



ROSCOMMON COUNTY
**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

2023
ANNUAL REPORT

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We promote and facilitate change to enhance the quality of life for all residents of Roscommon County.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- By connecting generous donors with impactful initiatives that address community needs and promote positive change.
- Through strategic grantmaking, scholarship programs, and community leadership, we strive to support a wide range of causes, including education, health and wellness, environmental conservation, arts and culture, and youth development.
- By fostering collaboration and stewarding resources, we work to build a vibrant and resilient community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

MISSION

To encourage positive change for generations to come. For good. For ever. For everyone.

VISION

To enrich and improve the quality of life in our community.

LEADERSHIP

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and commitment of our community. The Roscommon County Community Foundation has always been dedicated to enhancing the lives of all residents in our county, and 2023 was no exception.

Throughout the challenges we've faced, your resilience and generosity have been a beacon of hope. Whether it was through participating in our programs, contributing to our funds, or volunteering your time and talents, you have shown time and again that when we come together, we can achieve remarkable things.

Together, we've made significant strides in advancing our mission of creating a thriving community where everyone has the opportunity to flourish. From providing essential support to local nonprofits and schools to awarding scholarships that empower our youth to pursue their dreams, your contributions have made a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to serving as a catalyst for positive change in Roscommon County. As we navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, we invite you to continue standing alongside us, united in our shared vision of a brighter future for all. For good. For ever. For everyone.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,

Suzanne E. Luck, Executive Director

Diane Nielsen, President



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"I have sought to contribute to the community that has done so much to contribute so positively to my life."
- Bryan Thompson, Board Trustee



Cassandra Freeman
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Jeff McGurk
Development Manager

"The RCCF is about working together for the good of others. It's about getting to know your community and learning of ways we can make a positive impact moving forward. I'm very proud to be a team member of this awesome community foundation."
- Calvin Hissong, Board Trustee

WE ARE...

We are Grant Makers



We empower community-driven initiatives, fueling innovation and fostering positive change. Together, we invest in the ideas and efforts that shape a brighter future for Roscommon County.

We are Conveners



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We are Philanthropic Partners



We work hand in hand with donors, nonprofits, and community leaders to maximize the impact of charitable giving in Roscommon County. By leveraging resources, expertise, and networks, we collectively address community needs and drive positive change. Together, we're building a stronger, more vibrant community for generations to come.

We are Community Capital



Through strategic investments and collaborative initiatives, we mobilize resources to strengthen local organizations, support innovative projects, and empower residents. Together, we are the driving force behind a resilient and thriving community.



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to watch a short
video highlighting
our work at RCCF.



WE ARE GRANT MAKERS

\$443,825

Total Granted in 2023

84

Grants

104

Scholarships

Highlights

Camps, Concerts, Cooking, and Pickleball.



**Friends of Trestle Park
Free Summer Concert Series**

Grant Provided by Rogers Family
Endowment for Houghton Lake



**C.O.O.R. Intermediate
School District Cooking Club**

Grant Provided by Kellogg Youth Fund
through Roscommon County Youth
Advisory Committee (YAC)



**Camp Westminster Higgins Lake
Summer Day Camp for RAPS Students**

Grant Provided by
Donor Advised Family Fund



**Houghton Lake Pickleball Club
On-Site Drinking Fountain**

Grant Provided by
Roscommon County Recreation Fund
Roscommon County Health Improvement
Endowment Fund
Weede Family Community Recreation Fund

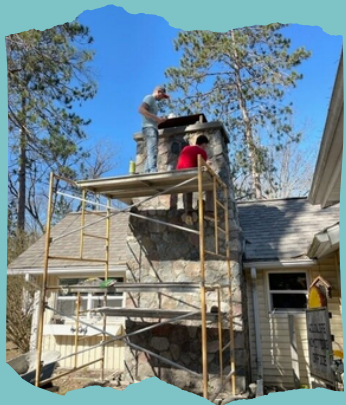
WE ARE CONVENERS

We bring together diverse voices, ideas, and resources to address the most pressing issues facing our community. By fostering collaboration and dialogue, we create opportunities for collective action and sustainable solutions. Through strategic partnerships and inclusive engagement, we strive to build consensus, inspire innovation, and drive positive change. Together, as conveners, we are shaping a stronger, more resilient Roscommon County for all.

