leaders. The results were a set of key elements and priority objectives necessary for community success.

To be outstanding, a community must have:

- a robust and diverse economy,
- a deep sense of place,
- a pool of talented workers and leaders,
- and the ability to meet the needs of the less advantaged.

The Road Map provides a framework for Bay County to direct its activities toward common goals that will transform a good community into a great one.

We know that to create real change, it doesn’t take the work of just one individual or one organization. It takes many, coming together and believing that the best is yet to come for our community. We are honored to work alongside you, our area’s leaders, donors, and residents to create positive change.

Please read on for highlights on how Bay Area Community Foundation is working to move the objectives of the Road Map forward.

**Great Lakes One Water Partnership**

The Road Map identified that our water resources are part of creating a strong sense of place. At the end of 2018, BACF partnered with shoreline community foundations and conservation partners from the United States and Canada to create a regional plan of action to preserve Lake Huron for future use. Together, with community input, we are developing a plan to protect our important natural resources and reduce the amount of polluted water that enters inland lakes, streams, and eventually Lake Huron through effective stormwater management.
To and Through College
A post-secondary education has become increasingly critical not only for our residents, but for our community as a whole. Research shows that people who achieve a post-secondary degree tend to be healthier and happier—less likely to get involved in crime or suffer from illness, and more likely to volunteer, vote, and engage in their communities.

BACF supports student efforts to get to and through college through scholarship programs, especially the Bay Commitment Scholarship which has invested $2 million in tuition support for Bay County’s first-generation college students. In addition, our Great Lakes Bay College & Career Resource Center opens the doors of opportunity by meeting potential students where they are at and supporting their career and education explorations in a hands-on way.

On average each year, the Resource Center directly assists more than 350 individuals, and Bay Area Community Foundation awards nearly $500,000 in scholarships to area students pursuing post-secondary degrees. Bay County recently achieved its highest level of degree attainment in its history—33.4% of adults ages 25-64 have an associate degree or higher.

Route Publication
Alongside many other community partners and leaders, we were excited to bring an electronic publication to Bay County in 2018 to tell positive stories about our area’s businesses, nonprofits, activities, opportunities, and individuals. Route tells the story of Bay County and its people. It helps the public—both near and far—understand what makes our community special and unique. Route is an important community initiative because it provides a narrative backdrop in support of the four dimensions of a thriving community, as identified in the Road Map.

Visit www.routebaycity.com to read the weekly publication and sign up to receive new stories directly in your inbox.
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The Dow communityGives grant program encourages local youth groups to volunteer in the community and earn a $1,000 grant to support their own programs and activities.
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Generous donors have made gifts in memory of the following people:

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The nature trail in Hampton Township was dedicated in memory of Joseph M. Soehnel for his tireless effort and generous spirit that made the trail possible. Pictured are Paul Revard and Barb Handy.

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Generous donors have made gifts to honor the following people in 2018:

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The 1904 Room of the Pere Marquette Depot was dedicated to the Great Lakes Center Foundation Board Members who stepped forward to preserve the beauty of the historic building for the community. Special honor was given to Charley Curtiss in recognition of his vision and dedication.
**Unrestricted Funds**
Gives BACF the ability to respond to our community’s most pressing charitable needs and promising opportunities.

**Field of Interest Funds**
Supports particular interest areas, program initiatives, causes, or geographic areas.

**Donor Advised Funds**
Allows donors to be actively involved in the grantmaking process.

**Nonprofit Funds**
Designated and agency funds sustain a specific nonprofit for the future and can be established by individuals or organizations.

**Scholarship Funds**
Provides financial support for students pursuing continued education.

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**Guiding Focus: 2016 - 2018**

BACF’s Guiding Focus is designed to achieve the Foundation’s mission to fulfill donor wishes, build endowment funds, and serve as a leader in Bay and Arenac counties. The Guiding Focus is intended to provide flexibility to respond to changing needs or new developments in the community.

**Focus Area #1 — Donor Development**
Promote charitable giving by providing consistent engagement with donors through implementing planned giving initiatives, annual and legacy giving, and funding within and outside of Bay and Arenac counties to support initiatives led by the Foundation.

**Focus Area #2 — Community Initiatives**
Serve in a leadership capacity to implement mission related investments (MRI) or initiatives that address community needs identified by BACF, such as providing assistance to residents seeking post-secondary education, encouraging the growth of donor and first-generation sponsored scholarships, developing youth through the Youth Advisory Committee, promoting access to water resources and the Saginaw Bay, and supporting the Bay County Road Map to the Future.

**Focus Area #3 — Grantmaker**
Award grants consistent with BACF initiatives and donor wishes in the established community investment sectors with emphasis on programs which improve employment opportunities and the economy through education, help break the cycle of poverty, create more access to the Saginaw Bay, and enhance the local environment.

**Focus Area #4 — Knowledge Broker and Collaborator**
Serve as a coalition builder, convener, and knowledge resource to provide information or lead collaborative efforts that enhance the quality of life in Bay and Arenac counties.

**Focus Area #5 — Administration**
Provide sound Foundation operations and timely reporting to ensure ethical and transparent communication of Foundation processes.
## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position 2018

*Year ended December 31, 2018*

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Independent auditors: Rehmann Robson — Certified Public Accountants.
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