

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



25TH
ANNIVERSARY

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**Tuscola County
Community Foundation**

**P.O. Box 534
Caro MI 48723
www.tuscolaccf.org**

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to make Tuscola County a better place to live by maintaining a permanent philanthropic endowment base which will assist and fund a variety of efforts, turning needs and dreams into realities.

Our Story

The Beginning...

In November of 1996, a group of nine community leaders, *Richard Ransford, Robert Tuckey, Susan Walker, Sue Ransford, Harry Schubel, Richard Donahue, Linda Marshall, Richard Kern, and L. James White* from the Caro and Cass City areas began a conversation to determine the requirements to establish a community foundation. Part of their motivation was the knowledge that the W. K. Kellogg Foundation had issued a challenge grant opportunity to communities across Michigan to establish community foundations. The challenge issued was that the Kellogg Foundation would match one dollar (up to \$1,000,000) for every two dollars raised by community foundations that established youth advisory councils. With a deadline fast approaching a grant application was submitted by April 1, 1997, and simultaneously a youth advisory council, also referred to as a “YAC”, was established. The YAC quickly renamed itself Future Youth Involvement (FYI). The first FYI grants were awarded in September of 1999.

After a period of discussions with potential partners, in early 1998, the trustees of the **William A. and Ruth Janks Foundation** and the **Claude D. and Etta H. Andrews Foundation** agreed to terminate their private foundation status and become part of the new Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF). With all the Kellogg Challenge Grant requirements fulfilled, and the application submitted, a Challenge Youth Project Grant from the **W. K. Kellogg Foundation** was received by TCCF in two installments - \$900,000 in November of 1998 and \$100,000 in August of 1999.

TCCF Governance...

TCCF is governed by a group of fifteen community leader volunteers from various professions including agriculture, business, finance, education, and law representing communities throughout Tuscola County. They establish policies and procedures and have the responsibility to hire the foundation’s executive director who they delegate to administer day-to-day operations. The Board regularly meets and receives recommendations from the various committees they have established and make final decisions based on those recommendations.

TCCF Leadership...

TCCF has employed five Executive Directors during its’ first 25 years beginning with L. James White, Don Hahn, and Susan “Suze” Walker. Ken Micklash began in May of 2005 and steadily growing the Foundation until his retirement in the fall of 2018 when our current executive director, John Hunter was hired. Each can be credited with growing the foundation and moving the organization forward ever mindful of our mission’s tag line - **For good. For ever.**

FYI’s primary Youth Advisor’s during the first 20 years were Paula Gromak and John Hunter with shorter times of service from Nick Bauerschmidt, Mandy Herman, Maureen Murphy, and Jennifer Parker. Current FYI Advisors are Megan Bartolowits and Jackie List-Houser. Both Nick and Jackie are also former FYI members.

TCCF Granting...

The Foundation has two main granting cycles each year with applications being taken in September (fall cycle) and February (spring cycle) each year. The Founders Fund and Tuscola County Emergency Needs Fund accept applications continuously.

Student scholarships are announced in cooperation with each school district that is a member of the Tuscola County Intermediate School District. Applications are made available to students through their school guidance offices in early February each year.

TCCF Investing...

All gifts to the Foundation become part of a lasting endowment. The principal is responsibly managed – only available income is used to fund projects according to the terms of donor agreements. Funds are invested through financial consultants in several balanced portfolios. The performance of each investment portfolio is reviewed regularly by the Foundation’s Finance Committee.

Additionally, the Foundation’s financial position is evaluated on an annual basis by an independent audit. Thanks to these safeguards, donors can be assured that their legacy contribution will be preserved, and earnings will be maximized over time forever!

TCCF Information...

To learn more about the Foundation we encourage you to visit our website at www.tuscolaccf.org and follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/tuscolaccf.org>.

The Foundation office is located at 1100 E Caro Road (2nd floor of the Northstar Bank building) and is open during normal business hours. We invite you to pay us a visit and learn more about how you can join our growing family doing good here in Tuscola County!