ARK - Association to Rescue Kritters



In response to an urgent need within our community, our Urgent Needs Fund, a vital resource under the foundation's umbrella, swiftly stepped in to support ARK (Association to Rescue Kritters). Recognizing the critical nature of the situation, we provided crucial assistance to address the deteriorating chimney at ARK's facility, preventing further water damage.



This initiative exemplifies our role as conveners, leveraging our resources and expertise to address urgent community needs and support organizations like ARK in their essential work.



Scan the QR code to watch a short video about ARK's grant from the RCCF.

Delivering Hope and Food to Roscommon County

In a collaborative effort, grants from both the Morley Foundation Fund and the Roscommon County General Fund were instrumental in supporting the Roscommon County Food Pantry's mission to deliver hope and sustenance throughout our county.



By convening resources from multiple funds under our umbrella, we were able to provide vital assistance to ensure that the pantry could continue its essential work of addressing food insecurity in our community. This collaboration exemplifies our commitment to convening partners and pooling resources to address pressing needs and make a meaningful impact in Roscommon County.

WE ARE PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS

At the Roscommon County Community Foundation, we embrace our role as philanthropic partners, working hand in hand with donors, organizations, and nonprofits to drive positive change in our community. Through donor advised funds, generous individuals and families have the opportunity to amplify their impact by strategically directing their charitable giving to causes they care about deeply. These funds serve as a flexible and effective tool for donors to support a wide range of initiatives, from education and healthcare to arts and culture, and beyond.

In addition to individual donors, organizations and nonprofits can also establish funds with us to support their agency's mission in perpetuity. These dedicated funds not only provide financial stability for the organization but also ensure that their impact extends far into the future. By partnering with us to establish these funds, organizations can leverage our expertise in fund management and grantmaking, allowing them to focus on their core mission while we handle the administrative aspects.

Whether it's through donor advised funds or dedicated organizational funds, we are proud to stand alongside our philanthropic partners, empowering them to make a lasting difference in Roscommon County. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant community for generations to come.

A family advised donor fund, through their generosity and guidance, has supported numerous projects and initiatives that have made a significant difference in our community. We are grateful for their ongoing commitment to philanthropy and their dedication to making Roscommon County a better place for all. Here is a look at a few of the family's contributions in 2023.



Camp Westminster
Roscommon County Public Schools
Summer Day Camp



Gahagan Nature Preserve
Unrestricted Donor Advised
Grant



Good Shepherd UMC of the North
Grant for Providing Community
Dinners



ACT NOW
Gift Cards for Holiday Meals for
the Kids Helping Kids Project

FLEXIBLE FUNDS

Marilyn Brown Memorial Fund

This fund is used for charitable purposes of greatest need, as determined by the Fund Advisory Committee.

The Linda Chwan & Ken DePerro Memorial Fund

Used to support various charitable, educational, scientific, recreational and cultural organizations in Roscommon County.

The Community Impact Fund

This fund was created by the Roscommon County Community Foundation in honor of 25 years of service to the community of Roscommon County. It is unrestricted and applied to the everchanging needs and support to the community .

Cornerstone Fund

Income is unrestricted and applied to the areas of greatest need.

Greatest Human Needs Fund

Used to support organizations that provide nutrition for our communities, assistance to the elderly, support young families, provide shelter and housing assistance and support for Veterans.

Morley Foundation Fund

Designated to enhance the quality of life in Roscommon County.

Nester Family Charitable Fund

The purpose of the fund is to provide support for charitable, benevolent, and other public purposes.

St. Helen General Fund

Unrestricted and applied to the greatest needs in the St. Helen area.

Roscommon County General Fund

Applied to the greatest need. This Fund is an extremely flexible and important tool for the RCCF.

The Wade Family Donor Advised General Fund

Unrestricted and applied to the areas of greatest need.

At the Roscommon County Community Foundation, we are more than just a financial institution; we are the community's capital. We serve as a trusted steward of resources, pooling together funds from generous donors and strategic partners to address the ever-evolving needs of our community.

