

LOVE where you LIVE





OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

We exist to cultivate the power of giving within our community, support long-term transformation, and help ensure all residents thrive.



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ABOUT

Welcome to the Midland Area Community Foundation, your local leader in community philanthropy since 1973.

We believe anyone can be a philanthropist, facilitating a broad scope of avenues for involvement and bringing to life the philanthropic goals of foundation members.

We reflect our donors' and community partners' broad array of interests, including arts, culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services, neighboring, and recreation.

Your Foundation supports philanthropy in many ways. A few examples are:

Grants – The Midland Area Community Foundation goes beyond making grants that advance charitable activities. The Community Foundation identifies current and emerging community gaps, helps the community prepare for the future, and provides donors the opportunity to leave lasting legacies. Your Foundation granted more than \$12 million in 2024 to support a wide array of community programming and nonprofits.

Scholarships – The Community Foundation commits to providing students the opportunity to continue their education beyond high school. Scholarships provide an investment in the community's future, developing talent by helping students achieve their dreams. Your Community Foundation sponsors over 250 scholarships to help students defray the cost of pursuing postsecondary education.

Projects – Project funds permit Midland Area Community Foundation members to donate for specific purposes. They provide an opportunity for the Community Foundation to offer service and leadership to the community. These funds vary in size and scope. An excellent example of a project the Community Foundation helped bring to life, with generous support from several community members and local family foundations, is the Tridge, Midland's iconic three-legged bridge that was erected in 1981.

Initiatives – With initiatives like the Midland Area Cultural Awareness Coalition, Midland Area Youth Impact Partnership, Midland Area Career & College Access Network, Public Arts Midland, and community events like the Midland Area River Days Festival, community members can participate in a group, activity, or event that represents their values.

Community members can donate to existing funds like the Community Investment Fund to improve Midland, to specific funds representing their philanthropic goals, or can develop their own funds. The Community Foundation permits donors to direct gifts broadly or narrowly to whatever issues they care about most. Contributions from donors change lives today and in the future. All donations allow individuals to directly engage in philanthropy, giving to what matters most to them.

The Community Foundation allows everyday people to invest in opportunities that enrich and improve quality of life, resulting in long-term community transformation.



MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO & BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all you do to love where you live. The word “philanthropy” means love of humanity. Community foundations approach philanthropy with a love for their communities and a desire to help their neighbors thrive.

Here at Midland Area Community Foundation, we join with you to transform the community we all love. The American architect Daniel Burnham said, “to love one’s city and have a part in its advancement and improvement is the highest privilege and duty of a citizen.” We love our corner of the world and are thankful to all of you who embrace this privilege and duty as you work to advance and improve our community.

This year’s annual report highlights our work in philanthropy over the past year with the theme “love where you live.” There’s a lot to love here in the Midland area. You’ll learn about the fully accessible Changing Places Restroom at Grove Park, a project that brought many partners together to provide access for all our residents.

The newly established Construction Talent Attraction Program provides educational loan repayment assistance to individuals that are working locally in the construction industry and making this area their home. This program compliments our already robust scholarship program as we work to help our neighbors have the support needed to successfully complete postsecondary education.

What else is there to love? Well, how about our impact investing program that provides investments in local businesses including a hotel, childcare businesses, housing, and now a bakery. Chef Sergey’s Bakery is one of our newest impact investments. You can read their story in the annual report. And Max Loves Midland is helping all of us to connect with one another, fostering a sense of belonging in our area.

Daniel Burnham stated, “Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir one’s blood Make big plans; aim high in hope and work.” As the Community Foundation pursues its purpose to cultivate the power of giving, support long-term transformation, and help ensure all residents thrive, we will continue to aim high in hope and work.

Thank you for joining with us to grow, enrich, and improve the quality of life in this place we all love. For Good. For Ever. For All.



Sharon Mortensen

Sharon Mortensen
President & CEO

William Garchow

William Garchow
Board Chair



OUR INITIATIVES



Access To Community



Career & College Access Network



River Days



Youth Action Council



The Big Give



Public Arts Midland



Cultural Awareness Coalition

WHAT DRIVES OUR WORK?

Midland's Community Success Panel developed four major focus areas for our community. The panel believed these areas would help Midland achieve its vision statement of "Midland: an inclusive community. Together. Forward. Bold. An exceptional place where everyone thrives." The Community Foundation, in turn, aligned with these focus areas. We believe that to work towards a more vibrant, thriving community, our efforts should focus on these broad areas.

Building our livelihood means focusing on economic development and infrastructure.

Developing our talent means focusing on education and the development and engagement of our youth.

Caring for our people means focusing on health, human services, poverty, housing, and public safety.

Enriching our community means focusing on arts, culture, entertainment, recreation, diversity, and the environment.

We believe that moving forward together with our donors and the community, we can help to transform our community as we focus on these areas. Together, we're building a community where all can thrive.