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings TCCF donors and friends,

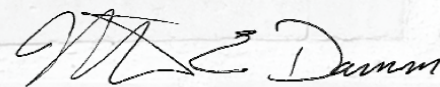
The board and I are always amazed at your generosity and commitment to making Tuscola County a better place to live. This year the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) celebrated our 25th anniversary! A golf outing was held at the Arrowhead Golf & Grill in Caro to celebrate 25 years of philanthropic giving. Proceeds from the event went to support grantmaking from the Founders Fund, a fund that grants continuously throughout the year.

Looking back, we are thankful to the board members who came before us that have provided the leadership and vision to grow both the number and variety of the various funds of the TCCF. It is impossible to put into words what their gifts of time and talent have meant to this community.

We hope that as you read through this year's Annual Report you might see a project that made a difference in your community. Or perhaps recognize a scholarship fund that benefits students in your school district as new high school graduates pursue their post-secondary education hopes and dreams.

How ever these stories impact you - together we can look forward to the next 25 years, knowing that our community will be better a place to live because of philanthropy!

With Gratitude,



Mike Damm
Board President

RECOGNIZING BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Dave Houghtaling, Tom Striffler, Troy Bonadurer, and Nick Bauerschmidt were all honored for their years of service and leadership to the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) in 2022.

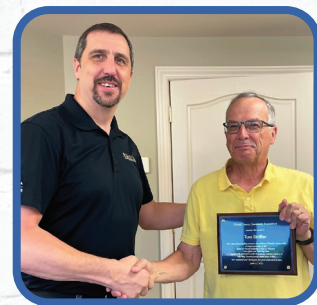
Dave Houghtaling, an active farmer from the Reese area, was a TCCF Trustee for eight years and served as the Board Secretary. Tom Striffler, a retired auto parts engineer manager from Caro, also served as a Trustee for eight years including leadership roles as Board Secretary and Treasurer. Troy Bonadurer, a retired Michigan State Police Trooper and small business owner from Millington, served on the Board for one year as Board Vice-President.

Nick Bauerschmidt was recognized for his three years of service as an advisor to the TCCF Youth Advisory Council, more commonly known as Future Youth Involvement (FYI). Nick is a former FYI member and was able to bring a unique perspective to his advisor role.

The TCCF Board of Trustees is appreciative of the 20 years of service these four men provided to our community!



David Houghtaling



Tom Striffler



Troy Bonadurer

2022 BOARD MEMBERS



Mike Damm
PRESIDENT
Vassar Area



Cammie Asmus
VICE PRESIDENT
TRUSTEE
Mayville Area



Kate Van Auken
TREASURER
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Caro Area



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Cass City Area



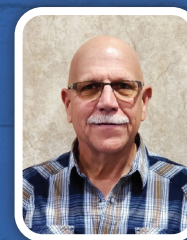
Debra Kranz
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Cass City Area



Jerry Lasceski
TRUSTEE
Fairgrove/Akron Area



Brooke Walker
TRUSTEE
Kingston Area



Vern Cooper
TRUSTEE
Millington Area



Bree Tomlinson
TRUSTEE
FYI Rep. - USA Schools



Mark Hirschman
TRUSTEE
Reese Area

STAFF MEMBERS



John Hunter
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR



Renée Deroche
ASSISTANT TO
THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

VOLUNTEERS



Megan Bartolowits
FYI ADVISOR



Jackie List-Houser
FYI ADVISOR



WAYS TO REMEMBER & GIVE!

The **Tuscola County Community Foundation** (TCCF) Board of Trustees established the **Tuscola County Memorial Fund** in 2022. The fund will allow donors or families who have lost a loved one to make a lasting gift that will honor the memory of their loved one by providing opportunities through grantmaking to residents of Tuscola County in the future. Each year in TCCF's annual report, a list of those people that have been memorialized will be recognized. Non-profit organizations throughout Tuscola County will be able to apply for grants from this fund.