But what does it mean to be community capital? It means being flexible, responsive, and forward-thinking. It means having the agility to adapt to changing circumstances and the foresight to invest in long-term solutions. It means being a catalyst for positive change, empowering individuals and organizations to make a difference in Roscommon County.

Our community capital is made up of a diverse portfolio of funds, each with its own unique purpose and impact. From donor advised funds that allow individuals and families to direct their giving to specific causes, to unrestricted funds that provide flexibility to address emerging needs, our capital is as diverse as the community we serve.

But perhaps most importantly, being community capital means being deeply rooted in the values and aspirations of our community. It means being driven by a shared vision of a thriving, vibrant, and equitable Roscommon County for all.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to being the community's capital, leveraging our resources, expertise, and partnerships to build a brighter tomorrow for generations to come. Together, we are Roscommon County's capital, and together, we will continue to make a difference.

NEW FUNDS

Kyle Akin Memorial Fund

Kyle was a 2012 graduate of Houghton Lake High School, where he played both football and basketball. Kyle enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, and entertaining his friends and family.



Kyle's passion for the outdoors and his family's love for the Upper Peninsula of Michigan are well known to those who know them.

Kyle had a great passion for creating things with his hands. He loved spending time in the garage, working on rebuilding cars with his family. Instead of going to college after graduating in 2012, he decided to pursue his interests in skilled trades. He found immense satisfaction in developing his talents in this field and using them at Gem Plastics and Weyerhaeuser.

The Kyle Akin Scholarship Fund is a source of inspiration for those seeking to pursue a career in skilled trades. Kyle's enthusiasm and passion for the field of industrial technologies are a testament to his character and spirit. Graduating seniors from Roscommon County schools can apply for the scholarship, which honors Kyle's memory and his love for his craft.

Bonnie Biggar Music Fund

Bonnie Biggar's love for music, art, and adventure enriched her community. As a talented musician and dedicated teacher, she shared her passion with countless individuals, leaving a lasting impact.



Her creativity extended beyond music to include quilting, crafting, and more. In her memory, the Bonnie Biggar Music Fund has been established at the Roscommon County Community Foundation.

This fund will support music programs at Roscommon Area Public Schools, ensuring that Bonnie's legacy continues to inspire future generations. Her spirit lives on through the beauty she created and the lives she touched.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet to make a contribution to the Bonnie Biggar Music Fund or the Kyle Akin Memorial Fund on the Roscommon County Community Foundation's website. Or visit www.myrcf.org.



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The RCCF's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a dynamic group of young individuals dedicated to making a positive impact in their community. Comprised of passionate teens and young adults, the YAC serves as a platform for youth voices to be heard and amplified. Through collaborative initiatives, innovative projects, and community engagement, the RCCF's YAC empowers its members to lead, inspire, and drive meaningful change for the betterment of all.

This year marks an exciting milestone for the RCCF's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) as we introduce our new Board of Officers. Committed to fostering leadership and accountability, the addition of this structure will further enhance our ability to serve the community effectively.

As ambassadors of positive change, we're dedicated to expanding the knowledge of students through educational initiatives and experiences. We're also enthusiastic about venturing out into the community to witness firsthand the impact of the projects we've funded. By engaging with diverse projects and communities, we aim to deepen our understanding and broaden our perspectives, ultimately empowering us to make even greater strides in our mission to create a better future for all.



YAC Students Meeting at Markey Church



Students Get together During YAC Orientation



Delivering "Sunshine Bags" to Senior Living Centers in Roscommon County



Taking Part in a Service Project at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church



Scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet to watch a short video about the Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

AMBASSADOR CLUB



The Iles Schropp Group



What does the Ambassador Club Support?

Generous sponsorship by businesses and community members allow us to:

- Host events and conduct activities that recognize scholarship and grant recipients
- Honor those whose funds made these grants and scholarships possible
- Connect with professional advisors regarding the Foundation
- Thank our donors and volunteers
- Community Outreach

We rely on sponsorships to conduct these activities and appreciate your support.

Interested in joining
our Ambassador Club?

