

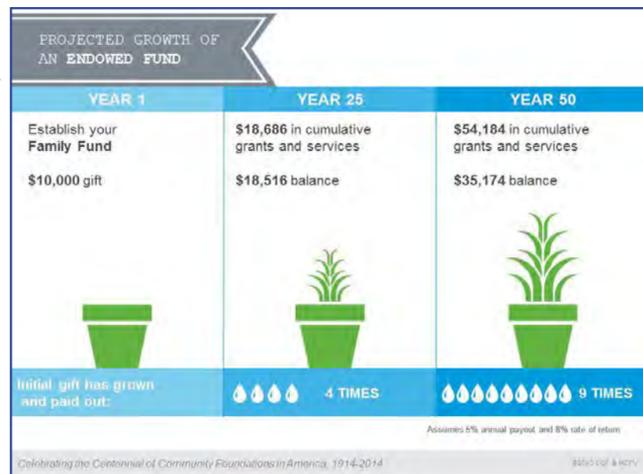
## Endowment: A Gift that Gives Forever

### Give to the Future of the Bay Area

You've lived here. You've worked here. You are part of this community's past and present. By creating an endowment fund with the community foundation, you can invest in this community's future.

### How it Works

- Choose to endow your gift, of \$10,000 or more, to the community foundation—ask us about options for making gifts over time that add up to this minimum amount.
- The principal of your fund can grow over time to generate an increasing stream of funding devoted to your interest areas and this community.
- A portion is used to make grants that meet community needs. Your gift—and the future income from your gift—is a permanent source of community funding, forever.



### Your Legacy of Giving

When you choose to endow your gift, you have the opportunity to make a difference during your lifetime and, at the same time, provide for the community you care about for generations to come. As needs, opportunities and the nonprofit organizations that address them change over time, your wishes are preserved, and grants continue to make life better in the name of the fund you established.

### A Nonprofits Source of Stability

Leaders of a nonprofit organization may also look to the community foundation to hold their organization's endowment because they know that having a constant source of funding helps them respond to emergency needs as well as plan for the future and sustain the good work they do.

### Together for Greater Advantage

Gifts endowed by the community foundation are pooled with others to achieve maximum investment efficiency and return. They grow and benefit a community with guidance from experienced local leaders and expert investment managers.

Will your gift be a lasting community legacy? Contact Chris Yaklin, Development Director, by calling (989) 893-4438 or emailing [chrisy@bayfoundation.org](mailto:chrisy@bayfoundation.org) to find out.

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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.

## Fall Grants Available

Grants through the Bay Area Community Foundation are now available for non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, educational institutions, and government entities in Bay and Arenac Counties. The submission deadline for all applications is October 1st, except for the Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund which has a November 1st due date.



For the first time ever all proposals must be submitted online through the Foundation's website. Users will be required to create a user name and profile before submitting an application. In addition, grantees will need to contact either Lisa Cleland or Jeffery Tenbusch, BACF program officers, prior to starting an application.

"We're very excited about our new application," stated Lisa Cleland. "Grantees will now be able to create applications, check the status of their proposals, and review past applications in one convenient location."

The Bay Area Community Foundation is asking potential grantees to pay special attention to the Newell and Elizabeth Eddy Grant. This \$100,000 grant opportunity is being awarded to at least two organizations, working collaboratively, on an innovative and entrepreneurial opportunity to connect people to nature. The project should leverage existing community assets in Bay County. Preference will be given to a project that has a lasting benefit, a focus on the urban population (conveniently located where a significant number of people can use or access), and provides universal access. It is not available for capital campaigns or operating costs.

Grants are available from the Alzheimer's Fund, Arenac Community Fund, BACF Human Services Fund, Bay County Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund, Carol C. Noeske Arenac County Disability Fund, Community Initiative Fund, Elizabeth Husband Fund, Environment Fund, Flood Family Donor Advised Fund, Leslie L. Squires Foundation, Nathalie Awrey Memorial Fund, Newell and Elizabeth Eddy Grant program, Northern Bay County Endowment Fund, Oscar P. & Louise H. Osthelder Advisory Fund, Saginaw Bay Watershed Restoration Fund, Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), and as stated previously, the Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund.

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### Community Foundation Regional Retreat



On August 15th, staff members from the Bay Area, Midland Area, Mt. Pleasant, and Saginaw Community Foundations took part in the 2014 Great Lakes Bay Community Foundation Regional Retreat!

This yearly event serves as an opportunity for our region's philanthropic professionals to meet and discuss opportunities for collaboration, share experiences and challenges, network, and learn about the organizations and initiatives shaping our communities. Hosting duties rotate among the participating organizations, with the retreat taking place in a different county each year. BACF served as the 2014 host.

