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**Splash Park Coming to Au Gres**
Thanks in part to a grant from the Healthy Living Fund at BACF, Au Gres will be including a splash pad in their designs for Harbor Park.

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**Save the Date!**
Please reserve the evening of September 23, 2019 • 5:30 p.m.
DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center, Bay City, Michigan

Honoring recipients of the Peggy Rowley Community Enrichment Award:
William Bowen
Gary and Glenda Labadie
Belief in the Unknown

Everything good starts with the belief that it is possible.

What do you believe in?

One thing many of our donors believe in is the power of education.

A few weeks ago, we gathered to honor students from Bay and Arenac counties who have made a commitment to continuing their education. These high school seniors, enrolled college students, and nontraditional students are benefiting from the many who give generously to students they don’t even know—simply because they believe in our area’s youth.

At the Bay Area Community Foundation, we are driven to leave both Bay and Arenac counties better places for the generations that follow. We do this by encouraging and connecting our community believers—our donors—with the causes they care about most.

Our donors are people who want to—and believe they can—make a difference. They understand how powerful “community” can be.

How do you want to make a difference? What causes do you care about? Please reach out to us. We’d love to talk to you about your passions and dreams for our community and how to make them a reality.

Believing in the power of community,

Diane M. Fong, President & CEO

Welcome BACF’s New Trustees

Diane Morley
Forward Corporation

Bill Thompson
Runners Athletic Company

Thank you to BACF’s Outgoing Trustees

Richard Milster
Gambrell Milster and Associates

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Recently Established Funds at BACF

Arenac County Animal Welfare Fund
Hell’s Half Mile Designated and Agency Funds
Hemlock Semiconductor Donor Advised Fund
David A. Kessler Audition Award
Community Leadership: Bay County Roadmap

Community foundations play an important role in creating a vibrant community for future generations to enjoy. By working together with other community leaders, we help initiate new projects and programs that work toward those goals.

One such community project was the *Bay County Road Map to the Future: Action for Positive and Collaborative Community Growth* published in February 2014. Under the leadership of BACF and the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, this community visioning document came from eighteen months of listening to direct input from more than 300 local leaders. The results were a set of key elements and priority objectives necessary for community success.

To be outstanding, a community must have:

- a robust and diverse economy,
- a deep sense of place,
- a pool of talented workers and leaders,
- and the ability to meet the needs of the less advantaged.

The Road Map provides a framework for Bay County to direct its activities toward common goals that will transform a good community into a great one.

We know that to create real change, it doesn’t take the work of just one individual or one organization. It takes many, coming together and believing that the best is yet to come for our community. We are honored to work alongside you, our area’s leaders, donors, and residents to create positive change.

Please read on for highlights on how Bay Area Community Foundation is working to move the objectives of the Road Map forward.

**Great Lakes One Water Partnership**

The Road Map identified that our water resources are part of creating a strong sense of place. At the end of 2018, BACF partnered with shoreline community foundations and conservation partners from the United States and Canada to create a regional plan of action to preserve Lake Huron for future use. Together, with community input, we are developing a plan to protect our important natural resource and reduce the amount of polluted water that enters inland lakes, streams, and eventually Lake Huron through effective stormwater management.

**Route Publication**

Alongside many other community partners and leaders, we were excited to bring an electronic publication to Bay County in 2018 to tell positive stories about our area’s businesses, nonprofits, activities, opportunities, and individuals. *Route* tells the story of Bay County and its people. It helps the public—both near and far—understand what makes our community special and unique. *Route* is an important community initiative because it provides a narrative backdrop in support of the four dimensions of a thriving community, as identified in the Road Map. Read this publication and subscribe to receive weekly emails full of positive stories by visiting www.routebaycity.com.
Give Local Bay 2019 Raised Nearly $79k for Bay and Arenac Nonprofit Funds!