Send an email to
info@myrccf.org
OR
call (989)275-3112

FUNDS

UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

Marilyn Brown Memorial Fund
The Linda Chwan & Ken DePerro Memorial Fund
The Cornerstone Fund
Community Impact Fund
The Family Donor Advised Fund
Greatest Human Needs Fund
Morley Family Foundation Fund
Nester Family Charitable Fund
Roscommon County General Fund
St. Helen General Fund
The Wade Family Donor Advised Fund

EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

Gerrish-Higgins Educational Fund
Houghton Lake Community School District Support Fund
Houghton Lake Educational Foundation Fund
Kirtland Community College Educational Fund
Alexa Luck Memorial Fund
Annie Williams Rackerby Fund
Jim Mahoney Memorial - Music Program Support Fund
Sarah Eulaine Tucker (Class of 1977) Fund
Bonnie Biggar Music Fund

YOUTH FUNDS

"Big Buck Open" Athletic Scholarship
Howard B. "Corky" Gaylor Memorial Fund
Kimberly Mires Athletic & Music Scholarship
Roscommon Area Youth Booster Club Fund
Roscommon County Kellogg Youth Fund
Jim "Smitty" Smith Athletic Fund
Larry Sumerix Memorial - Summer Music Scholarship
Richard & Margaret Torongo Memorial Scholarship

ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS

Endowment for Higgins Lake
Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve General Fund
The John Morley Family Endowment for Higgins Lake
Rogers Family Endowment for Houghton Lake
Roscommon County Lakes & Rivers Fund
Robert R. Thalner Endowment Fund

HEALTH FUNDS

Jenni's Foundation - Michigan Cancer Support Fund
Roscommon County Health Improvement Endowment Fund
Roscommon County Tobacco Settlement Fund

ANIMAL SUPPORT FUNDS

Rubye Cunningham Memorial Fund Supporting the
Roscommon County Animal Shelter
The Larry Eastley & Clare Fisher Eastley Animal Support Fund
Viola J. Moore Animal Fund

ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS

Ambassador Club
Habitat for Humanity General Fund
Houghton Lake Public Library Excellence Fund
Houghton Lake Rotary Club General Fund
Lynda's Food Pantry Fund
Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center Fund
RCCF Independence Fund
Rob & Sue Morley Family Administrative Fund
Tom & Jan Richardson Family Endowment for Roscommon Area
Historical Society

SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

Friends for Safe Schools Fund
Roscommon County Health Services Fund
Roscommon County Mental Health Services Fund
Roscommon Area District Library Building Fund
Roscommon Area District Library Community Outreach Fund
The Ryan McDonald Memorial Fund
Higgins Lake/Roscommon Non-Motorized Trail Way System Fund
Thomas L. McNamara Memorial Rotary Parks Fund
Urgent Needs Fund

OTHER FUNDS

Doug Allen Fire & EMS Support Fund
Zonta Club Women's & Children's Fund
Roscommon County Recreation Fund
Weede Family Community Recreation Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Kyle Akin Scholarship Fund
Karen & Frank Arleth Memorial Scholarship
Grace Bernardo, M.D. Memorial Health Careers Scholarship
Lawrence C. Dashner Scholarship Fund
Jack Danieleski Scholarship
Kelly Dunmire Memorial Scholarship
Fidelity Chapter #50 Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship
Ruth & Ralph Fisher Scholarship
Evelyn Fraser Scholarship
Ava Raye Gasper Scholarship Fund
Gerrish-Higgins Roscommon Alumni Association Scholarship
The Rex & Arlene Gillen Scholarship
Char Goddard Memorial Scholarship
Forest & Rita Hacker Family Sportsmanship Scholarship
Sharon A. Hacker Nursing Scholarship Fund
Robert A. Hess Memorial Scholarship
HLHS Class of 1983 Memorial Scholarship Fund
Houghton Lake Rotary Club Memorial Scholarship
Houghton Lake Sports Booster Scholarship Fund
Mike M. & Patricia M. Ignat Scholarship
The Mr. J's Buckeye Nuts College Scholarship
Robert J. Kunik Memorial Scholarship
Layton International Scholarship
Bobbe Morley Scholarship Fund
Donald W. & Beverly Nester Memorial Scholarship
Ralph Ostling Memorial Scholarship
Patriot Scholarship Fund
Roscommon Rotary Club General Fund
Roscommon Soccer Teams Scholarship
Andrew Schmidt Trades Scholarship
W.H. & Betty J. Scott Memorial Scholarship
Clyde F. Shaltz Memorial Scholarship
Ford & Marguerite Silsby Scholarship
Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home Scholarship
Michael R. Tremel Memorial Athletic Scholarship
Harry & Marjorie Walbridge Scholarship Fund
William C. Williams (Class of 1950) Memorial Scholarship



