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An Annual Appeal

How would you grow a thriving community? Would you build a Spray Park for families to escape the summer heat? Maybe you would revitalize neighborhoods with partnerships throughout the entire Great Lakes Bay Region. Perhaps you would even give scholarships to first generation college students. Maybe you would do all of these things or maybe you would do something completely different. No matter what your answer is the Bay Area Community Foundation wants to be your partner in growing a thriving community!

The projects and programs listed above all started as someone's own personal answer to "How would you grow a thriving community?" Within the past year, all of these possibilities became realities because of the support of generous community donors like you.

It is because of you the Bay Area Community Foundation is able to offer over 300 different endowment funds spanning seven different community focus areas. By selecting which fund to contribute to, you will choose the direction you want Bay and Arenac Counties to grow. Our future depends on what we choose to grow today. Please join us by making a year-end gift to the Foundation.



Fall 2011 Grantees

The Foundation would like to say thank you to all of our applicants and wish them good luck on the successful completion of their projects.

- Arenac County Historical Society
- Bangor Township - Green Team
- Bangor Township Schools
- BASETEAM
- Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- Bay Area Women's Center
- Bay Arenac ISD
- Bay City Central High School
- Bay City Garden Club
- Bay County Prosecutor's Office
- Bay-Arenac ISD
- Boys and Girls Club of Bay County
- Deep River Township
- Dental Hygiene Health Services

- Disability Services Resource Center
- Do-All, Inc.
- Friends of the Bay City State Recreation Area
- Good Samaritan Rescue Mission
- Nate and Mary Ida Doan Santa House
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Northeast Michigan Arts Council
- Pinconning Area Schools
- Pinconning Emergency Food Pantry
- Resurrection of the Lord
- Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy
- Salvation Army of Bay County
- Santa's Cupboard
- State Theatre
- Studio 23



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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.



December 2011

Investing In Our Community

Over \$75,000 in grants were awarded this fall to 29 non-profit organizations in the Bay Area. This amount contributes to the more than \$5 million invested in Bay and Arenac Counties through grants in the past five years. Grants have assisted programs in arts and culture, community initiative, education, environment, health, and human services.

"Unfortunately, the Foundation cannot fulfill the requests of all of our applicants due to our limited resources. However, our grant committees work hard to choose the projects that will make the greatest impact in our community," said Eileen Curtis, President and CEO of the Bay Area Community Foundation. "They select those which best meet community needs, have a long-lasting impact, and reach a large number of area residents."



Bay City Central High School was awarded a Bay Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee grant to expand their Link Crew Program. Link Crew selects upper classmen student leaders, or "Link Leaders," and pairs them with a group of freshman, their "crew." Link Leaders organize an orientation for incoming freshman and host several events throughout the school year to help students transition and succeed in school.

Helping to ease the burden on families this holiday season, the Elizabeth Husband Fund granted \$10,000 to organizations in Bay County to support holiday activities. The projects included food and household item gift baskets, toys for children, and coats for kids.

In the midst of its fundraising efforts, the Deep River Township Recreation Park Project has found support in BACF's geographic affiliate, the Arenac County Fund. A \$1,500 award will help construct a new state of the art play area for Arenac County children in order to inspire physical activity, and fight childhood obesity.



For the complete list of organizations that received grants from the Bay Area Community Foundation this past fall, please turn to the back page.



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A Special Gift Opportunity

For years, estate planners have recommended that retirement assets may be the most tax-effective asset in larger estates to distribute to charity. Until now however, there was a disincentive for retirees to give IRAs to charity during their lifetimes because withdrawals from IRAs were subject to income tax - even those given to charity.

As of January 1, 2006, retirement assets have become a preferred charitable gift for seniors. IRA deductions to charity can now receive new tax advantages. Here is how it works:

- You make a gift of up to \$100,000 by transferring IRA assets to your community foundation. You must be 70 ½ years old, or older. If married, each spouse can transfer up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA.
- Your gift can be placed into a charitable fund in your name, the name of your family, or in honor of any person or organization you choose. We handle all administrative details.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested and will grow over time. Grants addressing community needs will be made forever.

By giving through your community foundation, you can use your gift to meet ever-changing community needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. Your gift can target the causes and programs you care about most.

Bay Area Community Foundation staff understand Bay and Arenac County's most pressing issues and can help you establish a fund to make an impact in areas of need or opportunity that are important to you. To learn more contact Eileen Curtis, President and CEO of the Bay Area Community Foundation, at 989.893.4438 or ecurtis@bayfoundation.org.



