



2016 HCCF Annual Report

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This year was the year of impact. Collaboration, innovation, and making a difference in our community are at the forefront of all we do.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friends of the Foundation,

We welcome you to our 2016 Annual Report. This report highlights grants, initiatives, and projects of the Huron County Community Foundation. We hope you enjoy the summary it provides.

2016 was a year of record breaking impact for HCCF. Over \$160,000 was invested back in our community through grants and scholarships, the most in a single year in HCCF's over 20 years history. This investment in our community is impossible without three key groups of people: our donors who give selflessly of their resources, our Trustees and volunteers who share their time and effort with us throughout the year, and our annual sponsors. Annual Sponsors were a new feature for 2016. We approach businesses once through the year and give them the opportunity to support HCCF's operations and be recognized for their contribution all throughout the year. We appreciate the warm reception to this new model and all of the businesses that were quick to support our efforts.

Inside these pages are some great accomplishments, excellent projects, and outstanding people. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all Huron County residents, and with your help, we continue to do just that.

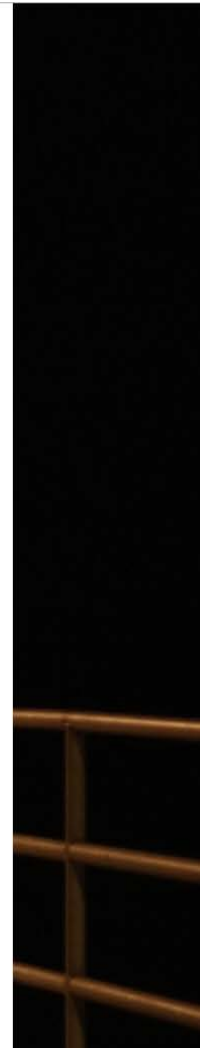
Thank you for another great year,

Mackenzie Price - Executive Director

Chris Boyle - HCCF Board of Trustees - Chairperson

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THUMB CELLULAR S.T.E.A.M. GRANTS

Collaboration continues to play a large role in the work of the Foundation. In 2016, we worked together with the employees of Thumb Cellular to hold a special grant round specifically for Huron County classrooms. Their "casual friday dollars" from the year were pooled to offer two \$1,500 grants to local schools to implement Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) activities into their classrooms. We had applications from multiple schools that were then taken to a Facebook vote. Each proposal submitted a short description and a photo that were posted to the HCCF page. One Facebook "Like" equalled one vote. At the end of the voting, grants were given to Owendale-Gagetown and USA Schools at our Annual Celebration.

