

**See Your Gift Grow**

Community Foundations operate on the power of endowment; investing individual contributions and making each gift **For good. For ever.<sup>SM</sup>** But what does that really mean? Have you ever wondered what the value of today's gift will be in say, 25 years? Or maybe you're curious about how much good your donation will have accomplished in 50 years?

Well, with this simple infographic we hope to illustrate just a couple of different gift amounts and what they will have accomplished in a quarter century and a half century.

Why 25 and 50 years?

Well, in 25 years, between the current value of the endowment fund and the cumulation total of grants and services provided from the fund, your initial gift will have grown nearly four times! And in 50 years that amount is nearly nine times as large!

So, take a moment and study the image to the right and discover how \$25,000, \$50,000, and \$100,000 today can become \$225,000, \$400,000, and \$900,000 tomorrow.

If you would like to see us run the calculation on another gift amount or increment of time please contact Chris Yaklin, Development Director, by calling (989) 893-4438.



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.

**Welcome to the New BACF Online**

You are cordially invited to check out the new online face of the Bay Area Community Foundation. Now live, the redesigned [www.bayfoundation.org](http://www.bayfoundation.org) offers users the same great information they are accustomed to, but with a fresh look and updated feel.



In addition to new graphics the Foundation is now able to provide an entire online community for users. All donations, grants, and scholarship applications are now managed through one interface. Donors will be able to make gifts to any of the funds held by the Foundation, view their giving history, and download and print acknowledgement letters.

Individuals or organizations seeking assistance from the Foundation in the form of grants and scholarships will also discover a new experience. Scholarship applications are already completely electronic and grant applications will follow soon. Applicants are able to complete online applications and upload any required documents or materials.

"Giving should be easy," stated Eileen Curtis, BACF President and CEO. "We wanted to provide an avenue for our supporters that was simple, flexible, and above all else, **secure!** Each gift entrusted to us is important and should never be a burden to the donor."



To make your online donation please visit [www.bayfoundation.org](http://www.bayfoundation.org) and browse the "Giving" tab. Users are not required to create an account to donate but will need one to view their giving history. If you have any questions or concerns about the new system please feel free to call the Foundation at (989) 893-4438.

We welcome you to share any suggestions on how we can improve your online experience. Please contact Jeffery Tenbusch, Program Officer, by emailing [jefferyt@bayfoundation.org](mailto:jefferyt@bayfoundation.org).

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### Scholarships Now Available

Do you know a current high school senior, college student, or adult attending college next fall? If so, please pass on the message about the Bay Area Community Foundation's college scholarships. Applications for the 2013/2014 school year are now available. Scholarships will be awarded in May 2014 from over 100 donor funded scholarships to graduating seniors and current college students from Bay and Arenac Counties.



Please visit the Bay Area Community Foundation's website for all scholarship criteria. Students may apply for up to 15 different scholarships by using one application. The scholarship application is available at the Bay Area Community Foundation's website, [www.bayfoundation.org](http://www.bayfoundation.org).

In 1985, the Bay Area Community Foundation awarded one \$300 scholarship. Since then, the Foundation has awarded over \$3.5 million in scholarships to more than 3,000 students. In 2014, we hope to award more than 350 individual scholarships. We are delighted the Bay Area Community Foundation has grown to where we can help this many students with the financial burden of paying for college.

If a student has any questions or concerns, they are highly encouraged to visit the Great Lakes Bay College Resource Center, located in the first floor of the Pere Marquette Depot at 1000 Adams Street. Advisors are available to help students find and apply for scholarships, navigate the financial aid process, and discuss alternatives for affording their educational aspirations. To schedule an appointment, please call Renee Courier, Program Officer, at (989) 893-6026.

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### Support Your Community



Dear Friend of the Foundation,

Are you someone who shares your time, energy, and financial resources for the betterment of our community? Do you have a passion to improve Bay and Arenac counties? Are you someone who receives the most joy when helping others? Do you strive to create a thriving Bay Area?

If so, we invite you to be our partner in philanthropy.

For over 31 years philanthropists have worked with the Bay Area Community Foundation to create opportunities. With their support the Foundation has fostered seven community investment areas including arts & culture, community initiatives, education & youth, the environment, health & wellness, human services, and recreation.

This past year philanthropy has provided an electronic system to help families affected by dementia or autism. Philanthropy has established an endowment fund to support the needs of low-income families caring for infant children. Philanthropy has provided scholarships to over 300 local students seeking postsecondary education.

So, are you a philanthropist? We think so! We hope you will join us to increase the impact of your charitable gifts. We are grateful to be part of a community of givers; one where we can take care of the community needs that are most important to you. Your donations can be directed toward a specific endowment fund that meets your primary interests or toward the Community Initiative Fund which addresses the changing needs of our area.

Your gifts stay local and help our community grow. With the power of endowment your gifts are **For good. For ever.**<sup>SM</sup>

Sincerely,

Eileen A. Curtis

Michael L. Hanisko

*If you would like to make an end of the year gift to Bay Area Community Foundation or any of its over 300 different endowed fund visit [www.bayfoundation.org](http://www.bayfoundation.org) or call (989) 893-4438.*



### Shop With a Cop, Wrap With a YAC

They may be young, and some of them may be short, but don't let the funny hats fool you; they are anything but elves! On December 2nd the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) participated in the Fraternal Order of Police and Monitor Township Meijer's annual Shop with a Cop program. This event gives children from low income families the opportunity to partner with local police officers to bring the holiday spirit into their homes.



Each child was given a \$100 gift card and sent to browse the store with their police officer partner so they could purchase gifts for themselves, siblings, and parents. Afterwards, YAC volunteers worked with the children to wrap and label their gifts and get them ready to put under the tree. Participants at the event were also treated to free music, a pizza dinner, autographs and pictures from Saginaw Spirit Hockey players, a visit from the Sammy Spirit (the Saginaw Spirit mascot), and balloon hats and animals.

Five year YAC member, and current committee Vice-Chair, Gabrielle San Juan explained "This is our third year participating in this event. It's always fun and provides an opportunity for kids to really connect and have a positive experience with local police officers."

The committee would like to once again thank Meijer and the Fraternal Order of Police for giving them the opportunity to serve as a sponsor, and volunteers for this wonderful program.

### Meet Our Newest Team Member



Please join us in welcoming the newest member of the Bay Area Community Foundation team: Stacey Skropuski. She is joining us as our new Program Associate. Her responsibilities will include working in the Great Lakes Bay College Resource Center (GLB CRC), assisting with scholarship application process, and promote postsecondary education access throughout the region.

Stacey holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University. Additionally, she minored in Youth Services. Before joining the Foundation she worked at Independent Bank and interned at the Saginaw County Juvenile Detention Center, where she served as a case worker with approximately thirty youth in the Diversion Program. While in high school she worked as the Foundation's co-op student and assisted in moving the Foundation to its new location in the Pere Marquette Depot.

When asked if she had any other neat facts she would like to share she simply smiled and said "I am actually really proud of an accomplishment from high school. Out of my entire graduating class of 2008, I had the most scholarships. Easily over a dozen. When they read my name off at commencement it was quite comical! I know if I hadn't been so involved with the BACF I would not have known about all of the scholarships there are to be had."