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College Bound?



We can help! Come visit the Bay Commitment College Resource Center for assistance with all of your college preparation needs.

The Center's features include:

- College and financial aid information, scholarship resource materials, brochures, applications, and catalogues
- Internet connected computers to search for college and career information
- Guidance in completing college applications and managing the college prep time line
- Informational sessions regarding college and career awareness
- College mentoring and tutoring information available

To take advantage of this opportunity call 989.893.6026 or email reneec@bayfoundation.org.

Great Memories Online



Looking for an easy way to share the Bay Area's philanthropic legacy? Look no further: the Bay Area Community Foundation has just launched its very own Youtube channel!

This channel provides online users the opportunity to learn about the different things "Philanthropy Is" or how to grow a "Thriving Bay Area." Discover local philanthropic leaders and Peggy Rowley Community Enrichment Award winners including:

- Ruth Jaffe, 2007
- Thomas Tabor, 2009
- Tim Moulthrop, 2009
- Donald Carlyon, 2011
- Charles Curtiss, 2011

Find us at www.youtube.com/bayareafoundation.

Scholarship Applications Available

As of December 1, the Bay Area Community Foundation Scholarship application is now available. This application allows students to apply for up to 15 different scholarships with a single application.

Scholarships will be awarded this spring from over 100 scholarship funds to graduating seniors and current college students from Bay and Arenac County. Applications and all attachments are due to the Foundation March 5, 2012, by 4:30 p.m.

The scholarship application can be completed online at www.bayfoundation.org. Students will find a link on the Bay Area Community Foundation's website to create an account to submit their information. If a student has any questions or concerns, please contact Renee Courier at the Bay Area Community Foundation, 989.893.6026.



New Funds Established

Nathalie Awrey Memorial Fund - Nathalie Awrey was a resident of Bay County for many years. She worked on many fund drives to support programs for children and adults with physical disabilities/challenges in Bay County. Mrs. Awrey's legacy gift to the Bay Area Community Foundation will be used for a field of interest fund to provide grants for physically challenged children to participate in social activities that otherwise would not be available to them.

Danette DeCorte and Emilee Prime Scholarship Fund - Danette and Emilee were two inspiring nineteen-year-olds who loved life and all it had to offer. Both graduated from Bay City Central High School in 2009 with honors and were members of Central's basketball and volleyball teams. On February 26, 2011, Danette and Emilee were killed in a tragic car accident. The DeCorte and Prime family started this scholarship in memory of their daughters.

Emilee Ann Prime Veterinary Field Educational Scholarship - Emilee was a beautiful and outstanding young lady who was loved by all who knew her. She attended Delta College and was a member of the Humane Society of Bay County. Her love for animals led her to pursue her dream of one day becoming a veterinarian. Emilee passed away at nineteen years old in an automobile accident. Her family members and the Humane Society of Bay County started this scholarship in her memory.

Flood Family Donor Advised Fund - The Flood Family Donor Advised Fund was established to honor the memory of Jane Flood. Primary consideration will be given to grants that benefit Bay City parks and/or cemeteries.

Friends of the Pere Marquette Depot Designated Fund - The Pere Marquette Railroad Depot is the original Bay City station of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad Company. Built in 1904, the depot remained active in service until 1969, at which time it was vacated. The Great Lakes Center Foundation spearheaded the complete historic restoration in 2008. The depot is now the home of the Bay Area Community Foundation. This fund was established to support the long term historic preservation of the depot.

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship - Established by the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation to award a scholarship to a student from each Bay County high school for support for tuition, books, and fees to students pursuing a college degree in business.

Dr. James J. Tarter Memorial Scholarship - The Dr. James J. Tarter Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends to honor his contributions as a person of integrity, outstanding character, and great worth. Jim graduated with honors from Garber High School in 1977 where he actively participated in many areas of high school life. He attended Alma College for two years then transferred to the University of Colorado where he graduated with a major in History. Jim continued his education and earned his doctorate in English from the University of California.

Great Lakes Safety Training Center Scholarship - Great Lakes Safety Training Center established this fund with the help of many local contractors to benefit individuals who are pursuing a career in the trades or construction with an emphasis on safety. Their mission is "Preparing People to Live Safely Every Day" and would like to support those who want to continue helping others to live safely.