

SAVE THE DATE!

## BIG BASH

Saturday,  
January 28, 2023  
7p.m.  
Sheridan Community  
Center

*Our annual mid-winter celebration and fundraiser  
Come and enjoy!*

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

July 28, 2023

*Watch Facebook for more information to come!*



CENTRAL MONTCALM  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
P.O. Box 128, Stanton, MI 48888  
cmcommunityfoundation.org

## 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
- *Crooks Farm Endowment* – will provide funds each year for grants
- *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
- *Isabella Bank Scholarship* - for a CM graduating senior attending a four year Michigan college or community college that has demonstrated community involvement through service/volunteerism and has a 3.0 or greater GPA.
- *Dr. Victor Beal Jr. Scholarship* – for graduating seniors attending MSU
- *Ronald R. Burkholder Educational Scholarship* – for graduating seniors
- *Leo Gurecki 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 Educational Scholarship* – for graduating seniors
- *Bill Thwaites Educational Scholarship* – for graduating seniors
- *Jackie Vander Steen Scholarship* – for graduating seniors attending WMU
- *Doug and Nancy Chapin Scholarship* – for a graduating Central Montcalm senior
- *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
- *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.
- *Petersen Family Endowment* – for a graduating Central Montcalm student who will be attending Grand Valley State University
- *Harold Springsteen Family Endowment* – for a graduating Central Montcalm student who will be attending a 4 year Michigan college or Montcalm Community College
- *Erik Thomas Endowment* – for a graduating Central Montcalm student who plans to attend Ferris State University in the golf management program
- *Brady Sexton Endowment* – to provide funding for Central Montcalm youth athletics
- *Ernest (Bud) and Nancy Rogers Family Endowment* – for a graduating Central Montcalm senior who plans to attend a 4 year College/University, Community College or Trade School in Michigan
- *Lloyd and Judy Hansen/Hansen Family Endowment* – to provide a scholarship for a student attending Michigan State University
- *Steve Strait Educational Fund* – to provide funding for grants to improve teaching in order to impact learning
- *Christian Outreach Endowment* – provide funds for community programs sponsored by area ministers
- *Jan and Jack Pearl Endowment* – provide a scholarship to a graduating Central Montcalm student
- *Thomas Wittkopp Endowment* – provide a scholarship to a Central Montcalm student
- *William J. Seiter Jr. PHD Endowment Fund* – a scholarship for a graduating Montcalm County graduating senior with acceptance to a Michigan university, tech or trade school
- *Diane & Franz Mogdis Endowment* – a grant opportunity for Central Montcalm Elementary teachers who have classroom needs
- *Haylie Schneider Scholarship Fund* – a scholarship for a Montcalm County student pursuing higher education in a special education field
- *\* 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.



### Board of Directors

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## Our Foundation

### A Year in Review

The Central Montcalm Community Foundation is celebrating 30 years! Three decades of raising money, creating endowments, awarding scholarships and grants, and working to better our amazing community.

This year has been a breath of fresh air after so many of our daily lives and routines were put on hold during the pandemic. Students were able to get back in the classroom, sports and extracurricular activities resumed as normal and many of our communities activities and events came back with a bang.

In January, we held Big Bash after missing a year and it was just as successful as ever. Thank you to those who donated and to the many who came out to support the foundation that evening. Fun was had by all, and we're looking forward to Big Bash 2023!

In May, the foundation was honored to present 23 scholarships to 15 Central Montcalm High School students. We are excited to hear of the great things these students will accomplish.

Summer is always a crazy time of year, and that is especially true for CMCF! We were happy to host another golf outing at the end of July and are grateful to all who attended and make it a successful event year after year.

During the fall of 2021, we were approaching \$2 million in assets and we are happy to say we reached that goal in 2022! Your donations and commitment to our community made this possible and we can never thank you enough.

Please consider making a donation to the Central Montcalm Community Foundation so that we can continue to grow our endowments and give back to our community for another 30 years!

## Celebrating Our Friend

As one of the founding members of the Central Montcalm Community Foundation, Franz Mogdis has always been an important and vital board member. This past February, Franz sadly passed away at the age of 81.



Since moving to Clifford Lake in 1991, Franz made an impact all over Montcalm County. He was involved on numerous boards and was instrumental in helping to establish the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail. He loved trivia, Clifford Lake and his beloved wife Diane.

During the Vietnam war, Franz served our country in the United States Army as a Chinese linguist. He was an intelligent person, who knew much about many topics and he loved to have deep conversations with others.

While on the Community Foundation board, Franz always had the background information we needed, was very knowledgeable on things that pertained to our bylaws and procedures, and truly wanted to enrich the lives of the people in the Central Montcalm community.

Franz is greatly missed, but we know he is happily reunited with Diane, which is where he really wanted to be. Godspeed Franz, and THANK YOU for your many years of service to the Foundation!