Endowed funds are the cornerstone of our foundation's enduring impact on the community. By establishing endowed funds, donors create a lasting legacy that continues to make a difference for generations to come. These funds provide a stable source of income, allowing us to support vital initiatives, scholarships, and programs year after year. With each passing year, our endowed funds grow, ensuring that our impact on the community is not just temporary, but everlasting. Together, we are building a legacy of generosity and compassion that will continue to shape the future of our community for years to come.

ESTABLISH A FUND

Establishing a fund with the Roscommon County Community Foundation is more than just a financial transaction; it's an investment in the future of our community. By creating a fund, individuals, families, and organizations have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy that supports causes they care about deeply.

Whether it's providing scholarships for local students, addressing pressing community needs, or supporting nonprofit organizations, a fund serves as a vehicle for philanthropic impact that extends far beyond one's lifetime.

Through strategic grantmaking and stewardship, the foundation ensures that donors' charitable intentions are fulfilled while making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Together, we're building a stronger, more vibrant community for generations to come. For good. For ever. For everyone!

Learn more at myrccf.org or call (989)275-3112 for more information on how you can start your own fund.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet to learn more about how you can make an impact in your community by starting a fund at the community foundation.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Anybody can leave a future gift that lasts forever without impacting current finances. Here's how!

1

Make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds or other assets to RCCF. This charitable gift qualifies for tax advantage under federal law.

2

Designate a part of your estate and, in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

3

Name RCCF as the beneficiary of all or part of your IRA or life insurance policy. The entire gift is transferred tax-free at your death and your estate receives an estate tax charitable deduction.

4

Make a gift of cash or property to RCCF now, get immediate tax benefits, and ensure that you or a loved one receive fixed quarterly or annual income payments for life.

Our Legacy Society honors community-minded individuals and couples who are dedicated to making a long-term investment in our region by ensuring their gifts are sustainable and future generations will benefit from their legacy.

GRANTS AWARDED

Alexa Luck Memorial Fund

ROSCOMMON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
\$2,000 - Art appreciation at Detroit Institute of Arts
COLLINS ELEMENTARY
\$1,000 - Birthday Book Program

Annie Williams Rackerby Fund

SUNDROP MONTESORRI PRESCHOOL, INC.
\$2,500 - Sundrop Play Structure

Community Impact Fund

CHARLTON HESTON ACADEMY
\$4,500 - Weight Room Equipment

Endowment for Higgins Lake

HIGGINS LAKE FOUNDATION
\$1,500 - DASH Boat
\$1,000 - Limnology Assessment of Higgins Lake
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ROSCOMMON FLOTILLA 091-26-03
\$1,000 - VHF Portable Radio Project

Family Donor Advised Fund

MARKEY TOWNSHIP
\$5,000 - Markey Ice Rink Pavilion
CRAWFORD-ROSCOMMON CONSERVATION DISTRICT
\$1,000 - Butterfly Garden and Release Program
CAMP WESTMINSTER ON HIGGINS LAKE
\$7,500 - Roscommon County Public Schools Summer Day Camp
ROSCOMMON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
\$1,000 - Quiz Bowl trip to National competition
ACT NOW
\$3,150 - Gift cards for holiday meals for the Kids Helping Kids project
GOOD SHEPHERD UMC OF THE NORTH
\$2,500 - Free Community Dinners

Gerrish-Higgins Education Fund

ROSCOMMON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
\$3,000 - Small Schools National Quiz Bowl Tournament
\$2,500 - High School Student Water Sampling and Analysis Project
\$1,800 - Art Appreciation DIA

Houghton Lake Community Schools Support Fund

COLLINS ELEMENTARY
\$1,500 Collins Field Day

Greatest Human Needs Fund

ROSCOMMON-CRAWFORD FOSTER CLOSET
\$250 - Continued Closet Organization
ROSCOMMON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
\$250 - Delivering Food & Hope to our Neighbors
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL PRUDENVILLE
\$250 - 2023 food and shelter