Building our Livelihood

Midland County creates and sustains competitive advantages for existing and future businesses. We are well-connected and invest in our physical and technological infrastructure.



Developing our Talent

Midland County offers high-quality education and learning opportunities throughout life. Our community nurtures a skilled workforce and places high value on post-secondary learning. We provide opportunities for children and youth to realize their hopes and dreams.



Enriching our Community

Midland County is a vibrant hub of arts, culture, entertainment, and recreational opportunities. We are committed to equality and inclusion, and we welcome, embrace, and accept all people. We are a sustainable community that values and protects its natural resources.



Caring for our People

The Midland community provides a coordinated and comprehensive system of supportive health and human services so that all may thrive. We encourage self-sufficiency and accept all individual responsibilities to collaborate to create the safest community in the country.



Chef Sergey's Bakery, An Impact Investing Story

In early 2025, the Circle area of Midland's Center City district began to fill with the scent of slow-fermented bread, fresh pastries, and something even more nourishing: hope. Chef Sergey's Bakery, founded by Ukrainian immigrants Natalia Iakovleva, Maga Miakiiev, Sergey Pokanevych, and Christina Pokanevych, has quickly become more than a neighborhood bakery. It symbolizes resilience, community, and the power of believing in people with big dreams.

That belief came in the form of impact investing—a financial tool quietly making transformative change across Midland County.

Since its founding in 1973, the Midland Area Community Foundation has worked to grow the assets entrusted to it by donors and supporters. The traditional model is familiar: invest assets and use a portion of the returns to fund nonprofit grants. But in 2016, the Foundation launched an ambitious and innovative initiative—allocating 2% of its assets, or roughly \$2.6 million, to invest in local for-profit and nonprofit projects offering measurable social or environmental benefits and a financial return.

These investments are known as impact investments. They are designed not only to yield a return but also to improve community vibrancy. They are used to spark innovation, support local entrepreneurs, promote infrastructure, and attract and retain talent in Midland County.

Chef Sergey's Bakery is one of the initiative's inspiring examples.

"We opened Chef Sergey's in 2025, just a couple of years after fleeing Ukraine and arriving here with our family, no credit history and no financial stability," said Natalia Iakovleva, one of the bakery's four owners. "We wrote a business plan, did the math, and had the vision, but no bank would give us a loan. We had no credit history. We owned nothing. We were just four immigrants with a dream. And still, every door seemed to close in our faces."

That changed when the bakery team applied for funding through the Foundation's Impact Investing program. The program offers equity investments, loans, or loan guarantees to projects located in Midland County—particularly in the Downtown and Center City districts—that meet specific financial criteria and community impact benchmarks.



“That investment saved our lives,” Natalia said. “It was the one opportunity we had. Without it, this bakery would not exist. It gave us a ticket not just to open a business but to stay in this country, to build a future, and to give back.”

The bakery now employs 15 people, many of whom are young and new to the food industry. Natalia says the bakery’s culture and mission are helping keep talent in the area.

“Our team, now 15 people strong, is young, diverse, and passionate. Many had no food industry experience, but they believed in us, just like the Foundation did. Some were planning to leave Midland—but now, they’re staying. They feel seen. They feel proud. They feel at home.”

The Foundation’s Impact Investing program is designed for that kind of ripple effect: not just opening a business but creating opportunities, revitalizing neighborhoods, and building momentum for future development. Each impact investment is reviewed by the Foundation’s Impact Investing Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The goal is to put community endowment dollars to work locally rather than in national and international capital markets while meeting the Foundation’s fiduciary responsibilities.

“We didn’t know much about impact investing before this,” Natalia said, “but now, I believe in it with all my heart. It’s more than money. It’s trust. And that trust is sacred.”

That trust has turned into an emerging community institution. From day one, when lines of customers waited in the snow for fresh bread, to today, as the bakery thrives in the heart of Center City, Chef Sergey’s has proven that investing in people—especially those with vision, grit, and a commitment to community—can yield profound and lasting returns.

“We want to build a training hub, teach others what we know, and raise the bar alongside other businesses in our area,” Natalia said. “My biggest hope for Midland is that our story inspires others to believe in possibilities... that this city becomes a hidden garden—quiet, beautiful, and full of life.”

Through impact investing, the Midland Area Community Foundation is helping cultivate that garden—one dream, one project, and one partnership at a time.





Midland Area Construction Talent Attraction Program

In response to a growing workforce shortage in the construction industry, the Midland Area Community Foundation launched the Construction Talent Attraction Program, a bold initiative to bring construction professionals to Midland County and help them stay for the long term. The program offers loan repayment assistance ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to individuals establishing careers in the local construction industry.

