$333,601 Awarded in Spring Semiannual Grants

Congratulations to our 2018 spring grantees:

- Alzheimer’s Association - Greater Michigan Chapter
- Arenac County Central Dispatch
- Arenac County Historical Society
- Bay Area Women’s Center
- Bay Arenac Intermediate School District
- Bay County Child & Senior Citizen Center
- Bay County Department of Health and Human Services
- Bay County Health Department
- Bay County Pinconning Park
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Great Lakes Bay Region
- CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region
- Chippewa Watershed Conservancy
- City of Bay City
- City of Pinconning
- City of Pinconning Downtown Development
- Dow Bay Area Family Y
- Fish Tales, Inc.
- Friends of the Arenac Heritage Route Authority
- Good News Ministries Lutheran Church
- Great Lakes Bay Foundation
- Hell’s Half Mile Events
- Humane Society of Bay County
- Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Northeast Michigan Arts Council
- Pinconning Advancement Academy
- Pinconning Area Emergency Food Pantry
- Pinconning Area Schools
- Safe Harbor Community Center
- Saginaw Valley State University
- Special Olympics Michigan-Area 9
- St. Mary’s of Michigan Standish Hospital
- Standish Sterling Central High School
- State Theatre of Bay City
- Sterling Area Health Center
- Studio 23/The Arts Center
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- United Way of Bay County
- YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region

The next deadline for semiannual grants is October 2. If you’re interested in applying, please contact Joni King at 989.893.4438.

Give Local Bay Raises Nearly $93k
Thanks to you, we raised $15,000 more than last year during our 24-hour giving day event for local nonprofit funds.

Bay Commitment Success Story Highlight: Mallory Rivard
Awarded with the Bay Commitment Scholarship in 2013, Mallory is now a school teacher for Bay City Public Schools.

Climbing Wall Gives Children with Disabilities an Interactive Learning Experience
A grant from the Nathalie Awrey Memorial Fund enhances a local museum’s Adaptive Play Project.
“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

– African proverb

At last week’s Annual Report to the Community event, we spoke about why we chose the words “better together” to guide our work. We shared the story of a young woman named Jessica, which beautifully illustrated how we are better together.

BACF first met Jessica when she visited our Great Lakes College and Career Resource Center for help applying to college and completing financial aid documents. Unfortunately, Jessica ran into some very difficult life situations and ended up seeking a safe haven for herself and her daughter at the Bay Area Women’s Center.

Without a job or clear picture of where her life was headed, Jessica participated in the YWCA Getting Ahead program. Getting Ahead is a 13-week workshop for women, which involves a combination of self-reflection and economic education. Upon completion of this program, our College and Career Resource Center staff reconnected with Jessica, helped her complete paperwork for Delta College, and provided advice on how to use work study to supplement her education without losing necessary government benefits. Jessica’s work study with the Bay County Library System allowed her to bring her daughter to work, which was essential in helping her daughter to feel safe.

Jessica earned a certificate in youth services this past May from Delta College and is now working on an Advanced Youth Services Certificate. She will also begin working at Delta in the fall.

The Bay Area Women’s Center. YWCA. Bay County Libraries. Delta College. The College and Career Resource Center. All of these organizations provided help to Jessica at critical junctures and each is supported by Bay Area Community Foundation. Jessica credits the combined efforts of all of the agencies for her ability to create a better life for herself and her daughter, proving that we are better together.

Better together,

Diane M. Fong, President & CEO

Welcome BACF’s New Trustees
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Recently Established Funds at BACF
Bay City Western Creating Community Fund
Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Designated Fund
Great Lakes One Water Partnership Fund
Healthy Community Fund
Wolthuis Family Teaching Scholarship
Nearly Half a Million Awarded to Local Students in Scholarships

This year, 370 individual scholarships were awarded in the spring to help provide financial assistance to local students during their next academic journey, totaling $493,016.

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 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.

Since the scholarship began 10 years ago, the Bay Commitment Scholarship has assisted 1,000 students in achieving their academic dreams.

Donor Sponsored Scholarships

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 this year to hundreds of students working toward their continued education.

Give Local Bay 2018 Raised Nearly $93k for Bay and Arenac Nonprofit Funds!