With the first gift at 12:01 am and the last at 11:59 pm, Give Local Bay truly was a 24-hour giving day. Give Local Bay took place this year on May 7 and encouraged people to “give where you live.”

New this year, we partnered with Connan’s Irish Hub to raise a glass for Give Local Bay. They generously donated a dollar for every craft beer purchased during the event, bringing in an extra $266 for our nonprofits.

During this single-day event, we raised more than $50,000 from the public that was matched with $27,750 from Bay Area Community Foundation. These funds will build these organizations’ individual endowment funds so that our area’s nonprofits will benefit for years to come. Thank you to all who participated!

View all the results at www.givelocalbay.org.

2019 Give Local Recap

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Save the Date for 2020: May 5

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor LiUNA–Local 1098 for helping make this event possible!

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Thank you to our Business Sponsors for showing their support for the work of the Bay Area Community Foundation.

To learn more about becoming a Bay Area Community Foundation Business Sponsor, please contact Lisa Bourdon-Krause at the BACF office at 989.893.4438
Bay Area Community Foundation awarded a grant of $75,000 from the Healthy Living Fund to the City of Au Gres to build a splash pad at Harbor Park. Approximately two miles from the shores of Lake Huron lies the Au Gres River and the location of a planned multi-use family park. After acquiring the property from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the City of Au Gres formed a plan for redevelopment as a recreation destination for area visitors and local families alike. This multi-year project will include the addition of a farmer’s market pavillion, playscape, kayak launch, fishing pier, and safety railings. This spring, the Bay Area Community Foundation awarded them a grant of $75,000 to add a splash pad to the park. This funding comes as a match alongside multiple grants from other organizations. The City of Au Gres will complete the splash pad in the spring of 2020 for the public to enjoy. While they are still determining the exact features that will be included, they have shared that they would like it to be enjoyable by all ages and not just small children. This year, the Healthy Living Fund also awarded to the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail, to connect Bay City’s Riverwalk/Railtrail system with Zilwaukee’s, and to the City of Bay City for a fitness zone at Maplewood Park.

$658,825 Awarded in First Cycle of Grants for 2019

Congratulations to the following grantees:

Alger Parks and Recreation
ARC Arenac Area
Arenac County
Arenac County Historical Society
Au Gres-Sims School District
Bangor Township Fire Department
Bay Area Women’s Center
Bay Arenac Intermediate School District
Bay City Players
Bay County Child & Senior Citizen Center
Bay County Department On Aging
Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition
Bay County Habitat for Humanity
Bay Commitment Scholarship Program
Bay Veterans Foundation
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region
Bush Elementary School
City of Au Gres
City of Bay City
City of Pinconning
Good Samaritan Rescue Mission
Dow Bay Area Family YMCA
Camp Fish Tales, Inc.
Friends of Bay City State Park
Friends of the Historic Masonic Temple of Bay City
Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail
Handy Middle School
Hell’s Half Mile Events
Humane Society of Bay County
Kids’ Clothesline (United Methodist Women)
Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc.
Literacy Council of Bay County
Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum
Muscular Dystrophy Association
NEMCSA - Omer Early Childhood Center
Northeast Michigan Arts Council
Pheasants Forever, Inc.
Pinconning Area Middle School
Pinconning High School
Portsmouth Township
River Jordan School of Transition
Safe Harbor Community Center
Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy
Saginaw Bay Community Sailing Association
Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum
St. Michael Catholic School
Standish-Sterling Community Schools
Sterling Area Health Center
Studio 23/The Arts Center
Underground Railroad, Inc.
United Way of Bay County
YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region

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The next deadline for grant applications is September 16, 2019. If you are interested in applying, please contact Joni King at jonik@bayfoundation.org or 989.893.4438.
**MISSION**
The mission of the Bay Area Community Foundation is to fulfill a wide array of donors’ charitable wishes throughout Bay and Arenac counties by building permanent endowment funds and serving as a leader for community improvement through effective grantmaking and collaboration.