Unlike traditional scholarships that assist students in completing their education, this program is designed for individuals who have already completed some form of postsecondary education and are now entering the workforce. Eligible applicants must be employed or self-employed in a construction-related business with a physical office in Midland County. They must reside in Midland, Gladwin, or Clare Counties—all communities the Midland Area Community Foundation serves.

The Foundation launched the program to address the construction talent gap and to retain individuals in careers in the region. According to Sharon Mortensen, President & CEO of the Midland Area Community Foundation, the program represents the organization's commitment to community success and economic resilience.

"This program is a direct response to the needs of our community," said Mortensen. "We recognize that construction professionals are essential to Midland County's growth and sustainability. By offering loan repayment assistance, we are not only supporting individuals in their careers but also strengthening the local economy, retaining talent, and ensuring that vital projects move forward."

The program's first year celebrated four award recipients: Tanner Wascher of Fisher Contracting, Jacob Pyles of Orvosh Builders, and Aaron Abbott and Katlin Adams of Three Rivers Corporation. Each awardee has a unique story, but all are committed to building a career—and a life—in the Midland area. This report focuses on two of their stories.

For Tanner Wascher, a Pinconning High School graduate, the path to a career in construction began with small home projects and evolved through hands-on classes in high school and college. After initially enrolling at Ferris State University, he boldly decided to join the U.S. Marine Corps, where he gained experience in a different type of skilled trade—heavy equipment operation.



Tanner's military service ultimately guided him toward a career in construction and transportation. He earned his Commercial Driver's License and Crane Operator Permit and he began working as a crane operator—but the constant travel led him to look for opportunities closer to home.

"I worked as a crane operator and traveled a lot, but I wanted something more local. That's what drove me back to Fisher Companies. I started working there, and it was a really good fit. There are a lot of really good mentors at Fisher who have a lot of knowledge," said Tanner. "Now, with Fisher, I have returned to Ferris State to finish my Construction Management degree."

Katlin Adams, a Midland native and Project Engineer for Three Rivers Corporation, also found her passion early on. She was drawn to hands-on classes in middle and high school, and a teacher's suggestion ultimately sparked her interest in the industry.

"The journey to where I am now started in middle school. I took a lot of woodshop classes and loved them, and when I went to high school, one of my teachers strongly suggested that I take a trades class. I took it for three years," said Katlin. "I wanted to know how he knew everything. How do you know when to order stuff? Who do you hire? And now, that's what I do every day."

Katlin graduated early from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Construction Management. For her, returning to Midland was always a goal.

"I always knew I was going to come back to Midland. I was born and raised here, and I love it. Three Rivers Corporation has always been everywhere. I wanted to work there since I was in high school," she said. "After graduating from college, I applied for an internship there, and two weeks after my internship concluded, they offered me a full-time position."

By supporting professionals like Tanner and Katlin, the Construction Talent Attraction Program strengthens Midland County's ability to complete high-quality construction projects while retaining homegrown talent. The program is part of a broader vision—one in which Midland County is a place where individuals, families, and businesses can thrive.

"The construction industry plays a critical role in the strength and growth of our region, yet we continue to see a decline in available skilled workers," said Mortensen. "By investing in this talent attraction program, we are helping to attract needed professionals in the construction field, ensuring that Midland County remains a place where individuals can build their futures and businesses can thrive."



Aaron Abbott



Tanner Wascher



Katlin Adams



Jacob Pyles





Max Loves Midland

At the Midland Area Community Foundation, we believe that when people feel a sense of belonging, they're more likely to care deeply for their community. That idea is at the heart of Max Loves Midland—a collective vitality initiative started by the Community Success Panel, a group of community leaders, and supported by the Foundation. Max Loves Midland is building a more connected, engaged, and thriving Midland County. This article highlights a community effort that the Community Foundation is excited to support. However, this effort is supported by many across our community and illustrates how our entire community works to “love where we live.”

As the backbone organization behind Max Loves Midland, the Foundation plays a key role in fostering this growing movement—but Max belongs to everyone. It's a shared space, a public invitation, and a rallying point for community pride and participation.

One of Max's most visible successes is the Max Loves Midland Community Calendar, which has posted over 3,500 local events since its launch. The calendar, available to all Midland County organizations, features events such as food truck rallies, free activities, educational workshops, wellness walks, cultural events, concerts, and so much more. It provides a hub for residents to discover what's happening in their backyard and to show up, connect, and celebrate together.

But Max isn't just about events. It's also about storytelling and shared identity. The Max Loves Midland Show is a growing video and podcast series where residents reflect on what life is like in Midland. Midlanders share their perspectives on belonging, opportunity, and community through honest and uplifting conversations. The show is distributed on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and more—with clips shared across social media to reach a wide audience of people.

