

Allendale

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Community Report



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Celebrate Good Times...Come On... It's a Celebration



Wow...2006...a great year for the Allendale Community Foundation! Because of your generosity, we are **thrilled** to report that the Foundation has topped the **\$1,000,000** mark! And in only seven years!

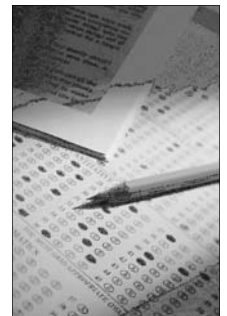
We have over **\$250,000 in the Greatest Needs Fund!** During 2007, the Greatest Needs Fund has **\$10,000 in grant funds to give away!** There are now **22 Funds** in the Foundation! We also started the **Legacy Society** in 2006!

Thank you all SO much!



New Mini-Grant Program for Teachers

A new program has been initiated which invites teachers to apply for mini-grant funding to try out a new idea or buy the “extras” for an already great lesson plan or project. Grants in the amount of \$200 are awarded to teachers to enhance their instructional program. Any teacher or counselor employed in a public or private school located in Allendale Charter Township is eligible to apply. Grants are limited to one per classroom and one per teacher per school year.



This year's mini-grant recipients were:

Julie Helzey, Springview Elementary
Project: Great Leaps Reading Program

Norine Fox, Allendale Middle School
Project: Literacy Circle Audio Books

Amy McMurray, Springview Elementary
Project: Exposing Expository

Jennifer Mendes, Allendale Middle School
Project: Great Leaps Reading Program

Kari Powell, Springview Elementary
Project: ELMO Visual Presenter

Didier Couvelaire, Allendale Middle/High School
Project: Portable Literacy

Richelle Rybinski, Evergreen Elementary
Project: Poetry Celebration

Thea Gabrielse, Allendale Christian School
Project: Supermarket Center

Congratulations!

**Gifts were Given to the Foundation as a Tribute
To the Following People in 2006**

Lindsey Bakale
Leonard Brink
Benjamin Brower
Rose Dys
Albert Eisen

John Essenburg
Jim Kraker
David James Merkle
Ray Overweg

Clare and Bernice Piersma
Skylee Star Sikma
T J Sikma
Rena VanderWilp

Jason P. VanEck
Joel VanFarowe
Peter Wallinga
Helen Wyngarden

**A New Fund for the
Allendale Lifelong Learners**



Richard and Wanda Ponshair recently contributed the funds necessary to establish a new fund in the Foundation for the “Allendale Life Long Learners”. The Allendale Lifelong Learners are the age 60 plus group that do activities together, travel together, eat together, and do community service projects together...plus many other activities! It is Richard and Wanda’s hop that other will contribute to the fund as well!

Thank-you, Richard and Wanda, for your vision and generosity!

The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes those who have named the Allendale Community Foundation as a beneficiary of any type of planned or deferred gift from their estate. The purpose is to acknowledge and thank those who have made these gifts and to encourage and inspire others to do the same.

To leave a gift is easy. The most common way is through your will or trust. Another way is to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust in favor of the Foundation. Still others leave a paid-up life insurance policy, retirement account or other financial investment.

To join the Legacy Society, simply arrange for a planned gift in favor of the Foundation, then inform the Foundation by submitting the Legacy Society form, available on the Website at www.allendalecf.org. You don’t need to tell the Foundation what you left as a gift.

What will your legacy be?

**Look What
Was Given
Away!**

During the year 2006, a total amount of **\$44,695.06** was given away in grants from all of the various funds listed on the



following page. From that amount, **\$12,325.00** was given from the Greatest Needs Fund to various non-profit groups in Allendale!

Check our website at www.allendalecf.org to see if your organization qualifies to apply

Allendale Community Foundation Board

Bob Bosch 895-6978
Carl Jesser 895-6382
Patricia Stephenson 895-7816

Pam DeJong 895-5139
Carl Piersma 895-9000
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Randy Weener 895-9150

Gary Gemmen 895-6412
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Funds in the Allendale Community Foundation

Allendale Greatest Needs Fund

The Greatest Needs Fund (general fund) was established in April 2000. It is from this fund that the Foundation Board makes grant distributions to programs serving the Allendale area.

ABC Coalition Fund
Allendale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund
Allendale Christian School Endowment Fund
Allendale Historical Society Endowment Fund
Allendale Public School Fund
Allendale Township Library Endowment Fund
Allendale Veterans Memorial Fund
Lindsey Bakale Memorial Scholarship Fund
Borculo Christian School Fund
Dave James Merkle Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ellna Rotman Camp Fund
Family Life Center of West Michigan Fund
Jim and Candy Kraker Family Fund
Lifelong Learners Fund
Love J. P. Fund
Miss Allendale Pageant Scholarship Fund
New Focus National Fund
Sietsema Family Fund
T. J. and Skylee Starr Sikma Memorial Fund
Alvin and Ronda Vissers Charitable Fund
Herman J. Wyngarden Memorial Scholarship Fund

Grant Recipients Express Their Appreciation for Grants Received from the Greatest Needs Fund!



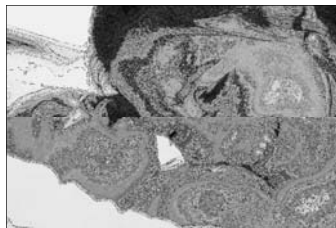
Thank you for supporting the Rape Aggression Defense program by providing funds for us to purchase the safety gear.

The program has already generated much interest in the community and we are holding our classes. We have received great feedback from the women in the classes and look forward to continuing the program's success.

~ Deputy Kerri Cannata,
Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

Thank you so much for your gift! It came at a time of great need and we really appreciate not only the money, but also all that you do! Many blessings!

~ Kari Wiersma,
Lakeshore Pregnancy Center
of Allendale



On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and especially



those we serve, please accept our deepest gratitude for your generous support of our services and our community!

Thank-you!

~ Cindee Maxwell and your
American Red Cross in
Allendale

New Board Members

Welcome to the new Foundation Board members Bob Bosch, Pam DeJong, LeeScholma, Patricia Stephenson, and Jim VanderVeen!

Thank you for serving!

Retiring Board Members

A great big thank you to Bart Merkle, Dave VanderWall, and Candy Kraker who have served on the Foundation Board for two terms, beginning in 2001.



Major Benefactors...Gifts Given from January 2000—December 2006
...thank you...thank you...thank you!

Over \$138,000

Mr. John VenHuizen

Over \$50,000

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Vissers

Over \$30,000

Mrs. Helen Wyngarden

Over \$20,000

Grand Haven Area Community
Foundation

Over \$10,000

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Hinken

Over \$7,000

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Sikma

Over \$6,000

Mr. Art Terpstra Sr.
New Focus National

Over \$5,000

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kraker
Mr. & Mrs. Micheal Meadows
Family Life Center of West
Michigan

Over \$4,000

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Over \$3,000

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Allendale Area Chamber of
Commerce
Leprino Foods
Unity Christian High School

Over \$2,000

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ABC Coalition
Allendale Public High School
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Cornerstone Univeristy
First Reformed Church of
Allendale
Frisia Farm Inc.
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Over \$500

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Lakewood Process Machinery
Tamminga & VanderVoord
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Sign Systems
The Binding Place

**“We make a living
by what we get, we
make a life by what
we give.”**
~ Winston Churchill