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 1 and encourages you to “give where you live.” This year, you helped us raise $15,000 more than last year!

During this single day event, we received 497 donations averaging $130 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!

2018 Give Local Recap

- Participating Nonprofit Funds: 45
- Total Number of Donations: 497
- First-time BACF Donors: 158
- Total Dollars Donated: $92,827

Save the Date for 2018: May 7

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor LiUNA–Local 1098 and our Supporting Sponsor MCI Insurance for making this event possible!
Adaptive Play Climbing Wall as a Therapy Approach

The new climbing wall at Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum allows Bay County children with disabilities to work with their therapists in a safe and fun environment.

For children, a trip to the museum is playtime. For their occupational, physical, and speech language pathologists, that playtime means so much more.

With play-based therapy, “the children don’t realize they are working; they feel like it is playtime,” said Scott Staszak, a Bay County occupational therapist who works with some of his children at the Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum.

Recently, Bay Area Community Foundation’s Nathalie Awrey Memorial Fund awarded the museum $1,000 for the purchase of a new climbing wall. Because climbing is done laterally instead of vertically, the wall is more approachable for children who may be scared.

In working with the climbing wall, children develop motor sequence planning skills, work on their spatial body awareness, build muscle strength, and gain confidence in coordination.

Scott’s four-year-old son Easton uses the climbing wall with his speech language pathologist. Before grabbing another handle to climb with, Easton practices by saying its color. Of all the exhibits, the climbing wall is one of his favorites.

Scott, too, uses it in his occupational therapy sessions. “The kids build a lot of confidence with the wall by succeeding at an experience they haven’t done before,” he said. “They can work on so many different skills with the climbing wall, and it’s long enough that several children can work on it at the same time.”

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Mallory graduated from Western High School and was awarded the Bay Commitment Scholarship in 2013. In 2017, she graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

As Mallory Rivard puts it, education in her family “has always been valued, but never attained.”

That is until Mallory and her older brother Mitchell Rivard changed that.

Their parents set high expectations and pushed education, which she didn’t fully appreciate as a child. But now that she’s on the other side of it—with a bachelor’s degree and a full-time teaching job—she truly values all they have done for her.

With the assistance of the Bay Commitment and additional scholarships, she was able to attend SVSU and graduate debt-free.

She is now completing her first year of teaching at McGregor Elementary in Bay City, and she’s grateful to be working in the same school system that she once benefited from.

“‘I want to inspire kids here and connect with those in Bay County,’” she said. “‘It’s my home and I want to see it flourish. I want to be a part of that.’”

She explained that the teachers she had growing up inspired her to pursue her education and were role models for her. Mallory wants to be able to do the same for the students she now teaches.

“‘This community has given me so many tools and opportunities to lead,’” she said. “‘I wanted to give back to that same community.’”

As a student at SVSU, she was able to network with professionals and teach in classrooms all over the Great Lakes Bay Region, gaining valuable experience in the process. She was also very active on campus with student organizations and academic opportunities.

She has participated with the Miss America organization since she was 18 years old and is very passionate about volunteering and “giving back.” She has coordinated countless volunteer activities, started her own volunteer program for youth, and even created a scholastic program that honors those who volunteer.

Established with memorial contributions when Michael Dwan passed away in 2007, his family created the Dwan Family Donor Advised Fund to honor his commitment to the community. Since that time, the family has directed charitable disbursements to a variety of projects.

With a donor advised fund, you’re able to recommend which nonprofits and organizations you want to grant to, and Bay Area Community Foundation (BACF) does all the work of administering the grants. With diligent financial management by BACF, you can rest assured that the fund will continue forever.

Benefits of establishing a donor advised fund with BACF:

- Enjoy cost-savings and tax advantages by giving through your fund as an alternative to direct giving or creating a private foundation.
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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.

2017 Annual Report
325 grants awarded, totaling $1.22 million
464 scholarships awarded, totaling $459,744

Download a copy of our annual report at www.bayfoundation.org

Students at Bay City Central High School are standing up against sexism and domestic violence. With a grant from BACF’s Youth Advisory Committee, their Students Against Sexism group held a “Step Up and Speak Out” community march and an anti-sexting assembly at T.L. Handy Middle School.