Houghton Lake Education Fund

HOUGHTON LAKE COMMUNITY EDUCATION
\$1,500 Race to the finish!
\$3,168 - Mackinaw Island Reward Trip
HOUGHTON LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
\$3,990 - AED Request

Houghton Lake Rotary Club General Fund

DENTON TOWNSHIP
\$2,144 - Thomas L. McNamara Memorial Rotary Nature Trail

Howard B. "Corkey" Gaylor Memorial Fund

ROSCOMMON-CRAWFORD FOSTER CLOSET
\$1,400 - Continued Closet Organization

Jim Mahoney Memorial Music Fund

ROSCOMMON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
\$500 - Les Miserable Field Trip

John Morley Family Endowment for Higgins Lake

HIGGINS LAKE FOUNDATION
\$1,500 - DASH Boat
\$500 - Limnology Assessment of Higgins Lake

Morley Family Foundation Fund

ROSCOMMON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
\$2,000 - Delivering Hope (Help our people eat)
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL PRUDENVILLE
\$2,000 - Food, Shelter, and Warmth Program
HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY GROUP
\$600 - Human Trafficking Awareness

RCCF Independence Operating Fund

C.O.O.R. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
\$500 - 2023 Holiday Party Support

Robert R. Thalner Endowment Fund

HIGGINS LAKE FOUNDATION
\$2,000 - DASH Boat
\$1,000 Limnology Assessment of Higgins Lake for 2023

Rogers Family Endowment for Houghton Lake

FRIENDS OF TRESTLE PARK
\$500 - 2023 Free Concert Series

Sarah Eulaine Tucker (Class of 1977) Fund

ROSCOMMON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
\$3,500 - LeMiserable Field Trip
\$370 - Art Appreciation at DIA

St. Helen General Fund

FRIENDS OF THE ST HELEN GARDEN PATHWAYS PARK
\$60 - Pollinator Garden
ROSCOMMON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
\$200 - Snap, Trap, Return or Rehome

Roscommon County General Fund

ROSCOMMON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
\$2,000 - Delivering Hope (Help Our People Eat)
CRAWFORD ROSCOMMON CHILD PROTECTION COUNCIL
\$2,748 - Kids Have Rights
FRIENDS OF THE ST HELEN GARDEN PATHWAYS PARK
\$1,140 - Pollinator Garden
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL - PRUDENVILLE
\$5,250 - Food, Shelter, Warmth Program
ROSCOMMON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
\$300 - Snap, Trap, Return or Rehome
ROSCOMMON COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS
\$1,000 - RCVA Summer Programming
FRIENDS OF TRESTLE PARK
\$1,000 - 2023 Free Summer Concert Series
ROSCOMMON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
\$4,850 - Delivering Food & Hope to our Neighbors

Roscommon County Health Improvement Fund

C.O.O.R. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
\$400 - Individual Water Bottles for Each Student
HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY GROUP
\$900 - Human Trafficking Awareness
HOUGHTON LAKE PICKLEBALL CLUB
\$1,500 - Pickleball Club Drinking Fountain
ROSCOMMON COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL
\$2,500 - Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Roscommon County Health Services Fund

MIDMICHIGAN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
\$6,000 - Staff training Crisis Prevention

Roscommon County Kellogg Youth Fund

C.O.O.R. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
\$1,200 - Cooking Club
ROSCOMMON-CRAWFORD FOSTER CLOSET
\$2,400 Hygiene and Personal Care Product Distribution
CRAWFORD ROSCOMMON CHILD PROTECTION COUNCIL
\$5,842 - Kids Have Rights
MIDMICHIGAN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
\$2,750 - Pathful Explores for NLRC MI-AHEC
Roscommon County Lakes & Rivers Fund
U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, FLOTILLA 26-03
\$1,000 - VHF Portable Radio Project

Roscommon County Mental Health Services Fund

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER
\$5,000 - Training Staff

Roscommon County Recreation Fund

HOUGHTON LAKE PICKLEBALL CLUB
\$100 - Houghton Lake Pickleball Club Drinking Fountain

Wade Family Donor Advised Fund

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
\$2,500 - Path to Success Program

Weede Family Community Recreation Fund

HOUGHTON LAKE PICKLEBALL CLUB
\$400 - Houghton Lake Pickleball Club Drinking Fountain

Zonta Club Women's & Children's Fund

ROSCOMMON - CRAWFORD FOSTER CLOSET
\$500 - Continued Closet Organization

GRANT STORY

Charlton Heston Academy

The Charlton Heston Academy was the proud recipient of a grant from the RCCF's Community Impact Fund. This fund was born out of our foundation's dedication to the betterment of Roscommon County over 25 years.