CONSIDER A LASTING GIFT!

TCCF invites you to join an incredible group of friends who have invested in our mission and our future through planned giving. This special group of individuals have chosen to include a gift to **TCCF** in their will or estate plans. Planned gifts of ALL sizes help to fund new and existing programs, scholarship opportunities and more. Joining is as simple as notifying us of your planned gift intention. TCCF staff are available to assist donors with accomplishing their dreams for building a brighter future through planned giving. Common types of legacy gifts include:

- Outright gift of cash, stocks, bonds, or life insurance cash value (e.g., policy that is no longer needed)
- Beneficiary designations in a retirement fund [e.g., IRA, 401(k), 403 (b)] or in a life insurance policy
- Bequests in a will or trust (sample language below)

"I give and devise to Tuscola County Community Foundation, PO Box 534, Caro, Michigan, 48723, Tax ID #: 38-3351315 the sum of \$_____ dollars (or if preferred, state what percentage of estate or peice of property) to be held, administeres, and used by the Board of Directors for support of Tuscola County Community Foundation in the area of (insert fund name)."

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The Foundation continued its mission of supporting local communities and making Tuscola County a better place to live. The Foundation was able to grant out over \$538,000 towards community projects and student scholarships while administrative costs continued to remain low due to the efficient use of resources.

We are also pleased to announce that TCCF has been re-accredited by the Council of Foundations National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Board through October 15, 2025. The national standards program requires community foundations to document policies and meet standards for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. TCCF's re-accreditation has validated that we have our "house in order."

TCCF's assets were impacted by the challenges many of us faced in 2022 - high inflation, interest rate hikes, and investment market volatility. The result was a decrease in total assets over the fiscal year. TCCF's Finance Committee and Board continue to work closely with our investment portfolio consultants. TCCF consultants anticipate the investment market will stabilize in 2023 providing positive returns.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	December 31,	
	2021	2022
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$276,089	\$274,543
Investments at Market Value	\$17,256,526	\$14,178,931
Pre-paid Expenses	\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$17,535,615	\$14,456,474
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - AT COST:		
Furniture & Equipment	\$6,566	\$6,566
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(\$2,053)	(\$3,191)
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - NET:	\$4,513	\$3,375
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$17,540,128	\$14,459,849



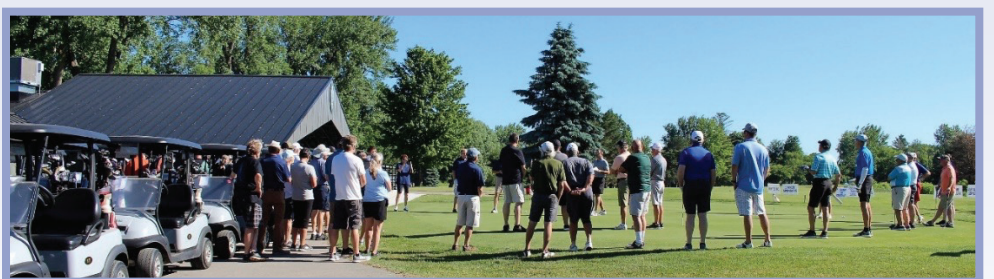
The **Tuscola County Community Foundation** (TCCF) hosted a golf outing at the Arrowhead Golf & Grill in Caro in June to celebrate TCCF's 25th Anniversary. We had beautiful, sunny weather and everyone enjoyed themselves! Generous sponsors and golfers joined forces to support the **Founders Fund**.

This unrestricted fund was established in 1998 by the TCCF Board of Trustees to support projects that would enhance the life of Tuscola County residents. Grants are limited to \$500 and are focused on supporting new projects. Applications can be found on the TCCF website, www.tuscolaccf.org, and are accepted on a continuous basis.