These stories aren't just compelling—they're catalytic. When Brad Tunney appeared on Episode 2 of the Max Loves Midland Show, his story sparked a connection with Grant Murschel, a fellow Midlander working toward community connection. That introduction led to the creation of Nord Social—a new neighborhood bar and gathering place coming to life in Midland's Center City district. Nord Social will be a place for connection, conversation, and community-building. Nord Social is owned by Grant, Brad, and Haley Tunney. This is a prime example of how Max helps seed relationships that blossom into transformative community projects.



Max's connective power also continues offline through in-person engagement like the Max Loves Midland Navigation Team. This group is a cross-section of Midland County residents, welcoming all voices. The Navigation Team meets quarterly to hear updates on key community issues, listen to guest speakers, and provide input on solutions to local challenges. Importantly, each meeting ends with a call to action—giving members specific ways to help improve Midland and support meaningful change. It's community leadership in action, open to everyone who wants to be a part of it.

For those looking to get more involved in community action, the Max Loves Midland website offers even more ways to connect. In addition to the event calendar, it includes dedicated sections for community-facing resources—from housing and health to business and the arts—and a Connect + Engage section where residents can find local organizations to join, volunteer with, or support. Whether you're new to Midland or have lived here for decades, Max helps people find their place and purpose in the community.

Max Loves Midland's work is grounded in the Communities of Excellence framework, a national model for place-based transformation. The framework emphasizes stakeholder engagement, data-informed decision-making, and cross-sector collaboration—all embedded in Max's structure. It is about cooperation and uplifting what is already working to fill in the gaps.

Everything Max does is in pursuit of a bold, shared goal. As adopted by and supported by our Community Success Panel, that vision is "Midland: an inclusive community. Together. Forward. Bold. An exceptional place where everyone thrives." At the Midland Area Community Foundation, we are honored to support that vision and invest in efforts to bring it to life.

Max Loves Midland is more than a platform. It's a growing movement rooted in pride, powered by connection, and driven by the belief that when people love their place, they care for it, invest in it, and help it grow.

Visit MaxLovesMidland.com to explore the calendar, watch the show, or get involved. Together, we can go further and build a community where everyone can thrive.





CARING FOR OUR PEOPLE

Changing Places Restroom

The Midland Area Community Foundation believes a thriving community is one where every individual, regardless of ability, can participate fully. Our tagline—For Good. For Ever. For All.—is more than a statement; it’s a commitment that we will seek ways to build a Midland accessible to everyone.

The recently completed Changing Places Restroom at Grove Park exemplifies this commitment. Thanks, in part, to a \$125,000 grant from the Community Foundation’s Healthy Communities Fund, the leadership of a proud Midland Area Community Foundation initiative (Midland Area Access to Community), and the collaborative support of numerous community partners, this project has redefined accessibility in public spaces, setting a new standard for accessibility in Midland and beyond.

The long-term Grove Park revitalization has been championed by the Midland Rotary Foundation and supported by a coalition of local donors—including the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation, the Dow Company Foundation, the Infuse Great Lakes Bay Foundation, the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation, and many generous community members. The Changing Places Restroom is the newest feature of the Grove Park revitalization and goes beyond American Disability Act (ADA) standards, which haven’t been updated since 2010. This facility provides state-of-the-art features, including a hoist system for safe and easy transfers, a height-adjustable adult-sized changing table, a centrally located peninsula toilet for better maneuverability, a privacy screen, and an oversized automatic electric door.

These features are designed to accommodate individuals with conditions such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injuries, and other mobility challenges. Many of us take for granted the ability to use a public restroom. But for individuals with complex disabilities and their caregivers, access to a safe, accommodating restroom can mean the difference between participating in community activities and staying home. The project’s impact was felt immediately upon opening on June 4, 2024, when families and individuals gathered to celebrate with an abilities parade and ribbon cutting to mark the restroom’s opening.



At the ribbon cutting, Keren Rak-Mehler, who uses a speech generation device, shared her personal experience of struggling to find a dignified place to use the restroom in public, "Today, with the opening of this truly accessible bathroom, I now have a place that meets my needs and provides the comfort and security I need when away from home."

Keren's mother, Iris Mehler, emphasized that the disability community is the largest minority group in the United States. She urged community members to continue pushing for accessibility, "I want us to be known as a Small Town America that really did make an exceptional effort to include all people with all abilities and that we have not only the facilities to accommodate our own residents but to accommodate visitors and that we will be a destination for a wheelchair users and for people of all abilities who want to go on vacation. With so many resources and with so much education and socio-economic power, we can do it because we placed a high priority on this. I have this hope and dream because of the people that I have interacted with so far; their deep level of emotional and personal involvement in what happens in the community allows me to literally see that vision coming to life."

The Changing Places Restroom is not just a milestone for Grove Park—it's a catalyst for Midland. The Midland Area Access to Community initiative has been instrumental in raising awareness about the need for accessible restrooms and has partnered with Disability Network of Mid-Michigan to help businesses and organizations secure funding to improve their own facilities through Accessible Restroom Grants. The Greater Midland Community Center recently opened a Changing Places Restroom after following guidance from Access to Community and receiving a 2024 grant to support the project. City of Midland Public Services plans to install a facility downtown. Changing Places Restrooms originated in the United Kingdom as a government initiative. Advocates in Midland hope to see them become the standard in other local community hubs.

