Mural under the west side of Veteran’s Bridge is now complete!

With grants from the Community Initiative Fund and the Youth Advisory Committee, Studio 23 coordinated a design contest among Bay Area high schools.

Winner and Western High School student Bridget Hunsinger worked alongside MARKed Arts to complete her painting.

“It still feels surreal,” she said. “I learned so much from this experience.” She hopes to one day have a career in the graphic novel industry.

Make sure to check it out next time you’re at Veteran’s Park!

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More than $4 Million Awarded in Scholarships in the Past 10 Years

This year, 370 individual scholarships were awarded in the spring to help provide financial assistance during their next academic journey, totaling $457,744.

Providing Bay County residents with access to college is essential in building a growing and thriving community, and the Bay Area Community Foundation strives to provide scholarships to as many students as possible. In the past ten years, the Foundation has provided more than $4 million in awards.

This year, the Bay Commitment Scholarship, which grants to first-generation college students attending Delta College or SVSU, awarded 92 students each with $2,000 scholarships. Donor sponsored scholarships awarded an additional $273,744 to 227 recipients.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the Scholarship Fund Committees who volunteer their time to review stacks of applications, often having to make difficult decisions between greatly deserving applicants.

We congratulate all students and wish them the very best as they take this next step in their academic journeys.

Welcome BACF’s New Trustees

Max Holman
Bay Cast, Inc.

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Moulthrop-Clift, Inc.

Clarence Sevillian
McLaren Bay Region

Dee Dee Wacksman
Community Volunteer

View complete list of scholarship recipients at www.bayfoundation.org

On June 7, hundreds of students were celebrated and awarded with scholarships from the Foundation.
Fifth-graders 3D-Print an Arm for a Local Woman

A grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation has turned young learners into young philanthropists.

Thanks to a grant from the Dow Corning Foundation Donor Advised Fund held at the Bay Area Community Foundation, Bangor Township Schools was able to purchase a 3-D printer for a fifth grade classroom. After learning the basics of the printer through designing a print of their names, students collaborated to use science for good.

The students printed an arm and hand for a woman in the community. They started by meeting with her multiple times to take measurements and ensure their designs would be accurate. They built the “Alfie arm” design by an organization called Enabling the Future.

“While working on this project, students were able to see the design process in real time and in real life!” said their teacher, Janel Caverly.

Later, they printed the parts to build another arm and hand for a first grader in one of the Bangor schools.

“This grant has given our class a greater purpose,” Caverly said. “It has given our class this new mission and helped propel us to launch other initiatives that use technology to help others.”

Because of this grant, students were not only able to develop new skills and discover new technology, but they also have become young philanthropists!

To learn more about the many funds held by the Bay Area Community Foundation, or about starting a fund of your own — visit our website at www.bayfoundation.org.

Recently Established Funds at Bay Area Community Foundation

Wenonah Park Maintenance and Operations Designated
Wenonah Park Maintenance and Operations Agency
Northern Bay County Scholarship Fund

Deciding to Give

People give for a number of reasons, all very personal to them.

What motivates you?

Since 1982, we’ve come to know that many Bay Area residents want to leave a legacy of giving beyond their lifetimes—for generations to come. Numerous individuals and families who love this community have committed funds to ensure a better future through legacy gifts to the Community Foundation.

In order to help you focus your thoughts around the kind of legacy you want to create, the Bay Area Community Foundation has a checklist designed to help you and your professional advisor determine the custom giving solution that’s right for you.

Perhaps you feel strongly about a cause. Perhaps an organization has touched your life or the lives of loved ones. Maybe you want to create a legacy and set an example that inspires others to give. Or your giving is a way to get your family together and pass along your values to younger generations.

For as many motivations as there are to give, there are ways of giving. The key to having a rewarding giving experience is finding the best fit—for your charitable priorities, financial goals, and personal preferences.

Bay Area Community Foundation is here to help you make informed decisions about smart, meaningful philanthropy. Over 35 years, we’ve earned our reputation as a reliable steward of financial investments that make a difference. We can help you realize your intentions and ensure your legacy of generosity.

Download a copy of our “Deciding to Give” checklist at bayfoundation.org
Climbing Wall at Camp Fish Tales Takes Campers to New Heights

In the spring, Camp Fish Tales was awarded a grant of $5,000 from the Northern Bay County Endowment Fund to build a climbing wall that presents a new challenge for campers of all abilities and skill levels.

“I’m scared. I can’t hold on. I can’t do it,” Camp Fish Tales camper Caleb said halfway up his first time on the new rock climbing wall. Caleb was unsure of his abilities, but he really wanted to see if he could do it. After letting go and learning to trust that he wouldn’t get hurt, Caleb propelled back to the ground where his counselors were waiting to make sure he was safe and congratulate him for going so high.