The **Founders Fund** was the beneficiary of over \$4,000 in proceeds from the golf outing. We are especially grateful to our event sponsors (see images below) who supported this event!



Founding members came together to help organize the 25th Anniversary Golf Outing
Thank you Susan (Suze) Walker and Dick & Sue Ransford!



2022 SPRING GRANT AWARDS

GRAND TOTAL 2022
Spring Grants Awarded: \$107,496

WILLIAM A. & RUTH JANKS FUND		
City of Caro Fire Department	Purchase water rescue boat and fire prevention house teaching tools.	\$3,000
Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library	Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$5,000
Habitat for Humanity of Lapeer-Tuscola	Purchased two (2) temporary aluminum accessibility ramps for Tuscola County residents.	\$12,000
Mayville Area Museum of History and Geneology	Purchase new computer and 3D scanner to assist in preserving history.	\$1,365
Mayville Firefighters Association	Outfit and update ice rescue gear and flotation devices.	\$1,964
Tuscola County Fair Association	Improve electrical grid and distribution system at fairgrounds.	\$6,500
Tuscola Homeless Coalition	Assist with rent and security deposits.	\$5,000
Tuscola Technology Center Automotive Program	Purchase a new Hunter tire machine for auto program.	\$7,000
Tuscola Technology Center Electronics Program	Purchase LocoRobo kits and curriculum to teach drone technology.	\$7,000
Village of Reese	Assist with purchase of playscape for community park.	\$5,000

TOTAL JANKS FUNDS AWARDED: \$53,829

CLAUDE D. & ETTA H. ANDREWS FUND		
Bullard Sanford Memorial Library	Replace specialized computer for the children's area.	\$2,277
City of Caro Fire Department	Purchase water rescue boat and fire prevention house teaching tools.	\$2,000
City of Vassar	Fund two (2) children's events at the Vassar Farmer's Market.	\$3,500
Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library	Provide age appropriate books each month to children 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$4,500
Tuscola Technology Center Electronics Program	Purchase LocoRobo kits and curriculum to teach drone technology.	\$3,000
Tuscola Transition Network	Support Transition Day for 10th grade special need students.	\$700

TOTAL ANDREWS FUNDS AWARDED: \$15,977



TUSCOLA TECHNOLOGY CENTER - ELECTRONICS PROGRAM

FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT FUND		
Millington High School Physics Club	Replace computers and software for rocket building.	\$1,500
Millington High School Yearbook	Purchase camera for yearbook students.	\$250
Schall Elementary-Hope Rocks!	Provide art supplies and instructions for all students to experience art.	\$900
Tuscola Technology Center Agriscience Program	Purchase ultra-sound unit to teach skills in animal husbandry reproduction.	\$3,370
Tuscola Technology Center Electronics Program	Purchase LocoRobo kits and curriculum to teach drone technology.	\$7,000
Tuscola Transition Network	Support Transition Day for 10th grade special need students.	\$1,000
Unionville-Sebewaing High School Leadership Team	Transportation support for students completing community volunteer projects.	\$250
Vassar High School Gymnastics	Purchase uneven bars for gymnastics team.	\$6,000
Village of Cass City	Construct a dugout for softball fields in Cass City Municipal Park.	\$10,234

TOTAL F.Y.I. FUNDS AWARDED: \$30,504

MISCELLANEOUS

DON LIST FUND FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN		
Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library	Provide age appropriate books each month for children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$300
HEALTHY YOUTH/HEALTHY SENIORS FUND		
Hills & Dales General Hospital	Purchase Stop the Bleed® kit for community education serving youth.	\$1,386
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUND		
Tuscola Homeless Coalition	Assist with rent and security deposits.	\$2,500
GREATER MILLINGTON AREA FUND		
Millington-Arbela Fire Department	Assist with purchase of Chassis and Rosenbauer Fire Rescue Squad truck.	\$3,000



SCHALL ELEMENTARY - HOPE ROCKS!



