

SAVE THE DATE!

BIG BASH

January 30, 2016
7p.m. at the
Stanton American
Legion

Our annual mid-winter celebration and fundraiser.

Come and enjoy!

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

July 29, 2016
at Candlestone Golf
Course in Belding

Each year the CMCF hosts a golf outing to benefit the foundation.

Join us on the course!



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**The Community Foundation
are pleased to announce**

2015 Scholarship Recipients

The Board of Directors of the Central Montcalm Community Foundation are pleased to announce the following recipients of scholarships. Receiving Central Montcalm Community Foundation Education Scholarships are Kaitlyn Klingensmith and Zachary Lincoln. The Isabella Bank Scholarship was presented to Ian Hall-Watt and the William McCarthy Scholarship to Cameron Bunker. The Jackie Vandersteen Scholarship was awarded to Maureen McCallum. Keagan James and Aaron Loew each received the Bill Thwaites Scholarship. The Victor Beal Scholarship was presented to Sophie Villet, Dalin Clark and Riann Rohn. Santiago Alvarado received the Kevin Seymour Scholarship. Receiving the Burkholder Scholarship was Jesse Kuczynski and the Gurecki Scholarship was Scylar Blaisdell.

The Foundation wishes all of the recipients the best of luck as they continue their education.

An anonymous donor has agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 any donations made through this mailing. Please use the enclosed donation envelope to ensure that your donation will be matched!



Gale Parr
President

Letter from the President

The Central Montcalm Community Foundation (CMCF) is closing in on the end of its 23rd year of service to the area. As the current president of the CMCF, I am often asked about what we exactly do and how do individuals, families or businesses support the needs of our foundation. Foundations, and how they work are often a mystery to the community at large.

Did you know that,

- a community foundation is a vehicle for people of all means to make a lasting difference in their community,
- community foundations serve the needs and philanthropic aims of donor's who wish to better their community now and in the future,
- foundations provide donors with flexible, efficient, and tax-effective ways to ensure their charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact,
- foundations are a means to build, over time, substantial endowment funds for a community through contributions both large and small,
- these contributions are endowed, meaning they are never spent. Instead, they are permanently invested to produce income. The income earned is then used to help meet the community's charitable needs.
- gifts to a community foundation continue to benefit your community forever and,
- because we are a tax exempt organization, all contributions are tax deductible to the maximum amount allowable for gifts to a public charity.

According to the Council on Foundations, an estimated \$4.3 billion was given to a variety of non-profit activities in the United States, in 2011. The generous donations of our Central Montcalm Community Foundation donors have allowed us to give to many organizations over the years. Please consider making a donation to the CMCF so that we may continue to grow our endowment funds.

Central Montcalm Community Foundation Restricted Funds

- **Community Endowment** – directing grants to areas of need in the community
- **Chemical Bank Fund** - to support the mission of the CMCF by providing an additional source of funding to meet community needs
- **Discretionary Fund** - a quick response fund that can be used to meet unanticipated community needs
- **Education Endowment** – supports programs that meet the needs of the community's youth
- **Dr. Victor Beal Jr. Scholarship** – for graduating seniors attending MSU
- **Ronald R. Burkholder Athletic & Educational Scholarship** – for graduating seniors
- **Leo Gurecki Athletic & Educational Scholarship** – for graduating seniors
- **William McCarthy Scholarship** – for students attending Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement programs
- **Outreach Endowment** - long term funding mechanism for the Discretionary Fund
- **Penny's Way, Food & Clothing Fund** – financial help to organizations that distribute food & clothing in Montcalm County
- **Kevin Seymour Athletic & Educational Scholarship** – for graduating seniors
- **Bill Thwaites Athletic & Educational Scholarship** – for graduating seniors
- **Jackie Vander Steen Scholarship** - for graduating seniors attending WMU
- **Youth and Senior Endowment** – provides funding for health, wellness, and enrichment programs throughout our community
- **Administrative Endowment** – funds the administrative functions of the foundation so it can continue on its mission to serve the community
- **C. Homer and Charlotte L. Miel Endowment Fund** - for the purpose of providing discretionary educational grants to teachers or administrators of Central Montcalm Public Schools.
- **Mall Family Endowment** - will provide funds each year for grants to be approved annually by members of the Mall family.
- **Korson Endowment** - annual scholarship for a CMHS student attending CMU's School of Business
- **MAISD Endowment** - for students who have an IEP and attend school in Montcalm County - will provide scholarships to students as they matriculate to post secondary and technical training.
- ***Field of Interest** – donors may be able to designate a specific area of interest
- ***Legacy** – setting up a fund in your name or in the name of a loved one or family as a living memorial

**Contact the CMCF as there is a minimum contribution required.*

2015 Grant Recipients

Each year, many local groups and organizations benefit from the donations made to any of the funds and endowments managed by the Central Montcalm Community Foundation. In the past year, the following grants have been distributed, to benefit many within Montcalm County.

Central Montcalm High School

- Athletic Department – athletic training supplies and weightlifting (\$4000)
- Math Department – graphing calculators (\$2,600)
- Band – rain coats and music stands (\$2,300)
- FHA – food drive, Christmas Sharing and backpack food program (\$1,200)
- Basketball program – books for book study (\$300)
- Spanish/Art – Educational Showcase project (\$400)

Central Montcalm Middle School

- National Junior Honor Society (\$900)
- Central Montcalm Upper Elementary
- Clothes Closet (\$500)

Central Montcalm Elementary

- Music – melodic instruments (\$928.50)

Central Montcalm Backpack Program

- Backpacks and food (\$2,500)

Central Montcalm Bucket Fillers

- Supplies (\$1,000)

Sheridan Community Hospital

- Back to School Bash (\$2,000)
- Health Fair and Wellness Education (\$2,500)

Carson City Food Pantry (\$1,000)

Hope's Pantry (\$1000)

- Lester J Sitts VFW
- Food Pantry (\$1,000)

White Pine District Library

- Geneology Update (\$2,000)

Dolly Parton Library (\$100)

- Alpha Family Center
- Parenting class materials (\$500)

Ronald McDonald House of West Michigan (\$500)

- IM Safe Child Advocacy Council
- Computer and printer (\$2,500)