After a short break, he once again clipped on his helmet and started the climb. This time, step by step, he gained more confidence and even sounded the buzzer at the very top of the wall. When he came back down, everyone clapped and gave him high-fives. His face beamed with a smile for the rest of the day, and you could tell he was proud that he conquered his fear.

Camp Fish Tales provides a unique and exciting outdoor learning experience where individuals with special needs interact and develop skills that enhance their health, abilities, independence, and quality of life.

Through a grant this spring from the Northern Bay County Endowment Fund, Camp Fish Tales was able to build a climbing wall to present a new challenge to their campers.

“This activity is truly universal as it addresses all individuals regardless of their size, shape, ability level, fear, or social factors,” said Beth Dow, Executive Director at Camp Fish Tales.

“Many of the movements in climbing are natural and instinctive and require minimal instruction, allowing children to work outside their own comfort zone in a safe atmosphere.”

The Northern Bay County Endowment Fund is a fund held at the Bay Area Community Foundation that supports projects and programs that specifically impact Northern Bay County. Grants given from this fund are a part of the Foundation’s semiannual grants. Grant applications for fall grants open on August 1 and are due October 2.

For a complete listing of funds currently available for grants, visit www.bayfoundation.org.
Dear Friends of the Foundation,

It has been my pleasure to serve as President & CEO of the Bay Area Community Foundation over the past 10 years. It is now the time in my life to focus on family and traveling as my parents live in North Carolina, and our children and their families live in Muskegon and Cleveland. I will miss working with the outstanding members of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees and all of those who have helped contribute to the Foundation’s success. Please be assured the Foundation’s professional staff will continue the tradition of carrying the organization forward “For Good. For Ever.”

I have enjoyed being part of the Foundation’s growth from $27 million in 2007 to over $36 million in assets today. This growth has only been possible through the generosity of our many donors and the commitment you give to this community. It has been exciting to assist students pursue their post-secondary education dreams through the Bay Commitment Scholarship and the many donor sponsored scholarships. It has been extremely gratifying to work alongside community leaders to develop and implement the Bay County Road Map to the Future and to help our many nonprofit partners build their endowment funds. And it has been a great honor to represent the Foundation by serving on the boards of Council of Michigan Foundations, Michigan College Access Network, Northeastern Estate Planning Council, Mid-Michigan Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and McLaren Bay Region.

The Board of Trustees has begun a search for my replacement. The Board has retained Ellen Charlebois of In-Fusion Group, LLC to assist in the recruitment effort. The full job posting can be found at www.bayfoundation.org or by contacting Ellen at ellen@in-fusiongroup.com. My last day with the Foundation will be in the middle of December.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted me over the years. Together we have built a dynamic community foundation that collaborates with individuals and organizations to ensure Bay and Arenac Counties continue to grow and thrive for many years to come.

Warm Regards,

Eileen

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After 10 years of service, Eileen A. Curtis to Retire

Eileen A. Curtis, President & CEO of the Bay Area Community Foundation, has announced her retirement effective December 2017.

You raised $77,518 for local nonprofits!

With the first gift at 12:01 am and the last at 11:59 pm, Give Local Bay truly was a 24-hour giving day. Give Local Bay took place this year on May 2 and encourages you to “give where you live.”

During this single day event, we received 442 donations averaging $115 per gift! These funds will build these organizations’ individual endowment funds so that our area’s nonprofits will benefit for years to come. Thank you to all who participated!

2017 Give Local Recap

- Total # of Donations: 442
- First Time BACF Donors: 158
- Total $ Donated: $77,518

Save the Date for 2018: May 2

“...we greatly appreciate everything the Bay Area Community Foundation does for us! Thank you for Give Local Bay!”

- Jeremy Rick, Bay Area Women’s Center

2017 Business Sponsors

Thank you to our Business Sponsors for showing their support for the work of the Bay Area Community Foundation.

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To learn more about becoming a Bay Area Community Foundation Business Sponsor, please contact Lisa Bourdon-Krause at the BACF office at 989.893.4438

On June 21, we celebrated our business sponsors with a special luncheon in their honor. Because of their support, BACF is able to pay for special events and receptions throughout the year.
Key Dates: 2017 BACF Grants Deadlines
Did you know that the Bay Area Community Foundation administers several grant programs throughout the year?

See bayfoundation.org for more details about the various grants available.

Bay Area Community Foundation Semiannual Grants
October 2nd

Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund
August 1st and November 1st

Dow Chemical Donor Advised Fund
September 15th

Leslie L. Squires Foundation
October 1st

Dow communityGives
Ongoing

Questions? Feel free to contact Joni King at the BACF office at 989.893.4438.

A Lindsay School third-grade class received a DowGives grant for spending a day cleaning up Defoe Park.

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.