2022 SCHOLARSHIP

Total Scholarships Awarded in 2022: \$181,566

Allison Emmert Memorial Scholarship

One (1) Cass City HS student (\$500)

Allison & Marjorie Green Memorial Scholarship

One (1) Kingston HS student (\$1,400)

Anthony Scott Walker Memorial Scholarship

One (1) Caro HS student (\$500)

Bender Family Foundation - Turn Around Student Scholarship

One (1) Reese HS student (\$250)

Bob Moore Scholarship

One (1) Caro HS student (\$1,250)

Carl Childs Scholarship

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student (\$300)

Caro Rotary Scholarship

Three (3) Caro HS students (\$1,300 each)

Cass City AAUW Scholarship

College tuition support for two (2) women (\$1,500 each)

Cass City Jr. Citizen of the Year Scholarship

Three (3) Cass City HS students (1-\$1,000; 2-\$250 each)

Cass City Rotary Scholarship

Two (2) Cass City HS students (\$1,000 each)

Clare McDurmon Scholarship

Three (3) Caro HS students (\$750 each)

Cory Merz Endowment

Two (2) Cass City HS students (\$1,000 each)

Dale & Aaron Wingert Memorial Scholarship

One (1) Mayville HS student (\$1,000)

Donald D. & Sara J. Dost Scholarship

One (1) USA HS student (\$500)

Dr. Bruce J. Dunn Memorial Scholarship

One (1) Cass City HS student (\$750)

Dr. Donald Carr Scholarship

One (1) Caro HS student (\$500)

Dr. Earl & Mary Branding Scholarship

One (1) Caro HS student (\$750)

Ed-Mar Tree Farm Scholarship

One (1) Mayville HS student (\$500)

Edward J. & Alice M. Maier Foundation

Fourteen (14) Mayville HS students (\$4,000 each)
Eight (8) Mayville HS renewal scholarships (\$4,000 each)

Fullmer Family Scholarship

One (1) Millington HS student \$1,000 and
One (1) USA HS student \$1,000

Harold Gates & Guy Way Scholarship

One (1) Caro HS student (\$600)

Harry J. Bastone Memorial Scholarship

One (1) Caro HS student (\$750)

Houghtaling Family Scholarship

One (1) Millington HS student (\$750)

Jan Carson Memorial Scholarship

One (1) USA HS student (\$500)

Joy McCreedy Scholarship

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student (\$2,000)

Judy & Bonnie Weipert Scholarship

One (1) Cass City HS student (\$500)

Justin Reder Scholarship

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student (\$300)

Kally Maharg Endowment Fund

Four (4) Cass City HS students (\$500 each)

Ken Moore Memorial

One (1) Millington HS student (\$750)
One (1) Vassar HS student (\$750)

Kim Whalen Scholarship

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student (\$500)

Kingston High School Scholarship

Two (2) Kingston HS students (\$300 each)

Kingston VFW Post 5317 Veteran's Family Scholarship

One (1) Kingston HS student (\$1,000)

Kiwanis Club of Caro Area Scholarship

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student
One (1) Millington HS student (\$500 each)

Lloyd & Lula White Memorial Scholarship

One (1) Mayville HS student (\$750)

Olaf A. Goodell Scholarship

Two (2) Cass City HS students, one (1) Kingston HS student
two (2) Millington HS students, one (1) USA HS student
(\$1,000 each)

Patricia Krol Memorial Scholarship

One (1) Cass City HS student (\$1,000)

Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship

Seven (7) HS students (\$9,766 total)

Rawson Foundation

Three (3) Cass City HS students (\$1,200 each)
Two (2) Cass City HS renewal scholarships (\$1,200 each)

Reginald and Lucille Ashmun Scholarship

One (1) Caro HS student (\$750)

Robert & Barbara Tuckey Education Scholarship

One (1) Cass City HS student (\$300)

