

Giving Power

Allendale Community Foundation

May 2009



Developing philanthropy

- **40 grants** were awarded from all of the Allendale Community Foundation Funds in 2008, totaling **\$36,263.35**, including scholarships totaling **\$1,050.00**
- **\$7,050.00** was given away from the Greatest Needs Fund, including **\$1,993.50** to teacher mini-grants.
- **\$51,789.40** was received in gifts for all of the Funds
- Gifts were received from **126 individuals, families, and businesses.**
- One new fund was added, bringing the total number of funds to **24.**



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Generosity is a choice...the Detter Scholarship Fund



Welcome to the newest Fund, the Detter Scholarship Fund! Distributions from this Scholarship Fund will be made by the Foundation Board for scholarship assistance, which may include tuition, administrative fees, room, board, books, and all required materials related to course work. Scholarships may be granted for studies at a Michigan public or private college, professional, vocational, art, or music school. However, all scholarship assistance

from the Scholarship Fund shall be subject to the following restrictions and/or requirements:

- Applications must be current graduates of Allendale Public Schools.
- Applicants must be pursuing a career in the field of education. This may include, teacher, counselor, school psychologist, or education administration.
- Students must be attending a 4 year college in the State of Michigan.
- Students must demonstrate leadership and have participated in extracurricular activities.
- Financial need is a consideration.
- Minimum GPA is a 3.0.

Email addresses

In order to save postage for the Foundation, those of you who would like to receive this newsletter by email can notify Patricia Stephenson at stephepa@gvsu.edu to get on the email list! Thank you!

A big thank you to National City Bank



A great big thank you goes out to Christopher Kuipers, Branch Manager, and the administration and staff at Allendale's newest bank, National City Bank. They generously donated \$1,000.00 to the Greatest Needs Fund of the Foundation!

Welcome to Allendale and much success to your new branch office!

A great big thank-you!

This spring, two hard working Foundation Trustees terms of office on the Foundation Board expired. Both of these men served as President during their terms. A big thank you to



Gary Gemmen and **Randy Weener** for serving the Foundation so faithfully since 2001 and 2003, respectively.

You are the best!

Featured Fund...Allendale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund

Since 1996, the Allendale Area Chamber of Commerce has been offering a \$500 scholarship to a high school graduate who lives in Allendale Charter Township, who will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall immediately following their high school graduation. All candidates are judged on their merit. Primary consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated leadership, citizenship, and involvement in school and community activities. For more information about applying for this scholarship, students should see their high school guidance counselor.



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Working together for a better Allendale

We gratefully acknowledge the following friends and supporters who have made a difference by contributing to the Community Foundation since it began in 2000. Every effort was made to ensure the list is complete and accurate. If your name is missing or inaccurate, however, please accept our apology and let us know so that we may correct our records.

Over \$100,000

Dr. & Mrs. Harold Sheridan
Mr. John VanHuizen

Over \$50,000

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Vissers

Over \$30,000

Mrs. Helen Wyngarden

Over \$20,000

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Over \$15,000

Detter Family Foundation

Over \$10,000

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Over \$5,000

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Whose funding the future?

You, your friends and neighbors! Generosity, confidence, trust, and vision...these are the values the Foundation donors are conveying to future generations! It is their way of speaking to people that they will never meet, but who will be their community heirs. *That is why your participation is so important!*



Yes, I want to help fund the future of our community!

I would like to give a gift of \$ _____ to the Allendale Community Foundation!

Your name _____

Your address _____

Your phone number _____

Your email address _____

My gift supports Allendale Greatest Needs Fund

Specify which fund your gift supports _____

I'm interested in a named fund, please contact me.

I'd like to make a legacy gift, please contact me.

I'd like my gift to be anonymous.

Please clip and mail this form to the
Allendale Community Foundation,
P O Box 365, Allendale MI 49401

Funds in the Allendale Community Foundation

Allendale Greatest Needs Fund

This fund was established in April 2000. It is from this fund that the Foundation Board makes grant distributions to programs serving the Allendale community.

ABC Coalition Fund
Allendale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund
Allendale Christian School Endowment Fund
Allendale Historical Society Endowment Fund
Allendale Lifelong Learners Fund
Allendale Public School Fund
Allendale Township Library Endowment Fund
Allendale Veterans Memorial Fund
Lindsey Bakale Memorial Scholarship Fund
Borculo Christian School Fund
Detter Scholarship Fund
Mike Cook Fund for Fun in Education

Family Life Center of West Michigan Fund
Jim and Candy Kraker Family Fund
Love J. P. Fund
David James Merkle Memorial Scholarship Fund
Miss Allendale Pageant Scholarship Fund
New Focus National Fund
Ellna Rotman Camp Fund
Dr. Harold Sheridan Fund
Sietsema Family Fund
TJ, Skylee and Cody Memorial Fund
Herman J. Wyngarden Memorial Scholarship Fund

Grant Recipients



"With the teacher mini-grant, I bought enough keyboard covers for my computer class at Allendale Middle School. This is a huge benefit now, more than ever, as APS is moving towards a one to one laptop program. It will be very important that our students can keyboard efficiently. I have already seen improvements in typing from my students with the use of the key covers. Thank you!"

~ Shawn McMaster, Allendale Middle School



"The 40-60's Museum expresses our thanks and appreciation for awarding us with a grant to be used for visual displays and sun guard for the museum windows. Thank you so much for your support."

~ Ruth Tanis and Al Meyers, Co-Curators

The picture to the left is of Carl Piersma, Foundation Trustee, handing a grant check to Karen Flowerday from the Ottawa County Health Department. The grant was for Baby Bonus Bucks, which provides Meijer gift certificates to those in Allendale who need assistance through the County's Maternal Infant Health Program.