We believe our role in building a community where everyone thrives starts with living up to our tagline—For Good. For Ever. For All.



FOUNDATION FACES

“Wally Mayton, who had been talking about Neighboring Week forever, gave me the perfect excuse [to throw a gathering]. I’m part of a weekly call with him, and I thought, “This is the right time.” Four of the households on our street still have people who work, while some of us are retired. So, I decided a Saturday afternoon would work best. I created a distribution list and sent a message inviting everyone to gather for a potluck and games. I have an extra-wide driveway—big enough for four cars—so I suggested we set up tables and chairs. My next-door neighbor also offered to put out some cornhole games and other activities.

We had an incredible time at our Neighboring Week party. Almost everyone in the neighborhood attended.”

-Joyce Hagen-Flint



“A community is nothing without its people. We can continue to move Midland to the next level by working together.”

-Patrick Schefsky

“The idea [Nord Social] gained momentum, and by the middle of 2024, I had purchased a building in Center City, right next to Frankenmuth Credit Union. Around that same time, Brad Tunney was a Max Loves Midland Show guest. Thanks to that episode, I reached out to Brad and made a great connection with Brad and Haley Tunney. Now, the three of us are business partners in this venture. Max Loves Midland was pivotal in connecting me with them, so this conversation feels very special. The work that Max and others have done to bring people together has helped create new opportunities, and this project is just one example of what can happen when connections are made.”

-Grant Murschel





“Ultimately, I want Midland to be an inclusive community where everyone thrives. That’s not only a part of our community’s vision statement but also in alignment with the goals of Allied HR Solutions and Allied Group Fitness—to create spaces where everyone feels welcome, included, and happy. When you find what lights you up or the people who become your best friends, it’s a game changer. My hope for Midland is that everyone finds a space where they can thrive, regardless of our differences. Everyone deserves to feel like they belong and can flourish in this community.”

-Ali Huntoon

“My involvement with Max Loves Midland and Public Arts Midland has allowed me to not just be an artist or a designer, but to directly help people in the community. Through Max Loves Midland, I’ve helped connect people with resources they didn’t know existed, whether it’s assisting a young woman in exploring trade careers with the help of the Midland Area Career and College Access Network, or helping someone with disabilities find food services, the work has purpose. With Public Arts Midland, I’ve been able to get involved with the Art Seen Festival, where I’ve been acting as co-chair. As of the 2024 Art Seen Festival, we have brought eight murals to Midland, including four community murals, like the new one on the side of Pizza Sam’s. The community murals are my favorite part because everyone in the community is invited to be part of the creation process.”

-Annie Stout



“Midland County Neighboring Week is organized annually by the Midland Area Cultural Awareness Coalition and aims to realize Midland’s vision of being an inclusive, thriving community. The week features activities by various organizations, neighborhoods, and businesses to foster connections, nurture friendships, and celebrate community. Inspired by the idea of “loving thy neighbor,” Neighboring Week began in 2011 to build community beyond religious boundaries. It has since evolved into a broader celebration of neighborliness. Anyone can participate by joining events, planning activities, or being a good neighbor. The week emphasizes intentional acts of kindness and generosity, reinforcing that everyone in Midland deserves to feel they belong.

As Midland advances, I hope we never lose the neighboring spirit I love. Just as I have shared with people through this story, I hope others utilize Neighboring Week to give back and share, as well.”

-Wally Mayton



ASSETS

The Community Foundation has over \$138 million in assets, enabling us to give now and in the future. Over 700 funds are represented in the dollar amounts below. Many of the funds are endowed, and all have the purpose of helping with causes our donors care about.

Anyone can be a philanthropist. Whether the gift is large or small, gifts to Midland Area Community Foundation go toward helping Midland thrive.

\$138,820,946

TOTAL ASSETS

\$12,670,372

Agency Funds

\$6,523,938

Field-Of-Interest Funds

\$37,013,745

Community Investment
Funds

\$13,317

Giving Circle
Funds

\$34,306,647

Designated Funds

\$8,640,220

Project Funds

\$12,127,373

Donor-Advised Funds

\$27,525,334

Scholarship Funds

FUND TYPES

Agency Funds

Endowing a nonprofit organization

A simple and efficient way to build an endowment and help create sustainability for local nonprofits.

Community Investment Funds

Meeting ever-changing needs

Help address a broad range of local needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated today.

Designated Funds

Helping local organizations sustain and grow

Make a lasting impact for a particular nonprofit organization - a senior center, museum, or other organization.

