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Huron County Community Foundation

2020 Annual Report

Welcome to the digital edition of our 2020 Annual Report. Enjoy the highlights of what we accomplished together during 2020.



Welcome

A letter from 2020 HCCF Board Chairperson, Brent Wehner and HCCF Executive Director, Mackenzie Price Sundblad

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\$246,000+

awarded to the community
from HCCF funds in 2020

\$1.8 MILLION +

awarded through grants
and scholarships since inception

\$5.8 MILLION +

total assets under management

Donor Spotlight: Mr. John Rowland

We lost an incredible supporter of our community this year. Read more about Mr. Rowland's contributions and legacy.

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Grantmaking

Over \$136,000 in grants were awarded to nearly 50 deserving organizations in 2020.

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Emergency Assistance Grants

When our community needed additional support, HCCF endowments, community partners, and individual donors stepped up to ensure dollars were available. Over \$32,000 was awarded through our Emergency Assistance Grants since COVID-19 began impacting our community.

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Scholarships

HCCF awarded over \$110,000 in scholarships to 2020 award recipients. Click below to hear how we honored this year's award winners and see the full recipient list.

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Youth Advisory Committee

The YAC is the Youth Advisory Committee of the Huron County Community Foundation. Their role, as the youth component of HCCF, is to be the voice for our county's young people.

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Welcome to the 2020 Huron County Community Foundation Annual Report. 2020 was full of unexpected challenges and opportunities to innovate. On the following pages, we will highlight what we accomplished together as a community when faced with adversity.

This year, HCCF awarded over \$245,000 in grants and scholarships, a new one-year record total for our organization. The power of endowments, the support of generous donors, and strong community partnerships allowed HCCF to meet increased need with increased resources. Thank you to each and every person, corporation, and foundation that trusts HCCF to be your philanthropic partner. We take great pride in being your choice for supporting Huron County.

We continued to keep our community-driven Strategic Priorities at the center of our work -- creating vibrant communities, retaining talent, and supporting business development. One highlight was the announcement of our building project, which was shared at our Annual Celebration. HCCF spent much of 2020 in the planning phases of a plan to redevelop a downtown building, supporting vibrant communities, providing additional resources to the county, and creating a permanent home for HCCF. This is a huge step forward for the community!

Enjoy this look back at 2020 and thank you for your continued support.

Brent Wehner, HCCF Board Chair

Mackenzie Price Sundblad, HCCF Executive Director

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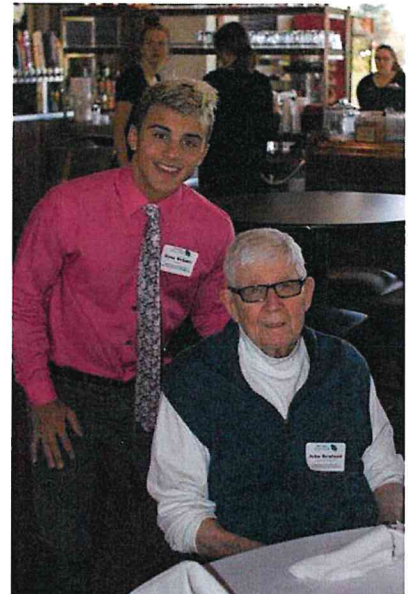
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We lost an incredible supporter of the community foundation in 2020. Mr. John Rowland passed away in November 2020 but created a legacy during his lifetime that will live on, for good, forever. While Mr. Rowland is most known for his contributions to Bad Axe Public Schools and Hatchet Athletics, he also created a permanent endowment at the Foundation to support students' educations. Mr. Rowland and his children created the Linda Rowland Drama Scholarship Fund as a memorial to his late wife, Linda Rowland, who was passionate about the arts and co-directed the Bad Axe Drama Department until her passing. The Linda Rowland Drama Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to students who have participated in the Bad Axe Drama Department during high school and intend to continue their education. Mr. Rowland strongly believed in supporting the community and the causes close to his heart. The perpetual endowment created by the Rowland family will continue to support Hatchet students forever.

In addition to the Linda Rowland Drama Scholarship, Mr. Rowland was actively involved in the growth of the Claude Marsh Memorial Scholarship Fund. Mr. Rowland contributed to the fund annually, in honor of former Hatchet football legend Coach Marsh, and helped select recipients for the award. Until recently, the remaining players of Claude Marsh and their families would meet for a golf outing fundraiser. Mr. Rowland never missed an outing, joining the group for lunch and an opportunity to talk with the scholarship recipient and former players.

We are proud to feature Mr. John Rowland as our Donor Spotlight for 2020. Mr. Rowland's philanthropic efforts and giving spirit are shining examples of how community foundations help create permanent legacies and the importance of giving local to support our community. Mr. Rowland will be deeply missed.