The impact of this grant was further underscored when the RCCF board chose to hold its meetings at locations where grant projects have been completed. This decision led them to Charlton Heston Academy, where they had the opportunity to witness firsthand the strength of their investment.



ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS

Houghton Lake Public Library Excellence Fund

Houghton Lake Public Library - \$820

Jenni's Foundation - Michigan Cancer Support Fund

MidMichigan Community Health Services - \$432

Tom & Jan Richardson Family Endowment for Roscommon Area Historical Society

Roscommon Area Historical Society - \$426

Viola J. Moore Animal Fund

ARK Association to Rescue Kritters - \$118

Missaukee Humane Society - \$118

Roscommon County Animal Shelter - \$118

Larry Eastley & Clare Fisher Eastley Animal Support Fund

ARK Association to Rescue Kritters - \$1,198

Roscommon County Animal Shelter - \$1,198

Roscommon Area Youth Booster Club Fund

Roscommon Area Youth Booster Club - \$2,641

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve General Fund

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, Inc. - \$1,371

Kirtland Community College Educational Fund

Kirtland Community College Foundation - \$1,617

Ruby Cunningham Memorial Fund Supporting the Roscommon County Animal Shelter

Roscommon County Animal Shelter - \$748

Grant FAQs

What types of organizations are eligible to apply for grants?

Organizations eligible for grants typically include nonprofit organizations, charitable groups, schools, government entities, and sometimes individuals for specific programs or initiatives.

What areas or causes do your grant programs support?

Our grant programs support a wide range of areas and causes, including education, health and wellness, arts and culture, environmental conservation, social services, and economic development, among others.

How often are grant cycles held, and what are the deadlines for application submissions?

Grant cycles are held in the fall and spring. Deadlines are announced well in advance on our website and through other communication channels.

Are there any restrictions on how grant funds can be used?

Grant funds must be used for charitable purposes aligned with the foundation's mission and priorities. Specific restrictions may apply depending on the grant program or funding source.

Do you prioritize funding for specific types of projects or organizations?

Our grant programs prioritize funding for projects and organizations that align with our strategic priorities and have the potential to make a meaningful impact in the community.

How are grant applications evaluated and selected?

Grant applications are typically evaluated based on criteria such as alignment with our mission and priorities, potential impact, organizational capacity, budget, and feasibility of the proposed project or program.



PARTNERING WITH OUR SCHOOLS

RCCF actively engages with schools to identify areas of need and provide targeted support through grants and funding opportunities. Whether it's funding for educational resources, extracurricular activities, or facility improvements, we strive to address the diverse needs of our county's schools to create an optimal learning environment for students.

Over \$30,000 have been awarded to schools in Roscommon County in 2023, including C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District. Grants have helped with field days, athletic equipment, lifesaving medical devices such as AEDs, a cooking club for students, and helped fund band trips and Quiz Bowl trips for our county's students.