Robert & Marjorie Zander Memorial Scholarship

Three (3) Cass City HS students (\$2,500 each)

Rolka Scholarship Foundation

Eight (8) Caro HS students, one (1) renewal scholarship (\$2,000 each)

Scears Foundation of Akron Michigan Scholarship

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student (\$400)

Thomas H. Koch - Pay It Forward Scholarship

One (1) USA HS student (\$500)

Tom Wargo Scholarship

One (1) Mayville HS student (\$1,000)

Tucker Schumacher Miracle Scholarship

One (1) Reese HS student (\$500)

Tuscola County Community Agricultural Scholarship

One (1) Millington student (\$2,500)

Wallace & Helen Zinnecker Scholarship

One (1) Cass City HS student (\$1,250)

PHILANTHROPY...
Hard to say, fun to do!

2022 FALL GRANT AWARDS

GRAND TOTAL 2022
Fall Grants Awarded: \$73,197

WILLIAM A. & RUTH JANKS FUND		
Caro Soccer Club	Purchase field and practice equipment, line sprayer and goal frame.	\$10,000
First Presbyterian Church of Caro	Support of 2022-2023 music series.	\$1,500
Millington-Arbela Historical Society	Replace back entranceway porch.	\$3,000
Reese Middle School Robotics Team	Purchase robot build kits for program.	\$1,650
Tuscola County Fair Association	Upgrade grandstand lighting and power boxes to infield.	\$4,250
Tuscola Technology Center	Purchase anatomy models for Nursing Careers Program.	\$2,500
Village of Kingston Fire Department	Improve electrical grid and distribution system at fairgrounds.	\$4,250

TOTAL JANKS FUNDS AWARDED: \$27,150

CLAUDE D. & ETTA H. ANDREWS FUND		
Camp Pine Acres, Inc.	Maintenance for main lodge.	\$1,000
Caro Soccer Club	Purchase team benches and picnic tables.	\$3,000
Reese Middle School Robotics Team	Purchase robot build kits for program.	\$1,650
Tuscola Transition Network	Fund 11th Grade Transition Day "Making Good Choices".	\$700

TOTAL ANDREWS FUNDS AWARDED: \$6,350

FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT FUND		
Akron-Fairgrove Elementary School	Student Council support for Tuscola County Advocacy childrens care packages.	\$250
Cass City Jr. and Sr. High School	Supplies and equipment to support student success.	\$250
Cass City Public Schools	Upgrade concession stands at high school and football field.	\$5,000
Cass City Public Schools	Purchase two (2) laser engravers and two (2) Honey Comb working tools for STEM.	\$1,600
Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library	Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$1,000
Millington Community Schools	Support track program with vault poles and mat collar.	\$5,000
Reese Public Schools	Peer Mental Health Support and Awareness Program.	\$2,900
Rotary Club of Cass City	Support to build sensory garden in Rotary Park.	\$5,000
Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools	Guest speakers for middle and high school programs.	\$500
Vassar Public Schools	Purchase gymnastic balance beam and mats.	\$10,000

TOTAL F.Y.I. FUNDS AWARDED: \$31,500

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

DON LIST FUND FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN		
Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library	Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$400

Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library	Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$1,000
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GREAT MILLINGTON AREA FUND		
Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library	Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$1,000

Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library	Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$1,000
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New Light Consultants	Build pavilion for use by community, clients, and staff.	\$1,000
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KIWANIS CLUB OF CARO AREA FUND		
Rotary Club of Cass City	Support to build sensory garden in Rotary Park.	\$1,000

ANNE S. LAETHEM FUND		
Mayville Area Museum of History and Geneology	Provide a safe walkway into the Mayville Museum.	\$500

Michigan House of Hope	Repairs to roof of the bell tower and foyer.	\$200
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THUMB AREA CENTER FOR THE ARTS		
City of Vassar	Stump carving of four (4) pine stumps near north pavilion.	\$1,000

