

PASSION & Purpose

HOMEGROWN PHILANTHROPY

Giving that is laser-focused on priorities in your own backyard. Local volunteers who make decisions about funding priorities, using their community expertise to advise grants. Support to local nonprofits that serve your neighbors. This is homegrown philanthropy.

The communities of Clio, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, and Grand Blanc are committed to this homegrown approach. Local individuals established permanent endowments at different times with varying assets. The growth of these charitable funds strengthens philanthropic giving and fulfills the Community Foundation of Greater Flint's mission of serving all of Genesee County.

Working with Community Foundation professional staff, local volunteers have the administrative support, due diligence, and stewardship to create meaningful impact. When you make a gift to a Community Fund, your dollars stay local and support programs and services that you see every day. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of connecting your generosity to community needs.



Isaiah M. Oliver
President and CEO

Isaiah Oliver honors Fenton volunteer Denise Booher for her gifts of time, talent, and treasure.



COUNTYWIDE PHILANTHROPY

CLIO AREA COMMUNITY FUND

6 GRANTS TOTALING \$12,321

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Clio seniors experienced the glamour of Hollywood during their Red Carpet Social. The Class of 2021, with 135 classmates attending, enjoyed food, music, and raffle prizes.

During the summer months, Clio students honed their skills with STEM-based learning opportunities. Grant funding supported transportation costs for educational field trips including the Sloan Museum, Ligon Outdoor Center, Chippewa Nature Center, and For Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum.



GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Youth Health and Fitness Fund	Clio Can-Do Series of Walks and Activities	\$ 3,000
Clio Cast and Crew	Onstage! Summer Youth Program	\$ 3,000
Clio Area Schools	Red Carpet Social	\$ 2,000
Clio Area Schools	Summer School: STEM Based Learning	\$ 1,878
Clio Fire Authority	Thermal Imaging Camera	\$ 1,443
Genesee County Habitat for Humanity	Landscaping for Genesee Habitat's Infill Lot	\$ 1,000

DAVISON COMMUNITY FUND

5 GRANTS TOTALING \$8,087

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The Davison Community Fund was established in 2004 by three community leaders – Tim Elkins, Pete Auger and Robert Callis. This year the committee celebrated a grantmaking milestone – \$55,484 in total grants! We recognize the many donors who have contributed to the endowment that benefits the Davison area, and the volunteers who have stewarded those resources through their committee work.

Davison students are learning new archery skills with support from the Fund. The program is administered by Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation (DCER) and is held after school. Chris Prill serves as Archery Instructor. A new class for parents with children in the first through third grades will be offered this winter.



GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Family Promise of Genesee County	Program Support for Davison Area Families	\$ 1,000
Davison Community Schools	Outdoor Archery Range	\$ 1,800
Davison Township	Safety Railings on Storybook Trail at Robert Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center	\$ 2,055
City of Davison	2-way Coaster Climber	\$ 1,232
Outreach East	Filling the Gap	\$ 2,000

FENTON COMMUNITY FUND

6 GRANTS TOTALING \$36,930

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Phase II of the Silver Lake Trail serves as the connector between the City of Linden and the City of Fenton. Currently, there is no safe way for pedestrians, bicyclists, and walkers to move between the two cities. A grant from the Fund supports this 2-mile long, 10-foot-wide asphalt trail that will begin at Triangle Park in Linden and end at Jennings Road. The projected cost of Phase II is \$2.8 million and is expected to be funded through a combination of federal and state grants, as well as public and private donations. Give online to the LAFF Pathway Fund at crgf.org.



GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
City of Fenton	Silver Lake Corridor – LAFF Pathway Phase II	\$12,500
Fenton Center of Hope	Love Our City Project	\$ 7,500
Lake Fenton Community Schools	Service Dog Program at Lake Fenton Schools	\$ 2,500
Family Promise of Genesee County	Fenton Area Program Support	\$ 3,000
Rotary Club of Fenton	Book Backpack Program	\$ 3,000
Easter Seals of Michigan	School Behavioral Health Integration Expansion – Fenton	\$ 8,430

THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT FLORENCE MICHELSON FUND

Florence Michelson was born in 1902 in Mundy Township. She moved to the Fenton area as a young girl to the farm on the corner of Jennings and Owen Roads. She earned a teaching degree and taught at the Riggs School. In 1936, Florence married Arthur Michelson. She was active in the Fenton



United Methodist Church as a Sunday School teacher and member of the Women's Society. When she passed away, Florence had designated a gift in her estate plan to establish the Fund advised by the Fenton Community Fund Advisory Committee.

The Fenton area continues to benefit from the generosity of Florence Michelson, a testament to the power of endowment.



\$291,124

IN TOTAL GRANTMAKING

Since 1993, the initial gift has been given away and yet the current endowment has nearly doubled.

FLUSHING AREA COMMUNITY FUND

4 GRANTS TOTALING \$6,990

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The Flushing Area Community Fund was established in 1997 under the leadership of Tim Purman and fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Flushing. This year the committee celebrated a grantmaking milestone – \$57,389 in total grants! We recognize the many donors who have contributed to the endowment that benefits the Flushing area, and the volunteers who have stewarded those resources through their committee work.



For persons using a wheelchair, pulling up to a picnic table is a challenge. A grant for an ADA designed picnic table will provide a place for all to enjoy the great outdoors, especially those with mobility challenges. The picnic table is extended with room for a wheelchair in the middle. Find it at the Flushing Township Nature Park.

GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Flushing Christian Outreach Center	Getting Ahead Workshops	\$ 1,600
Flushing Senior Citizens	Exercise Equipment	\$ 2,000
Charter Township of Flushing	ADA Picnic Tables and Benches	\$ 2,390
Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation	Handheld ECHO Machines	\$ 1,000

GRAND BLANC COMMUNITY FUND

9 GRANTS TOTALING \$56,778

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

For nearly 100 years, the Perry Center has been a beloved landmark in the City of Grand Blanc, beginning as the first consolidated school in the area and currently anchoring the largest school district in Genesee County. The building is still home to the Children's Garden Preschool and Latchkey, Parents as Teachers, and the Perry Innovation Center for grades 2-8.



To celebrate its 100th birthday, the Perry Centennial Pavilion & Gardens, a new outdoor learning space, is being developed at the Perry Center. A grant from the Fund was matched by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to fully fund the project.

GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Grand Blanc Police Department	Fire Safety Equipment for Police and Fire Efforts	\$ 7,018
Bethel United Methodist Church	Gottagetit – A Program for Grand Blanc Youth	\$ 5,000
City of Grand Blanc	McFarlen Library Air Conditioning	\$10,000
Friends of the Grand Blanc Grid	Outreach Campaign	\$ 5,000
Family Promise	Grand Blanc Area Program Support	\$ 3,000
City of Grand Blanc	Lt. William Rust Veterans Park Honor Project	\$ 6,760
Grand Blanc Community Schools	Perry Center Centennial Garden	\$ 9,000
FISH, Inc. of Grand Blanc	Relocation Expenses	\$ 9,000
Rotary Club of Fenton	Book Backpack Program for Grand Blanc Students	\$ 2,000

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

During the Community Foundation's Art of Philanthropy event held October 3, retiring Community Fund volunteers were celebrated and thanked for their community service. View the full video on the Foundation's YouTube channel or website at cfgf.org.



FLUSHING AREA COMMUNITY FUND DAWN HILLER

- 9 years of service
- Retired, Hurley Medical Center
- Founder, Flushing Urgent Relief Fund
- Past chair, Flushing Area Community Fund Advisory Committee

"You don't need to be wealthy. You need to have your heart in the right place. And the giving part can come in many ways. From building a playground to finding ways to helping seniors, the passion people have is amazing."

Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to view a video of Dawn Hiller.



GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

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

PHILANTHROPIC ADVISOR OF THE YEAR ERIC GASPER

Congratulations to Flushing resident Eric Gasper on being selected as the Community Foundation's 2021 Philanthropic Advisor of the Year. A supporter, volunteer, and former chair of the Flushing Area Community Fund, Eric was recognized for his commitment to endowment and the community. He and his wife, Lauren, have established a charitable fund and are members of our Legacy Society. Eric is always willing to have the charitable conversation with his clients to encourage gifts that will preserve their legacy while giving back to the community they love.



CLIO AREA COMMUNITY FUND
SHELLEY HANCHETT

- 9 years of service
- Business Affiliation: Advanced Physical Therapy Center
- Past chair, Clio Area Community Fund Advisory Committee

GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

We recognize Gregg Carrier (3 years), and Kent Kern (9 years) for service as members of the Clio Area Community Fund. Thank you for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure.



“In my service I was exposed to the art of philanthropy. I discovered that many individuals could contribute a little bit and make a big difference. That was the most profound thing I learned about the fund and philanthropy.”



DAVISON COMMUNITY
FUND VOLUNTEER
KEN DUETSCH, SR.

- 10 years of service
- Business affiliation: Red Carpet Keim Action Group Realtors
- Volunteer, Outreach East

GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

We recognize Brian Arnes and Michelle Edwards (1 year), Amy Surlles-Rosario and Eric Allen (2 years), Michael Frawley (8 years), and Ken Duetsch, Sr. (10 years) for service as members of the Davison Community Fund. Thank you for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure.



“I have been very fortunate to have worked with some very hard-working people ... people that were trying to honestly help the community and different organizations in the area.”

FENTON COMMUNITY FUND
DENISE BOOHER

- 3 years of service
- Watercolor Painter
- National Watercolor Society President

GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

We recognize Denise Booher and Keith Green (3 years), and Edward Walterhouse (10 years) for service as members of the Fenton Community Fund. Thank you for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure.



“I think it’s important that we all reach out to others. Quality of life is important for everyone. If we spread that around to the whole community, the community is going to be a better place to live in.”



GRAND BLANC COMMUNITY FUND
EDWARD PAYNE

- 6 years of service
- Business affiliation: Retired, General Motors
- Member, Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club, Flint Chapter

GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

We recognize Harmony Lloyd (3 years), and Edward Payne (6 years) for service as members of the Grand Blanc Community Fund. Thank you for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure.



“It was very nice to be involved in things that impacted the community. Our diverse board would come together and make sound decisions on how to spend the money for the benefit of those that needed it.”



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GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

The heart of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint beats with the people and trusted relationships we share together. Your gifts enable us to invest in much needed programs and services provided by local nonprofits.

Community Funds in Clio, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, and Grand Blanc have made grants for purposeful and necessary work in 2021, meeting critical needs during a public health crisis. This was accomplished with your support. Thank you for your gifts and confidence in our stewardship of your resources.

2022 GRANT PROPOSALS

The Community Funds are seeking grant proposals for 2022. 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, Senior Program Officer, at jfarrington@cfgf.org, or call 810-767-3508 for more information.