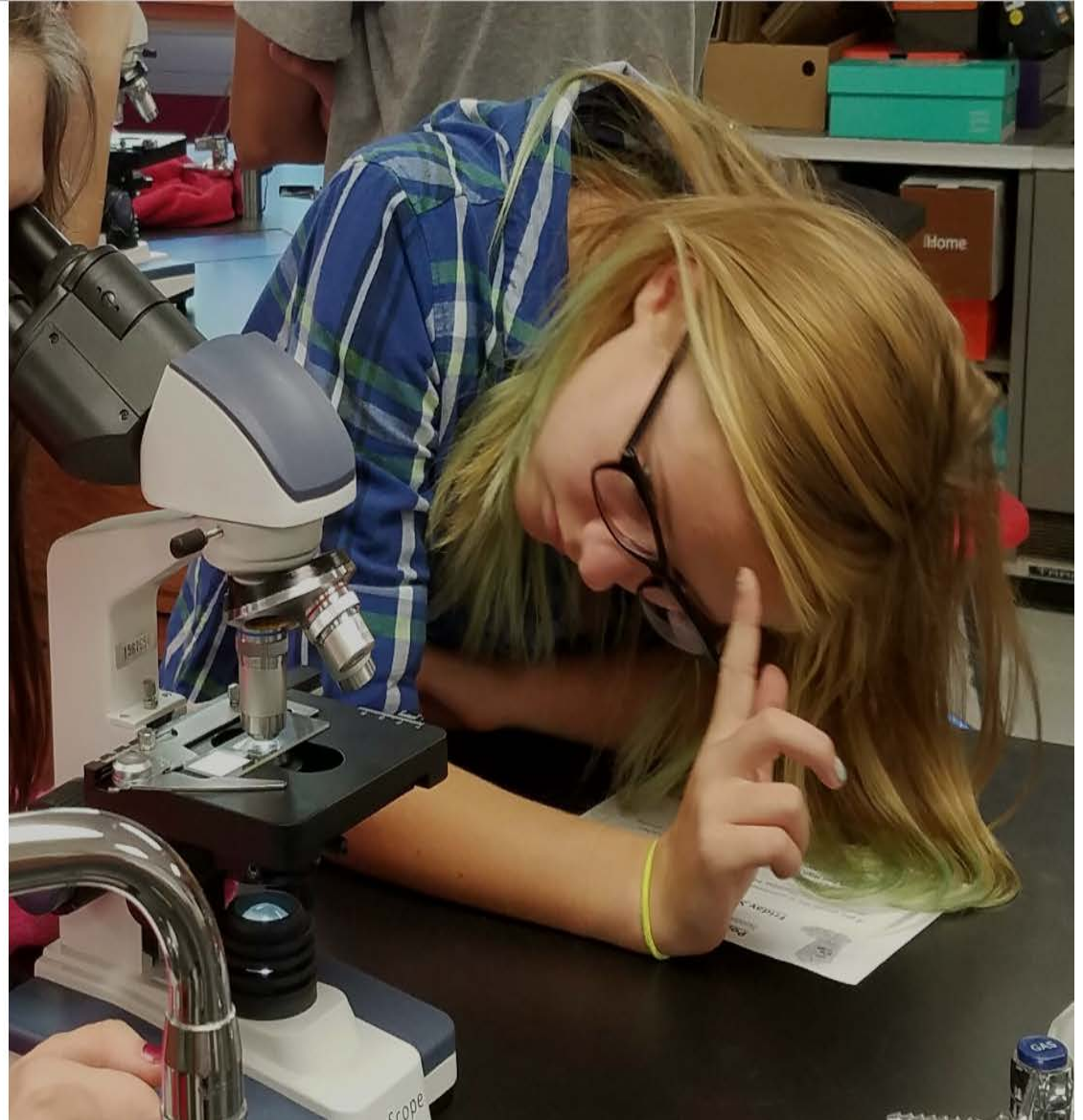
Owendale-Gagetown submitted an application for new microscopes (seen in the photo on this page). They had recently remodeled their science labs using money from a school bond, however still had incredibly outdated equipment. This grant allowed them to outfit their lab with state of the art microscopes, equipped with cameras that allow student to document their micro-finds.

USA Elementary School wanted to bring the LEGO Simple Machines kits to their classrooms to give younger students hands-on experience with engineering. After receiving the grant, students were able to create their own cars, using LEGOs, learning how one part of the car impacts the others.

We would like to again thank the employees of Thumb Cellular for partnering with us to provide increased STEAM opportunities for our county's students!

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YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One of the most unique aspects of HCCF is our Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) that is responsible for giving grants from the Youth Activities endowment. The YAC is comprised of members from each high school in Huron County. This group meets collectively once a month during the school year and completes a project in each of the following categories: Fund Development -- to continue to build the Youth Activities endowment, Awareness, Volunteerism/Community Service, and Grantmaking.

The YAC embarked on a new fund development project in 2016, the Piggy Bank Project. Each YAC member was given a metallic piggy bank at the beginning of the year. At every meeting, the students brought their spare change in their piggy banks to be deposited. An anonymous donor heard about the YAC's goal to reach \$1,000 in spare change and offered to match their contributions. The project concluded at the end of the school year in 2017.

Volunteerism and Community Service are two items that the YAC student enjoy most throughout the year. This year, two community based service projects were completed. The first was Walk for Warmth, the annual event hosted by the Human Development Commission. The YAC members arrived on a Saturday morning in Bad Axe to raise funds and awareness for the families that cannot afford to stay warm in the winter months. The second event was a Christmas Craft project that the YAC members completed with seniors at different assisted living and nursing home facilities throughout Huron County. The YAC members commented on how great it was to be able to hear stories and talk with people who have called Huron County home for decades.