City of Vassar	Stump carving of four (4) pine stumps near north pavilion.	\$1,000
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DON PETRO FUND		
Village of Cass City	Support to build bark park.	\$750

HEALTHY YOUTH/HEALTHY SENIORS FUND		
Rotary Club of Cass City	Support to build sensory garden in Rotary Park.	\$2,347

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MILLINGTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 164



CARO SOCCER CLUB



OTHER 2022 GRANTS

APPLE BLOSSOM WIND FUND

Cass City Summer Athletic Program - Girls Softball	Program support for girls softball.	\$250
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Cass City Public Schools - Flag Football	Program support for flag football.	\$250
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Cass City Summer Athletic Program - Boys Baseball	Program support for boys baseball.	\$250
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Cass City Talons Youth Wrestling	Program support for youth wrestling.	\$250
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BIDDINGER FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND

Caro Community Schools	Capturing Kids Hearts Program and Arts support.	\$36,122
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Cass City Public Schools	Support to expand creative arts programs; add part-time social worker.	\$27,488
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CARL FRITZ CANCER TRANSPORTATION FUND

Carl Fritz Cancer Transportation Fund	Transportation support provided to Tuscola, Sanilac or Huron County residents receiving cancer treatment.	\$300
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CARO AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY FUND

Caro Area Library	Support for children, teen and adult library programming.	\$5,000
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CASS CITY BOOSTERS CLUB

Cass City Public Schools	Powerwash, prep, paint and stain school playscape.	\$14,200
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DALE AND PATRICIA WINGERT FUND

Mayville Area Museum of History and Geneology	Provide support for purchase of LED signage.	\$500
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DR. ED AND DOROTHY SCOLLON FAMILY FOUNDATION

Elkland Township Fire Department	Purchase five (5) helmet lights for fire department use.	\$425
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Village of Cass City	Support building outdoor ice rink.	\$300
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FOUNDERS FUND

Millington-Arbela Historical Society	Insulate museum basement walls.	\$500
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Millington American Legion Post 164	Support for veteran banners.	\$500
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Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County	Body cam equipment for recording interviews.	\$500
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Michigan House of Hope	Assistance with Family Promise Inc. affiliation.	\$500
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GREAT START TUSCOLA'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Dollywood Foundation	Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.	\$29,000
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HILLS & DALES HEALTH CARE CORPORATION FUND

Hills & Dales General Hospital	Support purchase of oncology chair.	\$1,200
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IMPACT HOPE FOUNDATION FUND

Bluewater Youth for Christ - Reese Campus	Reese student scholarship spring break trip and YFC activities.	\$1,000
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Village of Reese	Support beautification committee projects.	\$1,000
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JERRY W. ZUERCHER ENDOWMENT FOR MUSICAL ARTS

Caro Community Schools	Registration for two (2) students Drum Major Camp.	\$700
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LOVE FOR LEXI - PAYING IT FORWARD FUND

Revive Ministries	Support for families with children receiving cancer treatment.	\$8,000
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MAYVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUND

Mayville Community Schools	Support for STEAM activities, art supplies, graphing calculators, State Capitol student trip.	\$1,500
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MILLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND

Millington Community Center	Parking lot repair.	\$500
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RAWSON FOUNDATION FUND

Cass City Public Schools	Purchase four (4) tables for pavilion.	\$4,800
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Child Fund International	Sponsor children.	\$1,958
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THE PATRIOT PRIDE CLUB FUND

Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools	Updating Athletic State Championship displays.	\$12,952
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TUSCOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY NEEDS FUND

Tuscola Homeless Coalition	Assist with rent and security deposits.	\$4,400
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Cass City Public Schools/Ag Science/FFA	Purchase AED for agriculture building.	\$1,800
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Millington Community Center	Support window replacement project.	\$10,000
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The Future Youth Involvement Committee (FYI) is part of the Tuscola County Community Foundation and manages a permanently endowed fund which maintains assets of over \$1.2 million. FYI is comprised of students from high schools in Tuscola County who, with their adult advisors, make conscientious and often difficult grant making decisions.

