



The Community Foundation is a  
LOCAL GIVING PARTNER.

We partner with donors,  
matching donor passion with purpose,  
benefitting the causes they care about most.

We partner with volunteers in our  
communities who help us facilitate  
positive community impact and ensure  
that intent of donors is met.

We partner with nonprofit organizations  
by providing grant awards to support the  
work they do every day, changing lives and  
strengthening our communities.

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We are home to a variety of different  
endowments, each with a designated  
purpose or area of impact that reflects  
the intent of the donor or donors to the  
endowment.

Annually, we award grants through a  
Responsive grantmaking process from a number  
of endowments; discover more about these  
endowments in the following pages or  
visit [www.gtrcf.org/grants/](http://www.gtrcf.org/grants/).

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Visit [www.gtrcf.org/grants/grant-awards](http://www.gtrcf.org/grants/grant-awards) for a  
complete listing of 2015 Fall Responsive Grant  
Cycle Awards



ARTS & CULTURE



EDUCATION



ENVIRONMENT



HEALTH & HUMAN  
SERVICES



YOUTH



### ACCESS TO RECREATION ENDOWMENT

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The Access to Recreation Endowment was established in 2007 through a matching grant opportunity from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, as part of its Access to Recreation Initiative. Grant awards provide support for recreational projects, programs, and opportunities that are focused on universal accessibility design for individuals of all abilities.

### JOHN N. BARNES ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

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The Barnes Environmental Education Endowment was created and supported by friends and family of John N. Barnes, who died tragically at age 24, and had a love for the beauty of Benzie County. Grant awards provide support for environmental education activities for Benzie County residents.

### BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB ENDOWMENT

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The Boys and Girls Club Endowment provides support for programs and services that are consistent with the mission of Boys and Girls Clubs to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

### CAMPBELL ENDOWMENT

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The Campbell Endowment was established in 1996 with an anonymous gift from a donor with a heart helping individuals achieve independence. Grant awards support programs that promote self-sufficiency and address needs in the areas of Food, Health Care, Housing, and/or Childcare.

### ELK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT

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The Elk Rapids Area Community Endowment was established in 1996 by an anonymous Elk Rapids woman who enjoyed the quality of life in the area. She wished to support activities, facilities and programs in the Elk Rapids area so that others may enjoy the area as much as she did. Grant awards support projects that enhance the beauty of the Elk Rapids community, such as landscaping improvements for parks and open spaces; transportation to healthcare for area residents; or other programs and services that provide public benefit.

### ELK RAPIDS AREA EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

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The Elk Rapids Area Education Endowment was established in 1994 by a donor with a heart for education in Elk Rapids and a wish to enrich educational opportunities in the schools and in the community. Since then, more than 100 additional gifts - large and small - have been given from many donors. Grant awards support educational opportunities for Elk Rapids area residents, both within the public schools and in the community at large. These may include educational programs, scholarships, technology and arts equipment for classroom activities, and support for innovation by teachers.

### GENUINE LEELANAU CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT

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Established in 2006 by Genuine Leelanau, many donors have joined together to give to a shared interest of supporting children and families in Leelanau County. Grant awards support integrated arts and other projects that benefit Leelanau County children and families in need.

### GT FAMILIES IN ACTION FOR YOUTH ENDOWMENT

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Grand Traverse Families in Action, an organization that was committed to serving youth and helping young people to avoid substance abuse and violence, made a gift to establish the endowment in 2000. Though no longer an organization, the mission and vision of the organization continues through this Endowment. Grant awards support assisting Traverse City youth in avoiding substance abuse and violence.

### HEALTHY YOUTH AND HEALTHY SENIORS ENDOWMENT

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The Healthy Youth and Healthy Seniors Endowment was established in compliance with the award from the State of Michigan Tobacco Settlement Partnership. Grant awards support programs that improve the health of youth (birth - 18) and/or seniors (age 55 and older). These opportunities may include, but are not limited to, programs that focus on health and nutrition; family counseling; early childhood development; smoking prevention and cessation; daycare, preschool, and after school care.

### LAND USE AND CONSERVATION PLANNING ENDOWMENT

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Established in 1997, in partnership with the C.S. Mott Foundation and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, this Endowment provides support for land use planning or land use stewardship activities. Grant awards support programs or projects such as seminars and workshops; developing school programs; assisting units of government in creating land conservation programs; watershed and wetlands conservation; and/or researching economic, environmental and social impact of land use and conservation planning.

### NORTHWEST MICHIGAN OSTEOPATHIC ENDOWMENT

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Grant awards support medical professionals' education and other innovative health education, research and treatment programs, and programs/projects that respond to community health needs.

SUTTONS BAY AND BINGHAM ENDOWMENT 

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A community fund committed to Suttons Bay and Bingham Townships, this Endowment was established in 1995. Owen Bahle, a champion for and friend of the Suttons Bay area, was a founding supporter and had a wish to support the community he loved. Many other donors have since joined in this commitment and a local advisory committee is engaged in continuing to build the endowment and review and recommend the grant awards. Grant awards support a variety of organizations, community projects, and programs that benefit Suttons Bay and Bingham Townships and the Village of Suttons Bay.

TITAN EXCELLENCE FUND ENDOWMENT 

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The Titan Excellence Fund Endowment was established in 2010, the result of a three-year effort, primarily led by Traverse City West Senior High alumni and widely supported by community members. Grant awards support programs or projects to benefit students of Traverse City West Senior High, with a primary focus on supporting student life and academics. Programs or projects for music or athletics are also considered.

TRAVERSE CITY TRACK CLUB ENDOWMENT 

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The Traverse City Track Club Endowment was established in 2010 by the Board of the Traverse City Track Club who had a vision for and commitment to the long term ability to support the charitable giving efforts of the Club. Grant awards support programs that promote, support, and encourage running, race-walking and walking as a means to promote health, enhanced fitness, family recreation and competition for all individuals.

YOUTH ENDOWMENT 

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The Youth Endowment was one of the first in our history. It was established through a matching grant opportunity from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. For every \$2 that was raised for other endowments, \$1 was matched for the Youth Endowment. Donors came together, contributing \$4 million to the brand new Community Foundation, allowing for the creation of a \$2 million Youth Endowment. High School students from across the region participate in a Youth Advisory Council program, learning about philanthropy and recommending grants from the Youth Endowment. Grant awards support programs and services that benefit youth.