Donor-Advised Funds

A personal approach to giving

Be actively involved in grantmaking! Donors can contribute to the fund as frequently as they like, and then recommend grants to their favorite charitable organizations whenever it makes sense for them.

Field-of-Interest Funds

Connecting personal values to high-impact opportunities

Target specific areas of community investment such as arts, recreation, youth development, or other passions.

Giving Circle Funds

Giving with a group

Combine your contributions with other like-minded individuals so that everyone can collectively make a lasting difference on the causes they value. We will manage the details while your group focuses on making an impact.

Project Funds

Focus on fundraising, not fund management

The ideal vehicle for a short-term community project. We will manage all accounting, tax receipts, and donor communication so you can focus on fundraising.

Scholarship Funds

Investing in deserving students

Develop talent by helping hardworking area students achieve their lifelong dreams.

All these types of funds can be set up in a way to memorialize a loved one or honor a family or individual.



GRANTMAKING

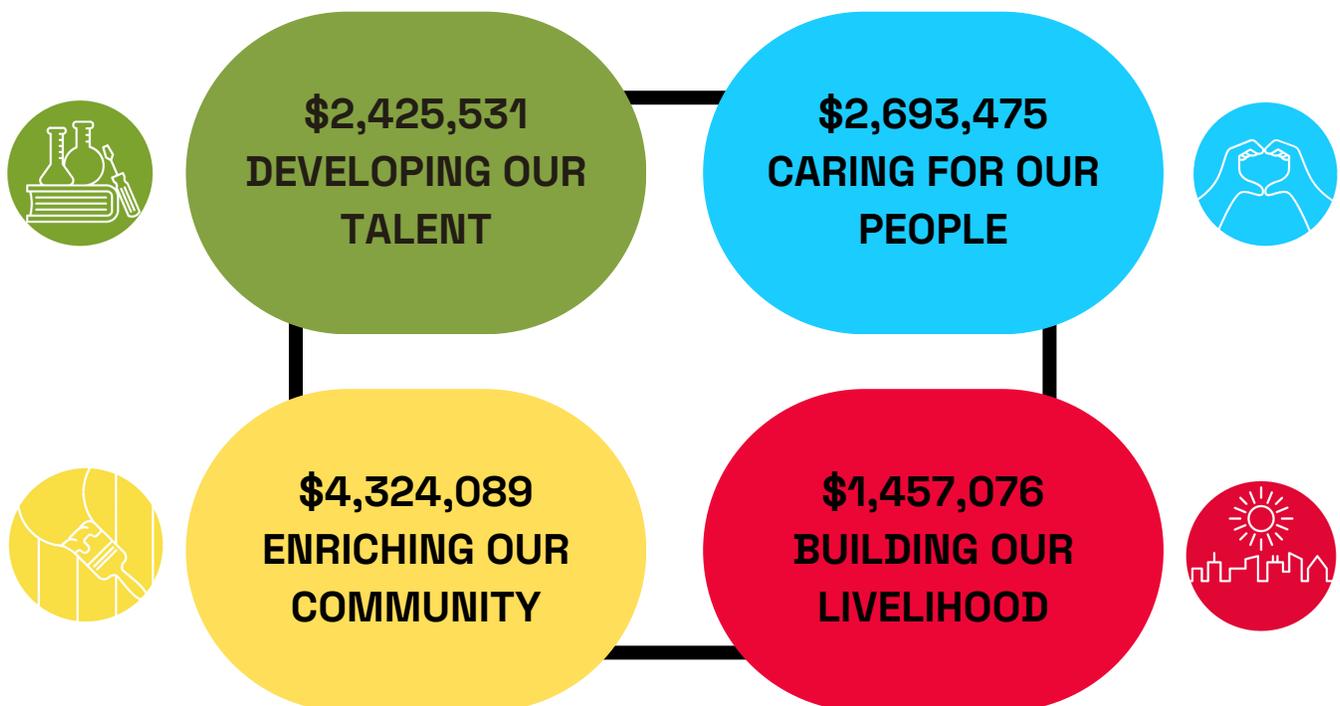
Your Foundation holds over 700 individual funds, each with a different purpose, impacting our community through grants and/or scholarships. Most funds were established by individuals partnering with Midland Area Community Foundation to impact our community positively.

Grant totals reflect all funds held at the Community Foundation.

The grants listed on the following pages represent Midland Area Community Foundation's responsive grants. Money for these grants comes from Community Investment and Foundation Directed Funds held at the Community Foundation. Also, competitive grants are awarded through the Kellogg Youth Fund, utilized at the direction of the Midland Area Youth Action Council.