"The Total Trek Quest program is an after school running program for boys that addresses childhood obesity and underage drinking prevention. The response from families in Allendale regarding the Total Trek Quest program has been tremendous!"

~ Sonya Archer

"Thank you for your support of the Allendale High School French Program! The students are very excited for the readers to arrive and start testing their reading skills."

~ Denise Heyblom



"I would like to express my gratitude for the mini-grant that allowed me to purchase a classroom floor globe for my middle school classroom at Allendale Christian School. From the first day that I brought it to school, it has made a big hit with the students."

~ Gretchen VanHeukelum

The little boy above, on the right, is a baby whose family is receiving assistance from one of the Foundation's grant recipients, Breakfast with Baby. This program provides free diapers, baby wipes, clothes, books, toys, and other supplies for low income women, along with providing breakfast and fellowship.

The Charitable IRA will continue through 2009

The Charitable IRA Rollover is again available...just in time for you to continue your support of the community during these tough economic times.

The IRA Charitable provision allows anyone over the age of 70 1/2 to make a gift directly from their IRA— income tax free.

This is a great opportunity! Call the Foundation office at 895-4777 and let us outline your options for making a charitable gift from your IRA before the end of the year!



Allendale Community Foundation

The Allendale Community Foundation is a non-profit, community corporation created by and for the people of Allendale. We are here to help our donors do good work...

For Good. For Ever.

Gifts were given in 2008 in tribute to the following

people:

Allie, Caroline, and Jonathan Huistra...and Hannah, Nicole, and Lauren Zeinstra

Gifts were given in 2008 in memory of the following people:

Lindsey Bakale, Ron Elzinga, Ralph Esther, Gerald Kraker, Jim Kraker, Carl "Butch" Mohr, Clare Piersma, David James Merkle, Gladys Oosting, Skylee Sikma, TJ Sikma, Jason VanEck, Cody Wiseman

My Wife Says We Should, But Do We Have To?

By: Larry Lemmen, Estate Planning Attorney

Let's face it, going to see a lawyer is not high on anyone's list of things to do. Even worse, going to see a lawyer to talk about your own death or mental incapacity, who wants to do that? Well, we all know we are going to die someday. Will we ever become mentally incapacitated? In these types of matters, good policy is to hope for the best and plan for the worst.

So now that you have reluctantly decided to do some estate planning, what's next? You have to find an attorney who practices in the area of estate planning. A good place to start looking is by asking friends, relatives and other acquaintances if they have done any estate planning and if so, is there an attorney whom they might recommend?

Now that you have found a lawyer, what do you need to have with you for your first appointment? When you make your appointment, you should ask the attorney or the attorney's receptionist what type of information the attorney would like you to bring to the appointment. Generally it is helpful for you to know, or at least have given some thought to, whom you want to take care of your financial affairs and to make medical decisions for you in the event that neither you nor your spouse are able to do this for yourselves. A first and second choice is generally desirable. You should also consider to whom you ultimately want to leave your assets. But don't get uptight about this. It is not necessary to have all the answers to every question that might crop up before your appointment with the attorney. These things can be worked through as you proceed with your estate plan.

The attorney is going to have two basic areas of concern. First, what happens if, during your lifetime, you become mentally incapacitated? Second, what will happen to your assets at your death? With respect to the first question, the attorney will be discussing the execution of a medical durable power of attorney or health care directive. This document gives your designee the authority to make medical decisions for you if you are not able to do so for yourself. It can also give your designee access to your medical records and give you the opportunity to nominate a person to serve as a guardian should a probate court ever determine that the appointment of a guardian would be in your best interest.

The attorney will also recommend that you execute a durable power of attorney naming an agent and substitute agents to attend to the financial end of life on your behalf if you are not able to do so yourself. It enables you to take the extra precaution of nominating your chosen agent as your conservator should a probate court determine that an appointment of a conservator was in your best interest. This could prevent the appointment of an outside person or agency to be in charge of your financial affairs.

The attorney will also be discussing a last will and testament. If you decide not to use a revocable living trust as part of your estate plan, the last will and testament will be the document that disposes of your assets after you die. In your will you will designate your beneficiaries and name a personal representative to be in charge your estate. If you have minor children, you can also designate a guardian for them.

You may wish to use a revocable living trust to hold your assets during your lifetime and to convey your assets at your death. A trust has several advantages. The first advantage is that, by creating a trust and funding it during your lifetime, a successor trustee can manage these assets on your behalf should you become incapacitated. Second, at your death, assets that are held in the name of the trust can pass to your beneficiaries without going through a probate process. You should ask, and your attorney should take the time, to clearly explain what a trust is, how it works and why it works the way it does. You and your attorney should also discuss the costs involved so there are no unpleasant surprises later.

So now that you have a rough idea of how estate planning works, is there any short list of dos and don'ts for you to remember? Yes, there is:

- DO listen to your wife.
- DON'T procrastinate.
- DO ask a friend or acquaintance for a reference to an estate planning attorney.
- DON'T be scared into doing estate planning with a salesman representing an attorney you don't even know.
- DO give some consideration to gifts to your local charities.
- DON'T forget that if you don't support your local religious, educational or philanthropic charity, who will?
- **DO consider your local community foundation. Call one of their representatives if you have questions.**

This is a condensed version of Mr. Lemmen's article. To read it in its entirety, please go to our website at www.ghacf.org and click on Larry Lemmen, Attorney.