**Andrew Schmidt Trades Scholarship**

Haidyn Bebow

Ava Raye Gasper Scholarship

Hailey Watson | Morgan Stadler

Bobbe Morley Memorial Scholarship

Elena Piccolo

Char Goddard Memorial Scholarship

Emmerson Miller

Clyde Shaltz Memorial Scholarship

Alisha Pratt

Donald W. & Beverly Nester Memorial Scholarship

Madison Umphrey

Evelyn Fraser Scholarship

Sarah Morley

Fidelity Chapter #50, Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship

Reanna Stern

Ford and Marguerite Silsby Scholarship

Emmerson Miller

Forest & Rita Hacker Sportsmanship Scholarship

Gabriel Oster

Gerrish-Higgins Roscommon Alumni Association Scholarship

Aleia Smith | Madison Umphrey | Alexia Phillips | Morgan McGeorge

Grace Bernardo, M.D. Memorial Health Careers Scholarship

Joslyn Fairbanks | Gabriel Oster

Harry & Marjorie Walbridge Scholarship

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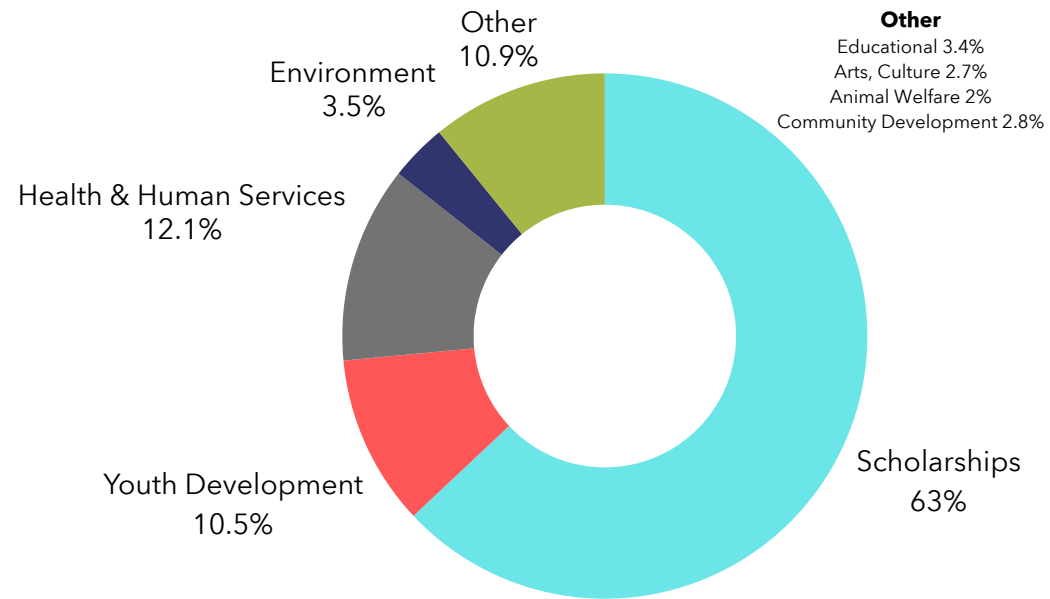
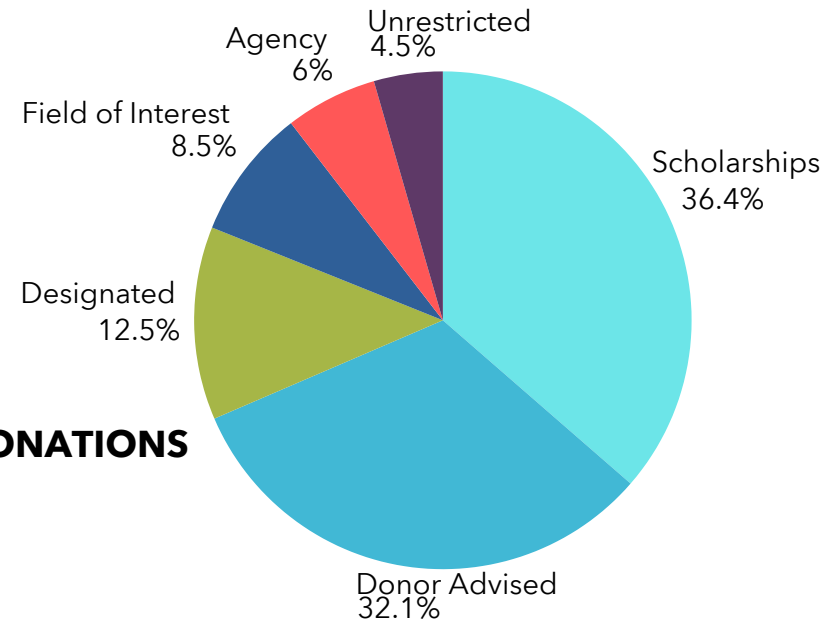
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