

SAVE THE DATE!

## BIG BASH

Saturday,  
January 27, 2024  
7p.m.  
Sheridan Community  
Center

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

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

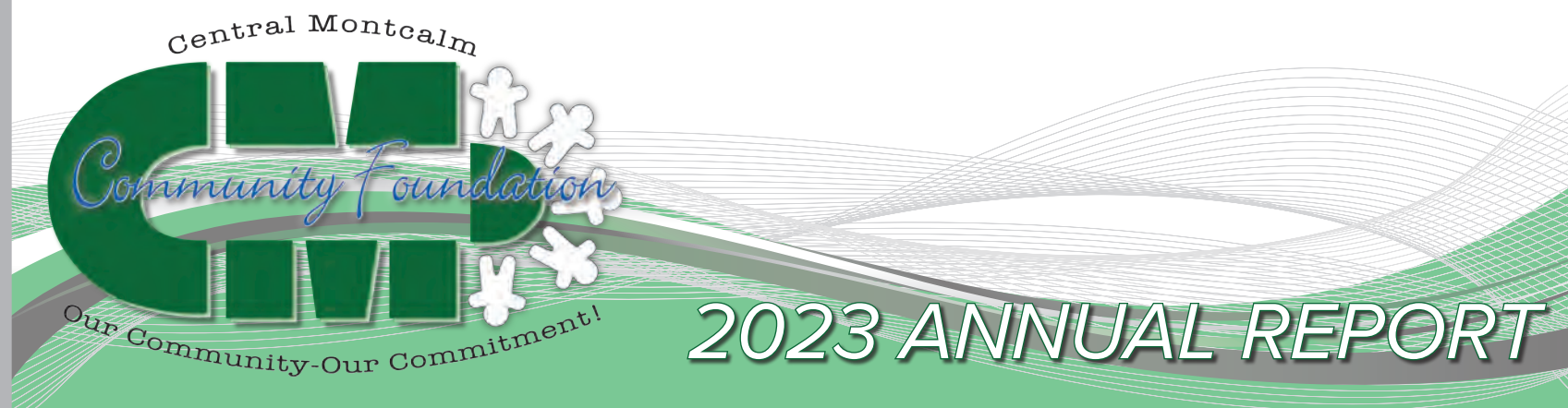
July 26, 2024

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## Our Foundation

The Central Montcalm Community Foundation (CMCF) is excited to participate in Montcalm Community College's "Transforming Lives, Empowering People" campaign. The CMCF was able to commit \$35,000 in installments over 5 years to name a room in the Health Care and Nursing Careers Initiative and the Center for STEM Learning.

Montcalm Community College shared with us that they believe they must stay "current with, and anticipate, the impacts the fast-paced advancements in technology and best practices have on workforce training." They went on to say that this forward-looking campaign "will provide the resources needed to ensure students are competitive in the marketplace and meet regional workforce demand."

We believe that our mission statement "The Central Montcalm Community Foundation mission is to enhance the quality of life in the Central Montcalm area through grants funded by the annual earnings generated from the gifts, bequests and estates contributed as endowments. With the annual earnings from these permanent endowments, many agencies, institutions and charitable organizations have and will be able to support programs for the long-term benefit of Central Montcalm residents." fully supports this effort by Montcalm Community College to enhance education in Montcalm County and support the development of a work force that can serve Montcalm County residents for years to come.

The CMCF was established in 1993 and originally consisted of 7 board members. The initial purpose was to support the Central Montcalm School

community as a School specific foundation. One of the major initiatives at that time was the completion of what is now the outdoor sport facilities at Central Montcalm High School. The CMCF was recognized as a 501(c)(3) in 1993. In 1997 with \$30,000 in assets the original school foundation transitioned to a community foundation and was recognized by the State of Michigan.

Today the CMCF has 13 board members serving our donor community and has over \$2,000,000 in assets. Thanks to you, what used to be a few hundred dollars in scholarships awarded each year has grown to thousands of dollars in community programs that include school and community needs and nearly 40 individual endowment funds that support scholarships for our local students.

In closing, our Board President Ginger Gurecki said it best "We are so appreciative of those who have supported the CMCF through gifts of cash, securities, real estate, life insurance and other contributions. It is because of our generous supporters that the CMCF is able to provide support to enhance opportunities throughout our area."

Thank you

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## 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.

## Letter from the President

Dear CMCF Friends,

I hope you are all well. Our year has been busy and it seems like just yesterday I was writing the letter for the 2022 year. Here we are at the end of 2023, as the year end approaches, we are thinking about giving to the non-profits in our community. I hope you will consider giving to the Central Montcalm Community Foundation. You can make a general donation or give to a specified endowment.



*Ginger Gurecki*  
President

We held two successful fundraisers last year. That includes our annual summer golf outing and the winter BIG BASH. Mark your calendar for January 27, 2024 at the Sheridan Community Center for the 2024 Big Bash, Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Throughout 2023 CMCF supported many local projects and granted \$27,958 in scholarships to graduating seniors this May. Please read about our commitment to MCC on the front page of this report.

The Central Montcalm Community and beyond continues to be very generous to needs close to home. We love the small-town dedication and offer heartfelt thank you for your continued support.

Stay Well. Be Kind. Celebrate Life.

**Ginger Gurecki, CMCF President**



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS FOR BOTH OF OUR FUNDRAISERS. WITHOUT YOU THE BIG BASH AND THE SUMMER GOLF OUTING WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.



## 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.**

## 2023 Graduates Honored with Scholarships



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

<b>Lauren Alexander</b>	Chapin Family Endowment, Leo Gurecki Educational Scholarship
<b>Zoey Bacon</b>	Ronald R Burkholder Educational Scholarship, Thomas Wittkopp Endowment, Bill Thwaites Educational Scholarship
<b>Marlee Christensen</b>	Erik Thomas Endowment, Isabella Bank Scholarship
<b>Alexander DeYoung</b>	Jackie Vander Steen Scholarship
<b>Daniel Ellis</b>	Ernest (Bud) and Nancy Rogers Family Endowment, CMCF Educational Scholarship
<b>Blake Guilford</b>	Albert & Genevieve Hansen Endowment, Kevin Seymour Educational Scholarship
<b>Kierstin Jordan</b>	Hansen Family Endowment, Chemical Bank Fund
<b>Georgia Jurden</b>	William J Seiter Jr PhD Endowment
<b>Lindsey Olger</b>	CMCF Educational Fund
<b>Connor Pung</b>	Bill Thwaites Educational Scholarship
<b>Mia Sexton</b>	Jack & Jan Pearl Endowment, Harold Springsteen Family Endowment
<b>Shelby King</b>	Chemical Bank Fund, Jackie Vander Steen Scholarship



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

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- MCC Master Gardeners – All that Flutters Bird habitat
- Stanton Police Dept – Educational Materials
- CM Youth Football – 7th & 8th grade shirts
- Fred Meijer Heartland Trail – yearly resealing maintenance
- Central Montcalm Middle & High School – Educational/classroom grants
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- We Care for Kids – Family Fun Day
- Stanton/Sheridan Fire Dept – Educational Material
- Bucket Fillers – Classroom support activities
- White Pine Library – Book prizes/ Bike helmets
- Summer Youth League (Baseball & Softball) – Storage building
- Central Montcalm Hall of Fame – TV/Computer Monitor
- MCC- Capital Campaign



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