FYI teaches youth the value of philanthropy and fosters leadership qualities as they work together to make Tuscola County a better place to live.



John Hunter and Paula Gromak served as the original FYI Advisors from 1997-2018.

ABOUT FYI...

Future Youth Involvement (FYI) is the youth advisory council of the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF). The membership is comprised of high school students from all nine schools included in the Tuscola County Intermediate School District. FYI meetings take place monthly during the school year. Students learn about running a small organization and philanthropy while developing leadership skills.

Some of the principal objectives for the group are conducting a triennial needs assessment of youth in Tuscola County, writing a request for proposal, making grants, fundraising, and completing community service projects. FYI has now granted out **more than \$900,000** to projects supporting their needs assessment and boasts over 300 alumni!

FYI has also been instrumental in growing the *Homelessness Prevention Fund*. TCCF received a challenge grant in 2003 for conducting a community summit that looked at ways to address homelessness prevention in Tuscola County. Part of the challenge grant included receiving a \$5,000 award to establish a permanent endowed fund to address homelessness prevention in Tuscola County. The TCCF Board partnered with FYI to make the community aware of homelessness in the community.

FYI in turn established an annual event called "*Cardboard City Sleep-Out*" in 2003 and for over a decade hosted the event on the Tuscola County Courthouse lawn, bringing awareness to homelessness in the community. Currently, FYI supports growing the fund by holding an annual raffle. Through FYI's fundraising efforts and donations, the fund has grown to over \$57,000!

HELPING THE HOMELESS



FYI & TCCF HISTORY



Ken Micklash served as our Executive Director from 2005-2018.

TAKING A LOOK BACK...

CARDBOARD CITY



Photo by Amy Joies

A WORTHY CAUSE

Chemical Bank was the first business in Tuscola County to donate to the cardboard city overnight sleep out, planned by FYI (Future Youth Involvement) in conjunction with the Tuscola County Community Foundation. The sleep-out took place last night (Friday, April 25). Students from several area schools slept on the courthouse lawn in cardboard boxes to raise funds for the local homeless. Chemical Bank challenges other area businesses to meet or beat their donation of \$500 in support of the project. All of the proceeds will benefit the Tuscola County Homeless Coalition. Caro High School students (left to right) Brittney Laethem and Kevin Lewtschanyn accepted the check from Chemical Bank Vice President Felicia Carr. Donald Hahn, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation was on hand as well. For more information on donating or participating, call Hahn at (989) 673-8223. A complete story and photos of the event will appear in Wednesday's *Advertiser*.

ABOUT THE TUSCOLA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The **Tuscola County Community Foundation** (TCCF) is a tax exempt, publicly supported philanthropic organization established and operated as a collection of permanently endowed funds for the long-term benefit of Tuscola County. We operate as a nationally accredited and IRS certified 501(c)(3) organization.

A community foundation seeks out donor contributions and functions as a grant making organization, supporting various charitable activities and community needs. As a grant making organization, TCCF also awards scholarships annually to students applying for post-secondary education who meet the donor's criteria.

The TCCF was established in 1997 and held assets valued at just over \$14.4 million at the end of 2022. Over \$7.5 million dollars has been distributed to Tuscola County communities through grant and scholarship awards to non-profit organizations and individuals since our beginning.

What is an Endowment Fund?

An endowment fund is a permanent fund in which the principal remains intact and the earnings provide resources for charitable purposes.

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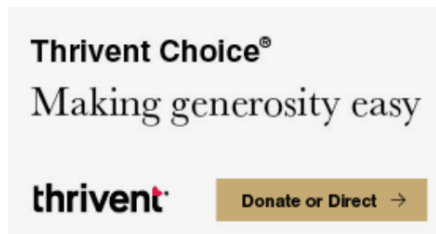
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