Please take some time to visit our website:  
[cmcommunityfoundation.org](http://cmcommunityfoundation.org)

Follow us on our Facebook page  
**Central Montcalm Community Foundation**

## Letter from the President

Wow! It is hard to believe that it has been 30 years since the Central Montcalm Community Foundation was established. This small scholarship program quickly grew into a multi-million dollar foundation. This transformation was only possible with your continued support. I want to thank you for being a part of this amazing journey. I am especially grateful to Tom Mall, Chuck Miel, Wayne Korson, Gene Bliss and Harold Springsteen who's vision for the foundation became a reality.



Ginger Gurecki  
President

There have been three decades of community involvement, scholarships, and endowments. Generations of students have gone on to colleges and careers, some returning back to their hometown. It is amazing to see those who were once scholarship recipients now helping the next generation.

You can play an important role in the CMCF future by sending your donation. No matter if you choose an endowment or undesignated fund, your contribution will have a positive impact on the Central Montcalm community. Your gift is a permanent investment in the future. I hope you will continue to be a part of this great organization whether it was past, present or future.

The Central Montcalm Community Foundation could not do what they do without you!

Ginger Gurecki President, CMCF

*Be Kind, Be Healthy, and Celebrate Life*



ABOVE: CMCF Board of Directors serving the Central Montcalm students and their families at the annual homecoming tailgate.  
RIGHT: Thank you to all who have sponsored CMCF fundraisers throughout the years!



## DID YOU KNOW

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no extra cost to you? When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

### This is all you need to do:

- go to smile.amazon.com (you can use your existing Amazon account if you have one or create a new account if you don't already have one),
- select Central Montcalm Community Foundation as your charitable organization of choice,
- shop away,
- the foundation will receive periodic checks from Amazon that reflect all purchases made toward their account.



Thank you to those of you who have shopped at Amazon. Smile during 2022 and selected the Central Montcalm Community Foundation as your charity of choice.

## WAYS TO GIVE

- Gifts of Cash
- Securities
- Real Estate
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plans
- Personal Property
- Including CMCF in your will
- Life Income Gift

Remember - tax advantages include maximum deductibility for all types of gifts, as well as complete avoidance of capital gains tax. Your gift lives forever and enriches the lives of the Central Montcalm community.



Book Vending Machine at Central Montcalm Upper Elementary

## 2022 Graduates Honored with Scholarships



The Central Montcalm Community Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to recognize the following spring 2022 graduates with scholarships.

- Madison Babbitt** - Leo Gurecki Educational Scholarship and Jan and Jack Pearl Endowment
- Kennedy Betancourt** - Harold Springsteen Family Endowment and Thomas Wittkopp Endowment
- Hailee Braam** - Dr. Victor Beal Jr. Scholarship
- Kaleb Crooks** - Bill Thwaites Educational Scholarship
- Navy Donazzolo** - Lloyd and Judy Hansen Family Endowment and William J. Seiter Jr. Ph.D. Endowment
- Mitchell Herald** - Ernest (Bud) and Nancy Rogers Family Endowment
- Mackenzie Kohn** - Doug and Nancy Chapin Scholarship and Isabella Bank Scholarship
- Henry Merren** - Jackie Vander Steen Scholarship
- Owen Merren** - Jackie Vander Steen Scholarship
- Alyvia Minnick** - Willam McCarthy Scholarship
- Kamryn Nicholson** - Kevin Seymour Educational Scholarship
- Hailey Petersen** - Petersen Family Endowment and Bill Thwaites Educational Scholarship
- Delanie Shaffer** - Central Montcalm Community Foundation Education Scholarship
- Emily Throop** - Korson Endowment
- Devin Wells** - Erik Thomas Endowment and William J. Seiter Jr. Ph.D. Endowment Fund

We wish much success to all of these students as they continue their education!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- City of Stanton - Veteran's Memorial Park Playground, Monuments and Disc Golf Course
- Crystal Community Library - Seed Library
- Central Montcalm Summer League - Covering fees and equipment
- Central Montcalm Upper Elementary PTO - Book Vending Machine
- Central Montcalm Youth Football - Covering fees and equipment
- Central Montcalm HS/MS - Laminator
- We Care for Kids Council - Family Fun Day
- Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative - Dolly Parton Imagination Library



ABOVE LEFT: The Central Montcalm High School Science Department purchased a new stream table with education grant funds to assist in students' understanding of erosion and deposition caused by streams.  
ABOVE RIGHT: CMCF was happy to contribute community grant funds to Veterans Memorial Park in Stanton. Some of the funding went towards fun, informational signage through the new Big Chuck Disc Golf Course.  
LEFT: The Central Montcalm Band wearing their new uniforms purchased with education grant assistance from CMCF.