\$12,469,970

OUR GRANTMAKING & PROGRAM EXPENSES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS



OUR RESPONSIVE GRANTS 2024



DEVELOPING OUR TALENT

County of Midland - \$20,000
RISE Training - Sarah Owens Consulting

First Robotics Competition Team 2619* - \$5,000
Midland Robotics Center Outfitting

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan - \$40,000
Midland County Girl Scouting

Michigan College Access Network - \$90,450
ARPA: Providing Equitable Postsecondary Opportunities to Midland County Students

Reaching Our Community Kids - \$10,000*
Peer to Peer

Sleepy Dog Books Foundation - \$8,000*
Sleepy Dog Books Foundation Literacy Pack Program

The Legacy Center for Community Success - \$50,000
Adult Literacy Program Support & Expansion



ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY

Midland County Agricultural & Horticultural Society - \$60,000
Carl A. Gerstacker Fair Center Building Renovation

Camp Centaur Incorporated - \$20,000
Renovations to Camp

Central Michigan Mountain Bike Association - \$60,000
Midland City Forest Flow Trail & Skills Park

The Friction Theatre - \$30,000
Friction Theatre Technical Equipment Request



BUILDING OUR LIVELIHOOD

Michigan Center for Construction Education & Research - \$100,500
ARPA: Impacting community corrections probationers with the trades

Midland County Habitat for Humanity - \$60,000
Revenue Increase through Purchased Product Lines

Midland Business Alliance Foundation - \$45,000
Funding for Broadband Initiatives in Midland County

Doxa Development - \$30,000
Doxa Dinner Support

Saginaw Valley State University - \$12,000
Public Art Passport - Midland County Public Art Installments

ARPA Grantmaking: The Midland Area Community Foundation partnered with the County of Midland to assist in the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to local nonprofits, enabling them to continue providing vital services to Midland County residents. Application requests were up to \$150,000. This grant opportunity sought highly collaborative proposals between nonprofits and diverse sectors in Midland County. Applications were considered based on guidelines set forth by the State Budget Office's American Rescue Plan Priorities.

OUR RESPONSIVE GRANTS 2024



CARING FOR OUR PEOPLE

Adoption Option Inc. - \$50,000
ARPA: Parent Education Expansion

Adoption Option Inc. - \$10,000*
Youth in Transition Life Skills Course

The Arc of Midland - \$80,000
ARPA: Reducing post-pandemic loneliness for young people with IDD

The Arc of Midland - \$40,000
Operational Support for The Arc of Midland's Personal Representation Program

Children's Grief Center of the Great Lakes Bay Region - \$118,851
ARPA: Program Expansion Due To the Impact of COVID-19

Children's Grief Center of the Great Lakes Bay Region - \$10,000*
Peer Support Programming for Grieving Children

Clothing INC - \$8,000
Clothing INC Store Operations

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Shelterhouse) - \$100,500
ARPA: Shelterhouse's Children's Counseling Program

Creative Spirit Center (Creative 360) - \$15,000
Renovation of Bathroom Space to Include Adult Changing Table

Family & Children's Services of Mid-Michigan - \$60,000
Recruitment & Retention to Increase Access to Quality Mental Healthcare

First United Methodist Church of Midland - \$10,000
Carpenter Street Community Garden

Great Lakes Bay Foundation - \$50,000
ARPA: Reducing Stigma, Driving Awareness, & Connecting Residents to Mental Health Resources through the iMatter Anti-Stigma Campaign

Greater Midland Community Centers, Inc. - \$30,000
GMCC Universal Accessibility Upgrades

Home to Stay - \$45,000
Community Engagement

Lee Township - \$25,000
Fire/Rescue Response Vehicle Replacement

Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp- \$7,000*
2024 Residential Summer Camps for Visually & Hearing-Impaired Children

Midland County Educational Service Agency - \$60,000
Countywide Elementary RISE Effort

Midland County Health Department - \$25,000
Immunization Support for Midland County Uninsured/Underinsured Individuals

Midland County Road Commission - \$40,000
Sanford Facility Emergency Generator Update

Midland Jewish Community Congregation - \$5,000
Funding for Internet and Security services

Midland's Open Door - \$100,500
ARPA: Women & Children's Shelter Expansion

Phoenix Community Farm - \$60,000
Infrastructure Improvements, Creation of the 'Vegetable Village', & operational support

Rayola Inc - \$2,000*
Comfort Care Packages for Children in Foster Care in Clare County

Ten Sixteen Recovery Network - \$30,000
The BRIDGE Initiative

The Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan, Inc. - \$10,000*
More Rooms, More Love 2024 - Midland County Support

Underground Railroad Inc. (Girls on the Run) - \$2,988*
New GOTR Curricula to Meet the Current Physical and Mental Health Needs of Adolescent Girls

***Youth Action Council Grants**

LEGACY SOCIETY

Members of the Legacy Society have chosen to include the Community Foundation in their estate plans. This means that after they pass, assets such as their IRA or real estate will be gifted to the Community Foundation. The goal of the Legacy Society is to recognize and honor members for their foresight, dedication, and philanthropic spirit.

