

SAVE THE DATE!

### BIG BASH

Saturday,  
January 25, 2025  
7p.m.  
Sheridan Community Center

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

### ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

July 25, 2025

Watch Facebook for more information to come!



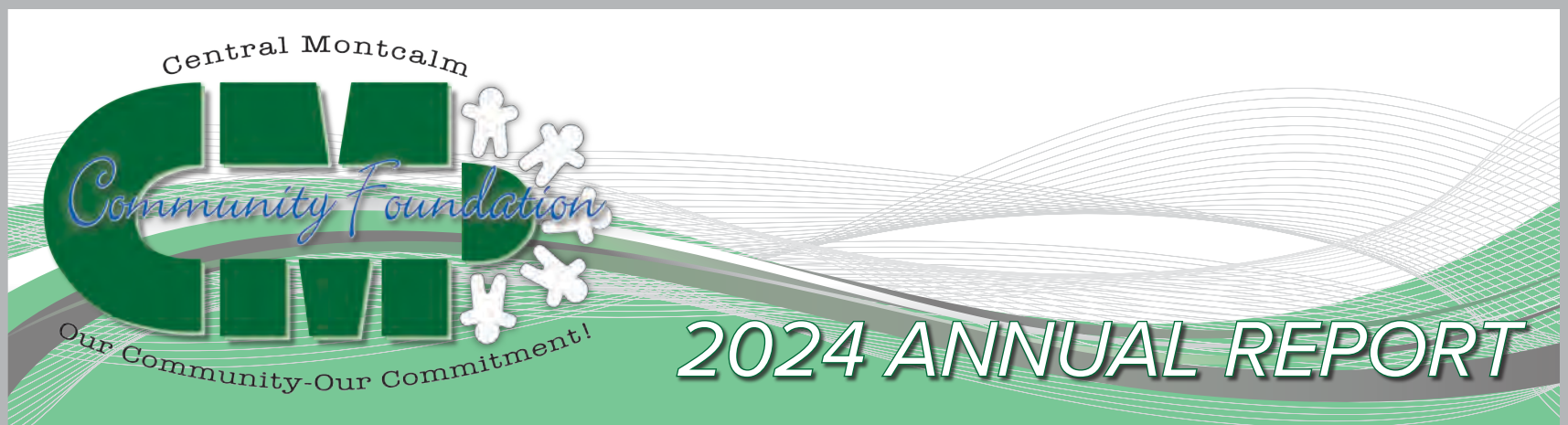
CENTRAL MONTCALM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
P.O. Box 128, Stanton, MI 48888  
cmcommunityfoundation.org

## 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
- *Gurecki Family 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 & Dorothy Springsteen 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 pursuing higher education in a special education field
- *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
- *Albert & Genevieve Hansen Endowment* - for a graduating senior attending CMU in Business Administration or Special Education.
- *\* 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.



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

### Board of Directors

- Ginger Gurecki  
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- Curtis Holt  
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- Tiffany Kohn  
Director

## REMEMBERING KYLE HAMLIN



The Central Montcalm Community Foundation Board lost another valued member this year. Montcalm Area Intermediate School District Superintendent and Community Foundation Board Member Kyle Hamlin passed away unexpectedly, on July 28, 2024, at the age of 51, after a brief two week battle with cancer.

Kyle began his work in education in Jackson, working in various roles, including principal positions. He joined Lakeview Schools in 2008 as the Middle School Principal and in 2011 was named the Lakeview Community Schools Superintendent. He became a true Wildcat and a strong part of the Lakeview Community. He was loved and respected by MANY!

In March of 2020, Kyle was named Superintendent of the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District. He was a dedicated Superintendent and led by example. His decisions centered around the ISD students and staff. His first and foremost interest at work was the students at the Seiter Center, the Transition Center, the Early College, the Montcalm Area Career Center, the Early On and Great Start students, and the staff at the ISD. He was a true champion of all .His primary focus was always on making sure they were providing quality service to all students.

But, Kyle’s true love was his family. He was a husband, son, brother, dad and a “Pa” to his grandchildren. He loved to tell stories about his family.

When Kyle joined the ISD as Superintendent, he joined the Central Montcalm Community Foundation Board of Directors. The ISD has an endowment with the Foundation and he had valuable input into this endowment. He served on our board as a quiet, but thoughtful member. When he spoke, others listened. He was truly a gentle giant and will be missed by many.