This year's retreat kicked off with a presentation from Cathy Washabaugh, representing Great Lakes Bay Trails. She detailed efforts to connect the riverwalk and railtrail systems located in each county, and highlighted ongoing paving projects.

Mary Fales, Saginaw Bay Watershed Project Director with The Nature Conservancy, also served as a presenter. She highlighted the challenges our region faces to improve water quality and the different practices available to help reverse its deterioration.

Staff members finished the day aboard BaySail's Appledore IV. Crew aboard the tall ship demonstrated some of the finer points of sailing while volunteers shared the organization's educational programs which are offered to schools and youth groups across the region and state. Grants from several funds held by the Bay Area, Midland Area and Saginaw Community Foundations have provided equipment and scholarships for many of BaySail's programs.

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### You Too Can With BCCAN

With the school year just beginning, the Bay Commitment College Access Network is offering students and their families the opportunity to get a jump start on college planning with five events in their You Too Can with BCCAN series! Staff members will be covering three different topics including General College Planning on September 23rd and October 16th, ACT Quick Prep on November 18th, Great Start on November 19th, and FAFSA Night on February 26th.

During the General College Planning sessions, attendees will receive College Prep Survival Kits which help alleviate the stress associated with the college-going process. Additionally, participants will be directed in the use of the kits and provide tips for preparing for post-secondary education.

The ACT Quick Prep event, on November 18th, is designed to provide students with strategies for achieving higher scores on the ACT, the widely accepted college entrance exam. Additionally, an overview of college preparation services available at the College Resource Center will be presented.

Our Great Start night is fun for the whole family. Attendees can expect a scavenger hunt (with a prize!), crafts, informal family snapshots, fun with local mascots and some light refreshments. The Bay Commitment College Access Network will also teach you and your children how to make the most of their education!

During the FAFSA Night, students will learn about the requirement for all students who apply for federal financial assistance. The sometimes daunting "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" will be made a little less fearful for attendees at this February 26th event.

All sessions are free to the public. Family members are encouraged to attend with their student. Each begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Pere Marquette Depot and will last approximately one hour. We do ask attendees to RSVP the Friday before each event as seats are limited. To join us, please call (989) 893-6026 or email [stacey@bayfoundation.org](mailto:stacey@bayfoundation.org).



### Recently Established Funds



**Arenac County Historical Society Omer Courthouse Preservation Designated Fund** - This fund was created to provide funds for the preservation of the Omer Courthouse and property.

*The Bay Area Community Foundation holds nearly 300 endowed funds, including scholarship, designated, donor advised, family, and agency funds. These funds provide for scholarships, nonprofits, and a variety of fields of interest.*

### MLK Regional Scholarship Available

Inspired by the belief that love and peaceful protest can eliminate social, political and economic injustice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., became this nation's most heralded civil right leader. He aroused blacks and whites alike to protest racial discrimination, war and poverty. A champion of nonviolent resistance to oppression, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Dr. King's life ended at the age of 39 on April 4, 1968 when he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. However short his life, he greatly advanced the cause of civil rights in this nation. His life serves as encouragement to each of us to do all that we can to end injustice.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarships will be awarded each year to area high school seniors (regardless of ethnicity) who actively embrace Dr. King's dream of improving racial harmony and social justice. The scholarship will award \$1,000 and is non-renewable. The scholarship award will be presented at the annual Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration program to be held in January. The application is due October 31, 2014.

#### Do I qualify?

- Must be a high school senior in Bay, Midland or Saginaw County, Michigan (regardless of ethnicity)
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Must have plans to attend a 2-year and/or 4-year degree granting academic or vocational program

#### What do I need to do?

- Write a one page, typed essay that demonstrates how you have actively engaged in activities and efforts to make Dr. King's "Dream" of equality a reality, and what you will do in the future to keep Dr. King's "Dream" alive.
- Provide two letters of recommendation.
- Provide evidence of direct involvement in activities that are aimed at bridging the gap between the races, promoting racial harmony and equality, and improving awareness and understanding of cultural diversity.
- Provide a copy of academic transcript.
- Participate in all events and activities associated with this scholarship.
- Submittal of the completed application to the following address: Midland Area Community Foundation, 76 Ashman Circle, Midland, MI 48640.

#### How will I be evaluated? The selection criteria evaluates

- Your essay in terms of originality, awareness of Dr. King's life, and the realistic outcome of your essay's idea(s)
- Your two letters of recommendation
- Your awards/honors related to accomplishments in leadership and improving racial harmony
- Your activities related to leadership, commitment and impact



2014 MLK Scholarship Recipients