

PASSION

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HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY

The heart of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint beats with the people and trusted relationships we share together. Thank you for helping us be a good community partner while growing and expanding new relationships in 2020 in the greater Clio, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, and Grand Blanc areas.

Community volunteers serving on our Community Fund Advisory Committees understood early on that local nonprofits faced new challenges. Meetings were held virtually and over \$90,000 in grants were advised from our five community funds. These significant investments helped nonprofits serve unique, underserved populations outside of Flint. Providing basic human needs in safe environments, we are grateful for those boots on the ground volunteers serving others in such meaningful work.

Our vision is a vibrant and equitable Genesee County where everyone can thrive. We accomplish this through your gifts and our countywide grantmaking in the greater Clio, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, and Grand Blanc areas; and through our Youth Advisory Committees in Clio, Fenton/Linden, and Grand Blanc. Grants advised by and for high school youth in these areas also inspire next generation philanthropy.

As we continue to build hope, opportunity, and equitable solutions for those in need, I am grateful to our donors for their ongoing support, and our committee volunteers for their gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Together we will continue to find new ways of working, connecting, and building those trusted relationships that we value so deeply.



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Isaiah M. Oliver
President and CEO

COUNTYWIDE PHILANTHROPY

CLIO AREA COMMUNITY FUND

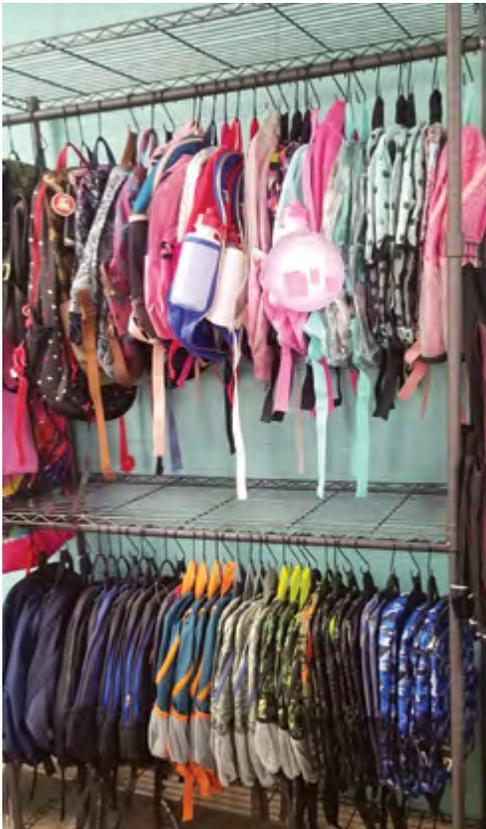
The urgency of hunger was real in the Clio area, particularly in early spring during the pandemic shutdown. For this small town, local programming became the priority for the Clio Human Services Fund. Leaders declared COVID-19 a disaster and the fund started monthly food distributions through the Clio Ministerial Association, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and local schools.

A \$6,444 grant from the Clio Area Fund and Greater Flint Urgent Relief Fund allowed for the purchase of 800 food gift cards, subsequently causing a positive economic result. The gift cards impacted more than 75 businesses and resulted in free food for more than 500 residents. Learn more about the work of the Clio Area Community Fund at [clioareafund.org](#).



GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

We recognize Bethany Slone for three years of service as a member of the Clio Area Community Fund Advisory Committee. Thank you for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure.



DAVISON COMMUNITY FUND

Jessica Hart founded Hart's Closet, Inc. in December 2019, providing children ages 0-18 in the Davison community with clothing, basic needs, and creature comforts. Primary outreach is to children in the foster care system and homeless shelters, and referrals are received from local caseworkers as well. Hart's Closet's mission is to help children in need. A \$5,000 grant from the Justin M. Jury Fund and the Youth Initiative Program Fund supported the start-up. Learn more at [harts-closet.com](#).

Welcome New Advisory Committee Members

We are grateful to our new members of the Davison Community Fund Advisory Committee who share their time and talents in the areas of banking, business, education, government, and the nonprofit sector:

- Eric Allen
- Megan Avery
- Brian Arnes
- Michelle Edwards
- Holly Halabicky
- Connie Hill
- Jonathon Jury
- Kurtis McMahan
- Paul Snyder
- Casey Reed
- Amy Surlles-Rosario

FENTON COMMUNITY FUND

People with addiction issues have turned to the Fenton Alano Club for support, particularly during these difficult times. The Club offers a safe, welcoming environment for those struggling with numerous addictions. A \$5,000 grant from the Fenton Community Fund supported operations to maintain services and expand



GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

We recognize Sheila Petty (9 years), Denise Booher (3 years), and Beverly McKenna (9 years) for service as members of the Fenton Community Fund. Thank you for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure.



programming. Resources like the Alano Club provide opportunities for individuals and their families to engage in substance use programs and connect to others with similar life experiences.