President Ginger Gurecki receiving a \$4000 donation from the Montcalm Co Sheriff’s Golf Outing.



Homecoming Community Tailgate 200 free meals were served.

## Letter from the Vice President



As a board member of the Central Montcalm Community Foundation, I'm thrilled to share what we do—and why it matters. We're lucky to live in a close-knit community filled with big-hearted people who always look out for each other. The CM Community Foundation is an extension of that generosity, ensuring that, with your help, support for our community stays strong year after year.

### A Grassroots Beginning

In the early 1990s, a group of locals came together with a big idea: what if we pooled our resources to tackle local needs? They envisioned a community united in supporting students, local organizations, and long-term needs here at home. That's how the CM Community Foundation started—by folks who simply wanted to keep our community thriving. Our foundation is unique because it's funded by endowments, which means the impact keeps building over time, growing year by year to help future generations.

### Endowments for Every Passion

One of the best parts about the CM Community Foundation is that each endowment tells a story. Some funds honor loved ones and their passions, while others support causes close to all our hearts, like scholarships, supporting local initiatives, or community programs. For example, our scholarship endowments help local students access college or technical training, easing the financial burden as they work toward their dreams. It is so rewarding to know that students here in Central Montcalm get to reach for their future because someone cared enough to give back.

### Getting Together, Giving Back

We're more than just a Foundation—we're neighbors supporting neighbors. Each year, we host events like the Big Bash (coming up on January 25, 2025!) and our Annual Golf Outing, bringing people together to celebrate, share stories, and build our community's future. These events aren't just fundraisers—they're gatherings of folks who love Central Montcalm and believe in what we can achieve together.

### Why It Matters

Here's where you come in. We all have a role in Central Montcalm's future, whether it's through volunteering, making a donation, setting up an endowment, or coming to an event. Your involvement makes a lasting difference and helps ensure Central Montcalm remains a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Ready to be part of something meaningful? Reach out to us! Let's keep Central Montcalm a place we're all proud of—together.

If you'd like to learn more about the CM Community Foundation or make a donation, please email us at [cmcommfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:cmcommfoundation@gmail.com) or visit [www.cmcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.cmcommunityfoundation.org).

Bill Simpson Jr., Vice President CM Community Foundation



Our annual golf outing was a success. We had 30 teams participate. We changed things up a bit with the addition of two new games, the Dinosaur and the Golfball Cannon. Both were a lot of fun! As always we are grateful to our Corporate Sponsors for their continued support and our many hole sponsors. We couldn't do it without you!



## WAYS TO GIVE

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

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.



## 2024 GRADUATES HONORED WITH SCHOLARSHIPS



The Central Montcalm Community Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to recognize the following spring 2024 graduates with scholarships.

Janae Behrend  
 Cara Hanline  
 Brock Clemens  
 Emma Connor  
 Gabi Johnston  
 Graham Coston  
 Kaitlyn Minikey  
 Kelsey Ross  
 Kyla McKeown  
 Landon Parr  
 Lyndsey Hone

Zach Petersen  
 Emily Putnam  
 Erika Thomas  
 Emma Millard  
 Chase Burggren

CMCF Education Endowment  
 Jan & Jack Pearl Endowment  
 MAISD Endowment  
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 Ernest & Nancy Rogers Family Endowment &  
 Ronald R. Burkholder Educational Scholarship  
 CMCF Educational Endowment  
 Jackie Vander Steen Scholarship  
 Erik Thomas Endowment & Harold & Dorothy Sprinsteen Family Endowment  
 William J. Seiter Jr. PHD Endowment Fund (Picture missing)  
 William McCarthy Scholarship (Picture missing)

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

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Friends of Heartland Trails - Repaving & resealing  
 White Pine District Library - Summer Reading Program  
 Central Montcalm Summer League - Equipment, flags, bases, balls & helmets  
 CM Varsity Football - End zone Camera  
 Feeding America West MI - Mobile Food Pantry  
 We Care for Kids - Family Fun Day  
 Alpha Family Services - Special Needs family support

Hope Lutheran Church - Hope's Pantry  
 GSRP classroom - Weighted blankets  
 CM Bands - Color Guard warmups  
 CMHS College Readiness - College Decision Day  
 CMMS/HS - School Store  
 CMMS/HS - Hope Squad, Bryce Buckets  
 CMHS Science - Sanitizing goggles  
 CMHS Yearbook - Camera