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## Know How 2 Go!

**B**ay Area Community Foundation will open the Bay Commitment College Access Resource Center (Center) on the first floor of the restored Pere Marquette Depot on November 8, 2010.

The Foundation received a \$50,000 grant from Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) and a \$50,000 award from Council of Michigan Foundations to support a two year pilot of a resource center designed to assist students and their families through the maze of applying for college. The Center will serve as a proactive information resource for all area students working through the steps necessary to go to college. The MCAN Grants were made possible by generous funding from The Kresge Foundation.



The Bay Commitment College Access Network was inspired by the belief that having access to post-secondary education is an investment in our children and in our community's future. Continuing education benefits the person, the vibrancy of the area's business economy, and the quality of life for all citizens. The Bay Commitment College Access Network includes funding for College Prep Service



Office Liaisons in the Bay County's four public school districts, assistance for students applying for scholarships and financial aid, and ongoing steps to stay in college.

Bay Commitment, a multi-faceted local college access network, was formed through the collaborative activities of BACF, business, and education leaders. In early 2007, a

Steering Committee of community leaders gathered to determine the feasibility of launching a local college access network in Bay County. Their efforts implemented a unique county-wide effort to assist first-generation and underserved students in overcoming barriers to post secondary education. Bay Commitment set out to change the culture in our community from one that considers college a luxury to one where education beyond high school is viewed as a necessity.





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## Your Legacy of Giving Starts Today

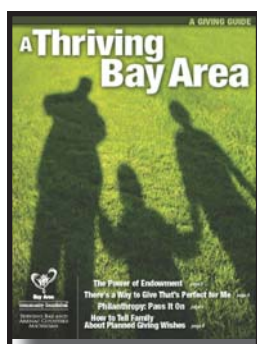
Roth IRAs are an attractive option for people who'd like to create tax-free income for retirement. Unlike traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs invest after-tax dollars-accumulation and withdrawals are tax-free. This strategy makes sense for people concerned about the potential effects of rising taxes on retirement income or high taxes when retirement assets pass to heirs in an estate.

When IRA holders transfer these assets to a Roth IRA, the amount of funds transferred is considered taxable income.

Community-minded individuals can lessen these tax consequences and advance community causes by increasing charitable contributions in the same year of the Roth IRA conversion. Ask your tax advisor if this approach is right for you.

### How it works:

- You talk with your tax advisor to determine the benefits and tax consequences of converting all or a portion of your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. You decide if this is right for you; a Roth IRA conversion is a tax-reportable transaction
- You make a gift to the community foundation from your non-IRA personal assets - you can give cash, appreciated stock, real estate, or other assets. You may want to consider a charitable gift equal to the taxable value of Roth IRA conversion assets.
- You receive maximum charitable deduction for your community foundation gift which may offset taxable income from your Roth IRA conversion.
- We can set up a special fund in your name, the name of your family, or in honor of any person or organization you choose.
- You recommend uses for the fund - support the causes and organizations you care about most. Your recommendations are presented to our community foundation board for approval.
- We handle all administrative details and issue grants to charities in the name of the fund you establish.
- Your gift can become part of an endowment that is invested to grow over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift - and all future earnings from your gift - is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.



Bay Area Community Foundation created *A Thriving Bay Area Giving Guide* to help you target your philanthropic giving. The Guide provides information on community needs, how to focus your giving, and highlights the power of endowment funds. The guide focuses on seven community investment sectors that are needed for a community to thrive (Arts & Culture, Community Initiatives, Recreation, Education & Youth, Environment, Health & Wellness, and Human Services).

We invite you to contact us to obtain your copy of *A Thriving Bay Area Giving Guide*. If you wish to receive a copy, please call the Foundation office, 989-893-4438 or email [bacfd@bayfoundation.org](mailto:bacfd@bayfoundation.org).



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## Our 2010 Business Sponsors

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- Many dedicated volunteers spent a very hot summer day painting Railtrail arrows along the 18 mile Railtrail.
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## Be the Change

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Bay Area Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee has granted \$55,000 to bring Challenge Day to eleven Bay County Schools.

### December

Cramer Jr. High School - 14th  
Garber High School - 15th & 16th  
Pinconning Middle School - 13th  
Christa McAuliffe Middle School - 14th  
John Glenn High School - 15th  
Bay City Western High School - 13th  
Western Middle School - 14th & 15th

### January

All Saints Central MS & HS - 4th  
Handy Middle School - 5th  
Bay City Central High School - 6th & 7th



Each school involved will need thirty adult volunteers. More information about each specific Challenge Day will be available on September 27. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call or email Renee Courier. 989-893-4438 or reneec@bayfoundation.org

If you would like to learn more about Challenge Day, visit their website [www.challengeday.org](http://www.challengeday.org)

## Mingle and Jingle

You can shop for the holidays while supporting the Bay Area Community Foundation.



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### ***Save the Date***

- Oct 1:** Fall grant request due
- Nov 1:** MLK scholarship application due
- Nov 18:** Mingle and Jingle: Downtown Gives Back
- Dec 1:** Scholarship application available
- Jan 12:** Regional MLK Celebration

### ***BACF Staff***

- Eileen A. Curtis**, President & CEO
- Deeann Bragg**, Director of Finance
- Kristen Bovid**, Program Officer
- Lisa Cleland**, Program Officer
- Renee Courier**, Program Officer
- Joni King**, Administrative Associate

The mission of the Bay Area Community Foundation is to fulfill a wide array of donor's 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.