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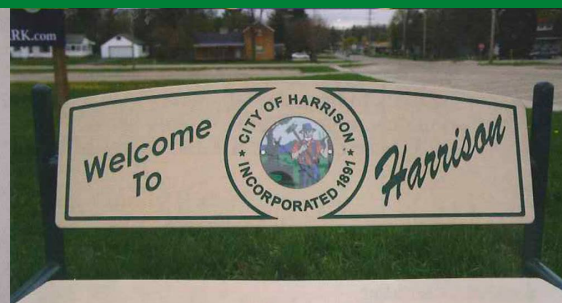
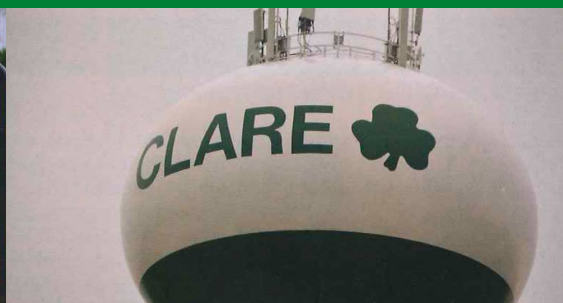
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2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The essence of a community foundation is many people putting their money together to address the diverse needs where they live. Year in and year out, that's where we utilize community gifts to help meet needs here at home in Clare County. As money is endowed, the gifts grow forever, providing ongoing support to help our community prosper.

Your Clare County Community Foundation works to impact arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services, and recreation. We do this in a variety of ways. Most notably, our grant program provided over \$191,000 in 2020 toward projects and programs that better our communities, including a \$15,000 grant to the Middle Michigan Economic Development Corporation to support the Michigan Small Business Relief Program through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The Michigan Small Business Relief Program is designed to support businesses most impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

In this annual report, you'll learn about the impact we're having throughout Clare County by bringing donors together for positive change. We invite you to learn more about your community foundation and how you can make an impact right here in Clare County. Through grants, scholarships, and collaboration with community leaders and initiatives, together we're creating a more prosperous Clare County.



FOR GOOD. FOR EVER. FOR ALL.



NEW IN 2020:

THE JAMIE A. BLOW WOMEN IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This new scholarship is one of over 45 held at Clare County Community Foundation. Annually, the Community Foundation awards over \$40,000 in scholarships.

A new scholarship opportunity is available for female students attending high school in Clare County intending to attend post-secondary to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering, or math. The **Jamie A. Blow Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Endowed Scholarship Fund** was established at the Clare County Community Foundation in 2020 and offered for the first time in the spring of 2021.

It is estimated American companies will seek to fill 3.5 million STEM jobs by 2025, with more than 2 million left unfilled due to a skills shortage. Women make up 28% of these roles but they could significantly contribute to closing the skills gap if more women pursue STEM careers. Experts cite a combination of culture and means for pursuing STEM education as some of the reasons for the gender gap. Therefore Colonel (COL) Jamie A. Blow, the scholarship founder, created the new scholarship. She is no stranger to being the only woman in the room. COL Blow is one of only three female entomologists to attain the rank of COL and the first woman to lead Department of Defense Pest Management.

“I created the scholarship fund to create opportunities for young women who have interests in science and technology but without the means or direction to pursue it,” said COL Blow. “Pursuing opportunities may not be easy and you will probably need to make sacrifices to get there but life is a journey not a destination. Young people need to know there are opportunities all around them if they are willing to pursue them.

COL Blow’s legacy will continue indefinitely through the scholarship. To learn ways to support a student by starting your own fund or contributing to The Jamie A. Blow Women in Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Endowed Scholarship Fund, contact the Clare County Community Foundation by visiting clareccf.org or calling 989-839-9661.

Preference for the scholarship recipient is given to but is not exclusive to applicants that have overcome challenges, have financial need, and have shown the potential to succeed in post-secondary education. Clare Public Schools will receive the scholarships applications and recommend one or more students to receive the scholarship.

Contribution Card


Today's Date: _____
To make a credit card contribution, please go to clareccf.org

Name: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____
 Contribution Amount: \$ _____ Specific Fund: _____

If this gift is to a fund that supports a specific organization, that organization will be notified unless otherwise noted (Name and address only, not dollar amount).
 Please DO NOT notify the organization that I have made this gift.

If this gift is in honor or memory of someone, please complete the following:
 This gift is in honor of: _____
 This gift is in memory of: _____

Please notify the following individual(s) of this honor/memory gift.
 Name: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

 Mail this card with your donation to CCCF at P.O. Box 391, Clare, MI, 48617

How can YOU help?

Your community foundation provides a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

Would you consider becoming a member of the Foundation? Each donor has a unique giving experience, tailored to suit their philanthropic desires.

Members of the Foundation are any person who annually donates any amount to a fund, has started a fund, or listed the Foundation in their estate.

Want to get even more involved? Consider opening your own donor-advised fund. For details, please contact the Community Foundation at 989-839-9661 or visit us online at www.clareccf.org.

Youth Action Council & Teacher Mini Grants

The Clare County Youth Action Council (YAC) is a group of local youth who are giving back to the community through service, leadership, and philanthropy. Any youth aged 12 to 19 who is either living in or attending middle school or high school in Clare County is eligible to join. The student-led group has a grant budget and meets regularly to decide which projects impacting students in Clare County they will fund.