Mr. Rowland attended the first HCCF Scholarship Reception in 2019 and took a photo with 2019 Claude Marsh Scholarship Recipient, Ryan Wehner.

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OUR GRANTMAKING

Over \$136,000 in grants were awarded to nearly 50 deserving organizations in 2020. This number includes our Emergency Assistance Grants, which will be featured later in the report, Placemaking Pitch Event Grants, grants from Designated and Donor Advised Funds, as well as our competitive grant awards. Creating vibrant and dynamic communities is a Priority area of the Foundation. Two HCCF supported projects, one in Harbor Beach and the other in Pigeon, exemplify how to better use public spaces to create vibrancy in our communities.

In Harbor Beach, American Legion Post 197 embarked on a project to honor fallen soldiers from Harbor Beach and all those who served with their Heroes Project, Veterans Memorial Garden, and Flagpole Project. HCCF provided a \$2,500 grant to complete the \$4,700 Flagpole Project, the final phase of the project for the group. Located near the water in Harbor Beach, the project turned a standard flower bed into a meaningful addition to the community. The project was a true community effort, as it was funded by private contributions, a partnership with the City, and grant dollars.



The completed Flagpole Project, featuring the Veterans Memorial Garden and Heroes Project in Harbor Beach.



Newly updated basketball hoops in Pigeon Village Park.

Pigeon, in the midst of closure of gyms and cancellation of youth activities due to coronavirus, wanted to ensure that their young people had resources. Through a partnership with Apple Blossom Wind, HCCF's Pigeon Community Fund provided \$10,000 in grant support to overhaul the basketball courts and hoops at the Village Park. Providing funds to revitalize this existing community asset increased its use, especially when other activities were unavailable to the community.

HCCF grant awards range from providing basic needs services, to the arts, to supporting schools and communities. We're proud to impact every corner of our county with our grantmaking and look forward to seeing HCCF grant dollars put to work to increase the quality of life for all Huron County residents. Click the button below to see the full list of grants awarded from HCCF Funds in 2020.

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When COVID-19 began to impact our area in early March 2020, we quickly mobilized an Emergency Assistance Grant Fund. Upon announcing the Emergency Assistance Fund, multiple regional foundations supported the effort along with local businesses -- DTE Energy Foundation, AEP Foundation, Consumers Energy Foundation, Glancy Foundation, Thumb Bank and Trust, Northstar Bank, United Way, and Meijer, and many individual donors trusted HCCF to distribute their resources to the organizations that needed it most in our county. Because of the existing partnerships HCCF had with these organizations, we were able to make these dollars available to the community when they needed them most.



USA Schools purchased books to send home with students during their "Ketchup Camp" aimed at helping students retain their reading level during school shutdowns.



Danielle Brown, FNP at Harbor Beach Community Hospital poses with an iPad, purchased with an Emergency Assistance Grant, to increase telemedicine for high risk patients.



An Emergency Assistance Grant to Verona Mills School helped purchase computers to ensure technology was available to every student.

In total, over \$32,000 has been awarded to organizations serving Huron County residents through the Emergency Assistance Grant Fund. The first wave of grants were awarded to organizations that were seeing increased need or that needed additional equipment to continue operations. During this time, we awarded grants to ambulance services for PPE, to food pantries, to hospitals. HCCF, thanks to continued support from our partners, had the resources to expand grantmaking to include non-profit organizations that saw a decrease in revenue due to cancelled fundraisers. Emergency Assistance Grants could be used for general operations, to ensure that these organizations that provide valuable resources to our community were able to keep their doors open.

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The Huron County Community Foundation is honored to manage scholarship funds, many of which are memorial funds, to support the continued education of Huron County students. Due to gathering restrictions in place at the time, HCCF was unable to host our Scholarship Reception. However, we wanted to ensure that the hard work and dedication of the Class of 2020, and the generosity of our supporters, did not go unrecognized. Instead of gathering in person, we premiered a virtual scholarship announcement on our social media and website.

VIEW SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO ([HTTPS://FB.WATCH/2-1ZJPG9E0/](https://fb.watch/2-1ZJPG9E0/))

HCCF awarded over \$110,000 to students continuing their education in 2020. See the full list of scholarships and recipients below.

2020 Scholarship Recipients

Recipient Name - Scholarship Award, Amount

Hannah Emerick - Annabelle Jenks Scholarship, \$401
Olivia Brown, Jaiden Schulte - Ubly Betty Zulauf Academic Scholarship, \$1,000
Chris Keyes, Zachary Kranz - C.A. Scheurer & BG Kamlapurker Scholarship, \$1,315
Rayne Avalos - Caseville Caseville Kiwanis Club Scholarship, \$500
Haley Dhyse, Kimberly Lemke - Charles & Roseline Glienecki Scholarship, \$685
Jacob Kirsch - Charlotte Talaski Family Scholarship, \$465
Brianna Booms, Benjamin Roggenbuck - Harbor Beach Clarence & Loraine Braun Scholarship, \$1,000
Ben Stuart - Claude Marsh Scholarship, \$3,000
Armando Motz - Collon/Todd Scholarship, \$1,172
Andrew Roemer - Cooley Family Scholarship \$2,945
Cierra Landenberg- Deer Acres Scholarship, \$2,047
Jaelyn Talaski- Dr. Donald W. & Sally A. Rogers Family Scholarship, \$1,000
Laken Chapin -Dr. Edward Steinhardt Family Science Scholarship, \$20,605