Meetings are held at Benchmark Church for AA, Al-Anon, Alateen and related groups, members, friends, and family. Entertainment and Alcaathons on holidays, along with other family-friendly events, expand networking among members. Online Zoom meetings have helped keep people connected during COVID-19. Learn more about the Fenton Community Fund at [fentoncommunityfund.org](#).

FLUSHING AREA COMMUNITY FUND

Within the first three weeks of the COVID-19 shutdown, the Flushing Christian Outreach Center saw a 37 percent increase in clients. A \$1,926 grant from the Flushing Area Community Fund supported general operations; and an \$8,500 grant from the Greater Flint Urgent Relief Fund supported food for clients, personal hygiene items, travel, and program expenses. Grants of \$1,926 were also advised to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Flushing Community Schools to provide meals for children. Learn more at [flushingcommunityfund.org](#).



GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

Dawn Hiller is one special lady. For the past two years she has served as chair of the Flushing Area Community Fund, as an administrative volunteer with the Community Foundation, and most recently created the Flushing Urgent Relief Fund to support nonprofit organizations serving people in Flushing. Thank you Dawn, for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

GRAND BLANC COMMUNITY FUND

Under pressure but up to the challenge, FISH, Inc. of Grand Blanc got creative to meet the increasing food needs of residents this year. The goal was to prepare eight meals per week for 300 families. They revised and pared the weekly menu and suggested some creative recipes to make the food go farther. A \$10,000 grant from the Grand Blanc Community Fund was used for food and packaging costs.



Operating with a small number of volunteers due to COVID-19, they forged ahead.

A system was established with safety precautions in mind, observing a six-foot space between the table assembly lines. Not more than one volunteer was allowed at any given table. Families remain in their cars while volunteers place the food on the pavement nearby, meeting a critical need in the area. Learn more at [grandblanccommunityfund.org](#).



GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

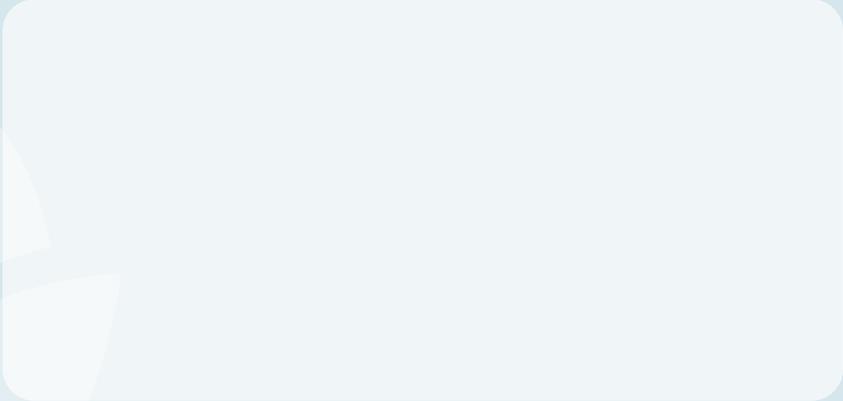
We recognize Edward Payne for six years service as a member of the Grand Blanc Community Fund Advisory Committee. Thank you for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure.



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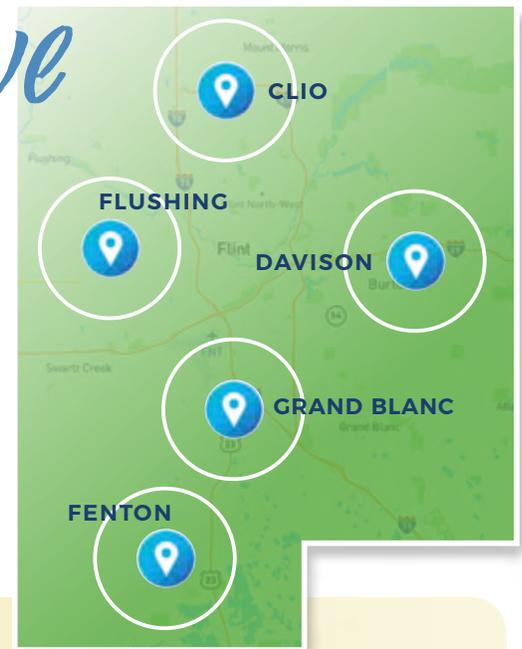


Learn more about our community funds online at [.](#)

Give Where You Live

We are hopeful. Along with so many of you, we are deeply committed to creating hope and opportunity for our communities. Your gifts enable us to invest in projects and local nonprofit organizations that help support each other during these times of uncertainty.

Community funds in the greater Clio, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, and Grand Blanc areas have funded purposeful and necessary work in 2020, meeting critical needs during a global pandemic. This was accomplished with your support. Thank you for your gifts and hope in our future.



2021 GRANT PROPOSALS

The community funds are seeking grant proposals for 2021. Funding is available for programs and services that benefit residents within the geographic boundaries of the fund. Nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, local government, churches, and schools are eligible to apply. Contact Jennifer Farrington, Program Officer, at 810-767-3508 for more information.