Last, but certainly not least, the YAC awarded \$6,000 in grants to projects impacting local youth. Some projects included a grant to the Bad Axe Chamber of Commerce to help provide activities for Kids Day during Hatchet Fest (pictured). The YAC also assisted Harbor Beach Community Connection with providing backpacks of food for students facing food instability on weekends and over school breaks. Everyone 4 Prevention, a local substance abuse prevention coalition involving high school students, also received a grant to expand their outreach. A full list of 2016 grants can be seen on the HCCF website.





GRANT SPOTLIGHT: ROBOT ROUNDUP

Hands-on STEM education was a common theme in our grantmaking this year. During our 2016 Fall Grant Round, four organizations received fall grants for hands-on learning opportunities. The Huron ISD hosted a STEAM Showcase, bringing together students interested in STEAM, their parents, and local employers in STEAM fields for a day of sharing and collaboration. Ugly Community Schools received a grant to update their STEM/Mechatronics Classroom with additional supplies to meet the changing demands of manufacturing and other STEAM fields. North Huron Schools received a grant to purchase VEX Robotics kits for their classroom. Unlike FIRST robotics, VEX Robots (pictured) are designed to be worked on as a part of the regular classroom curriculum, giving every student enrolled an opportunity to work with robotics.

All of these grants culminated in our Grant Spotlight: Robot Roundup. This event was hosted at Elkton Bay Port Pigeon Laker Schools on October 11, 2016. This event was an open explore and work time for students and robotics teams to gather. After a meal, students went to speaker sessions about STEM careers from local engineers from Gemini Group, Inc. and TI Automotive. This event transpired at the beginning of "competition season" for each type of robot.

Students from across the county, their teachers and mentors, local community members, and young children gathered to see all of the different robots crafted by our students. The event created a multi-generational atmosphere allowing students to share their work with those younger and older than themselves. Over 200 people in total attended this year's Robot Roundup. With all of the positive feedback, Robot Roundup is already scheduled for 2017.

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NEW FUND SPOTLIGHT: JOHN D. PRIDNIA FUND

Our 2016 new fund spotlight is the John D. Pridnia Community Service Fund. This is a donor advised fund established to provide support for the quality of life projects in the Village of Port Austin, the greater Port Austin area, and other locations as advised by the committee. The Pridnia Fund will support thoughtful, balanced and resourceful approaches to efforts that create an environment that fosters community growth and enrichment in artful ways. These efforts must be respectful of the community in which they take place but must also demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit and a clear sense of purpose.

John grew up in Detroit and in his twenties moved to Harrisville in Northern Michigan with his young family. He began acquiring and operating small businesses in Harrisville and Tawas, six in total over a ten year period. He was actively involved in both communities and was a member of several service organizations.

In 1982, John became a member of the Michigan Legislature representing Northern Michigan and retired as a State Senator in 1994. While in the Legislature, John was a leader in health care policy development and his passion was evidenced in issues that ranged from environment and outdoor recreation and tourism to economic development and taxation.

In retirement, John and his wife Lisa moved to Port Austin to be close to family. He remained active in state and local politics and enjoyed the company of family and friends. He and Lisa developed the Port Austin Farmers Market and his leadership was a driving force in Port Austin's Harbor and Waterfront revitalization. John's greatest interests were in community and economic development. In Port Austin, he worked tirelessly to support a healthy community where families could thrive and he maintained an active interest in

economic development throughout Huron County. He provided leadership to many community initiatives and enjoyed mentoring small business owners.

John passed in 2016 after having struggled with ALS for two years. The John D. Pridnia Community Service Fund, within the Huron County Community Foundation, was established under his direction to support community initiatives that thrive to address community development.

Additional new funds in 2016:

Bill & Sandy Hogan Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dwight Gascho Leadership Fund

HBCH & HBCH Foundation Medical Practitioner Scholarship Fund

Keith & Bertha McTaggart Scholarship Fund

Thumb Industries Fund





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Trustees and staff of the Huron County Community Foundation are honored to celebrate twenty years of making a difference in Huron County. To learn more about the Foundation, we invite you to explore the resources below found on our websitehuroncountycommunityfoundation.org

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