As part of the Clare County Community Foundation's continued efforts to grow with the community and offer support where it's needed, the Teacher Mini Grant Program was established in 2018. These grants of up to \$250 can go toward any project or program that positively impacts or enhances learning for local students. Any teacher can apply throughout the school year.

- Clare Public Schools:** \$250.00 - Plant nutrition data collection
- Clare Public Schools:** \$250.00 - Recreation and leisure equipment
- Clare Public Schools:** \$250.00 - Funding for an original board game
- Clare Public Schools:** \$250.00 - Active sitting stations

2020 FINANCIALS

TOTAL ASSETS:	\$4,053,331
CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$173,345
GRANTS AWARDED:	\$191,152
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:	\$43,700

2020 GRANTS AWARDED

Living Hope Lutheran Church: \$10,000

Support for The Community of Hope, a program that provides clothing for anyone in need of it

Farwell Area Schools: \$2,776

Assistance to supplement mental health treatment for youth



Mid Michigan College: \$3,000

Grant to support the development of a disc golf course at MMC

Central Michigan University: \$800

Hearing screenings at Paula Pirnstill Memorial Health Fair and Harrison Street Fair

City of Clare: \$10,000

Support for the redevelopment of the Clare Rail Road Depot

City of Clare: \$7,995

Equipment for the Clare Fire Department

Clare County Baby Pantry: \$2,000 (\$1,000 from YAC & \$1,000 from CCCF)

Toilet training initiative support for Clare County Baby Pantry

Middle Michigan Development Foundation: \$15,000

Support for the Michigan Small Business Relief Program through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

Eagle Village, Inc.: \$2,400 (\$800 from YAC & \$1,600 from CCCF)

Scholarship program support

MidMichigan Health: \$12,000

Risk reduction education for diabetes, cardiac arrest, and obesity prevention in youth

FUND LIST

Amante' Young Endowed Scholarship Fund
Anthony and Carol Santini Family Endowment Fund
Ben Walter Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Brighter Futures Fund
Charles E. Pardue Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Charles and Dorothy Ashcraft Fund
Clare County Agricultural Society Endowment Fund
Clare County Community Foundation Administrative Fund
Clare County Community Foundation Community Investment Fund
Clare County Health Improvement Fund
Clare County Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Endowment Fund
Clare County Historical Society Endowment Fund
Clare County Kiwanis Career Technical Scholarship Fund
Clare County Youth Fund
Clare Public Schools Endowment Fund
Clare Soccer Complex Project Fund
David A. and Kathleen S. Ferguson Donor-advised Family Fund
Detective 1st Lt. William L. & Shirley M. Burns Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Dr. David Bremer and Family Endowed Scholarship Fund
Edith Irene (Stinchcombe) Gieseler Endowed Scholarship Fund
Ethan A. Gage Memorial Endowment Fund
Fred Doherty Scholarship Fund
Gary J. Stocking Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Harrison District Library - Surrey House Renovation Project Fund
Harrison Kiwanis Club Endowed Scholarship Fund
Harrison Women's Association Endowed Scholarship Fund
Helen Lucile Doherty Scholarship Endowment for the Fine and Performing Arts
House Family Endowed Scholarship Fund
Jamie A. Blow Women in STEM Scholarship Fund
Joe Johnston Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
John A. and Audrey Brown Memorial Endowment Fund
Kathy Rynearson Homelessness Prevention Services Endowment Fund
Kinne-Millard Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Letherer Truss Community Fund
Mark E. Carlstrom Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Matthew J. Reinke Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Mid Michigan Community Action Agency Endowment Fund
Mid-Michigan Industries Endowment Fund
Northern Michigan Mobile Child Advocacy Center Endowment Fund
PMRT Gateway Link Fund
Paula Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund
Pere Marquette District Library Endowment Fund
Reine M. Doherty Community Fund
Reine M. Doherty Scholarship Fund
Richard Dean and Evelynnn Fay Koontz Memorial Endowment Fund
Richard and Evelynnn Fay Koontz Endowed Scholarship Fund
Steven Lee Grim Family Scholarship Fund
Terry and Carleen Moore Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Clare County Youth and Recreation Endowment Fund
The Larry and Anne Smith Endowed Scholarship Fund
The R. William & Janice Horwood Family Endowment Scholarship Fund
The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 404 Endowed Scholarship Fund
Volunteer Center of Clare County Endowment Fund
William "Bill" & Alice "Marion" Hileman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Fund Types:

Project Funds: Funds held at the Foundation for various projects, groups, and organizations in the area. They provide an important opportunity for the Community Foundation to offer service and leadership to the community. These funds present large variations in size, activity level, structure, and longevity.

Agency Funds: An Agency Fund is established by a nonprofit that transfers certain assets to the Community Foundation and designates itself as the beneficiary of the fund.

Designated Funds: Designated Funds are established by individual donors (third parties), not the agency itself, to benefit one or more nonprofit organizations.

Donor Advised Funds: A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a type of charitable giving fund that is established by a donor with an eligible charitable sponsoring organization (i.e. the Community Foundation) to support a cause (or causes) that the donor cares about.

Field of Interest Funds: Field of Interest Funds allow your gift to make a massive impact in the causes you are most passionate about. By establishing a Field of Interest Fund, you can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life.

Scholarship Funds: A scholarship fund lets you help deserving students further their education.

Community Investment Funds: Meets ever-changing community needs. When you establish a Community Investment Fund, you can address a broad range of local needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated today.

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