Gene Anderson	Michael R. and Cassie J. Gambrell	Paul E. Hayes and Michael J. Mirto
Mary E. Armstrong *	Kathleen* and Howard* Garrett	Ann H. Moore*
Charles R. Ashcraft*	Catherine Gerace*	Terry and Carleen Moore
Carolyn Ayre*	William and Karen Gibson	Robert and Sharon Mortensen
Richard Ayre*	W. Herman Gieseler*	Sylvia Myers
Gwendolyn M. Bagley*	Mark and Alison Goethe	Mary Eileen O'Brien *
George R.* and Dorothy J.* Baker	Roger* and Virginia Gohrband	Howard Ode *
Barbara* and Wayne* E. Barrett	James* and Priscilla* Gorman	Edward and Indira Oskvarek
Orrin H.* and Eleanor L.* Barrett	L. Scott Govitz	Barbara B. Panian *
Rebecca S. Bastuk	Julius Grosberg*	Ruth Peele*
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Linda and Neil Bell	Jim Hopfensperger and Jane Maddox	Robert B*. and Jean W.* Reinhart
Sharon Brady	Robert L*. and Cheryl K. Johnson	Ruth M. Rice*
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David and Colleen Bremer	Kevin B. and Jennifer A.* Kendrick	Hugo L. Schaefer, Jr.*
William A.* and Sylvia B. Bridge	Kennylou Wold Keskey*	Mary E. Smith*
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Fern Christenson*	Dennis K. and Jacqueline Klipa	Marvin M. Stein*
Daniel J. and Linda Cline	Sharon L. Sims-Koffman	Betty L. Summerville
Donna Comfort*	Jeff Kroeger	Joann C. and Glen Taylor
Helen M.* and Floyd* Copus	Douglas E. Lake*	Terrance and Deborah Temperly
Ronald F. Cornier	Sue Haske Lane*	Mary R. Thomas *
Eleanor Currie*	Hal Lange	James E. * and Bette* Tollar
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Greg and Robyn Dorrien	Gerald T.* and Charlotte B. Maxson	Lois M. Yack*
Marion Dudd *	Michael and Linda McComb	David and Terri Zimmerman
Catherine Elliott*	Marty and Jan McGuire	George and Gladys Zubulake
Donald and Marilyn J.* Findlay	Bernie Meister	*DECEASED
Elloeweese Denise Freer	Celia G. Mendoza	

OUR FINANCIALS

ASSETS	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,748,798	\$2,451,563
Investments	\$134,871,821	\$121,664,037
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$221,949	\$245,627
Notes receivable - Impact Investing	\$811,424	\$429,104
Parks and improvements	\$668,647	\$668,647
Office facility and equipment, net	\$498,307	\$528,321
Total assets	\$138,820,946	\$125,987,299

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$1,274,983	\$103,369
Grants payable	\$125,195	\$103,635
Restricted organizational funds	\$4,050,458	\$3,446,478
Total liabilities	\$5,450,636	\$3,653,482

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$131,116,227	\$120,187,333
With donor restrictions	\$2,254,083	\$2,146,484
Total net assets	\$133,370,310	\$122,333,817
Total liabilities and net assets	\$138,820,946	\$125,987,299



PUBLIC SUPPORT, REVENUE, AND GAINS	2024	2023
Contributions	\$9,445,596	\$6,837,345
Investment return, net	\$14,059,408	\$16,039,794
Miscellaneous	\$1,459	-
Total public support, revenue, and gains	\$23,506,463	\$22,877,139

EXPENSES

Program services:

Developing our talent	\$2,425,531	\$1,972,249
Enriching our community	\$4,324,089	\$4,912,370
Caring for our people	\$2,693,475	\$2,895,102
Building our livelihood	\$1,457,076	\$1,261,402

Support services:

Management and general	\$1,166,051	\$1,021,724
Fundraising	\$403,748	\$383,728
Total expenses	\$12,469,970	\$12,446,575

Change in net assets	\$11,036,493	\$10,430,564
Net assets at beginning of year	\$122,333,817	\$111,903,253
Net assets at end of year	\$133,370,310	\$122,333,817



OUR STAFF



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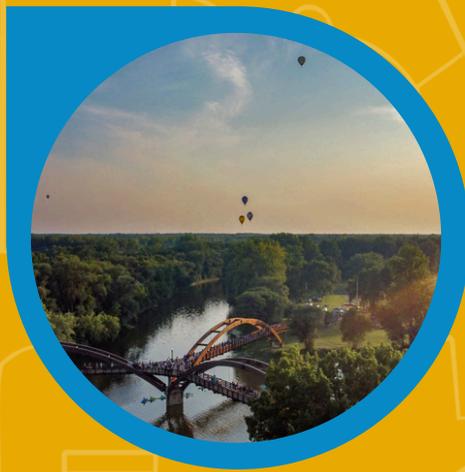
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