Olivia Chapin - Ervin R. Ignash Scholarship, \$1,500
 Hailey Clink, Hannah Emerick - Esther E. Lincoln Scholarship, \$1,182
 Joshua Wehner - ETL Agricultural Legacy Scholarship, \$1,500
 Katelyn Sweeney - Francis & Opal Hund Scholarship, \$2,000
 Jahuana Morris, Sean Hessling - Gib Rooney Scholarship, \$2,200
 Benjamin Roggenbuck-Harbor Beach FFA Alumni Booster Club Mary Holdwick Memorial Scholarship, \$500
 Katrina Gentner, Makayla Roberts - Harbor Beach Rotary Clement Kubik Scholarship, \$550
 Caitlin Brown, Dana Gonzalez, Hailey Pfaff, Jennifer Quick- HBCH & HBCH Foundation Medical Practitioner Scholarship, \$1,000
 Austin Kramer, Casey Baranski - Huron Area Tech Center Staff Scholarship, \$250
 Nicholas Craig, Brianna Goretski, Gavin Iseler, Robert Iseler - Jason Kiehl Memorial Scholarship, \$1,226
 Kirah Osentoski - Judge Neil R. MacCallum Memorial to CMU Scholarship, \$1,500
 Amanda Nugent - Judge Neil R. MacCallum Memorial Scholarship, \$1,992
 Bayley McIlhargie - Judy K. & Stephen Zagorski Memorial Scholarship, \$500
 Jelena Prescott - K. William & Joanne Pietscher Future Educators Scholarship, \$2,000
 Robert Iseler, Austin Kramer, Jahuana Morris, Benjamin Roggenbuck, Randy Schulte - Keith & Bertha McTaggart Scholarship, \$1,000
 Griffin Emerick, Jesse Bischer, Katelyn Stein - Kenneth W. Laughlin Scholarship, \$1,732
 Olivia Chapin - Linda Rowland Drama Scholarship, \$3,876
 Jaiden Schulte - Madeline M. Bauer Ubly School Scholarship, \$5,348
 Hannah Emerick, Emma Trudeau - Marla Muter Scholarship, \$1,426
 Bayley McIlhargie - Mary K. & Robert Quinn Memorial Scholarship, \$1,246
 Dylan Burton, Patricia Pineau - Maurer Yagelman Bowling Scholarship, \$500
 Madison Koroleski - Michael B. & Regina V. Lasczeski Scholarship, \$400
 Emily Bucholtz-Norah Dowde - Bad Axe Rotary Scholarship, \$2,072
 Robert Iseler - Robert & Verneta Thuemmel Memorial Scholarship, \$2,316
 Chris Keyes, Zachary Kranz - Sara Elizabeth Wood Scholarship, \$1,820
 Tracy Legaspi - Sgt. Aaron C. Elandt Memorial Scholarship, \$1,100
 Jaiden Schulte - Steven Kuzak Memorial Golf Scholarship, \$2,500
 Isaac Warcinzyk- Thumb Chapter MPMCA Scholarship, \$500
 Joshua Wehner - Tom Gettel Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500
 Joshua Wehner - Virgil & Verneta Bouck Family Scholarship, \$500
 Jenna Guza, Emma Trudeau - Warren S. Eilber Family Scholarship, \$392
 Kathryn Ocomen - William R. Eick School Family Scholarship, \$1,541

2020 Total - \$110,266

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Every three years, the YAC surveyed middle and high school students about the largest issues facing young people. The results of the peer-to-peer Needs Assessment direct the grantmaking and awareness projects of the YAC. Gossip/Rumors and Bullying, Drug and Alcohol Use, and Distracted Driving topped the list and continue to be a focus area for the YAC. To address a key issue impacting Huron County youth, the YAC chose to start the #ItStopsHere campaign at their local districts. The initiative involved YAC members discussing the dangers of gossip and rumors with their peers and inviting others to join the It Stops Here campaign by pledging to help stop the spread of gossip and rumors in their schools. Each school had a banner, like the one featured in the photo at the top of the page, to take photos with Clubs and Teams who decided to take the pledge.

Unfortunately, some planned activities of the YAC had to be postponed or cancelled due to



COVID-19 and the subsequent restrictions. However, virtual meetings did not stop the YAC from bringing on new members. During December, the YAC chose to send members to various facilities.

YAC members
Members were



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