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NEWSLETTER

FALL 2009

## Chairman's Letter

*Dear Friends of the Allendale Community Foundation:*

Fall greetings! The Allendale Community Foundation is pleased to debut our newly designed newsletter – same great information – just a new look.

It is hard to believe that 2009 is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a busy year – we were happy to be able to award several teacher mini-grants this year and it is always exciting to see the bright faces of the local students who received awards from our Scholarship Funds. Additionally, we have been fortunate to help support several organizations that have used our Funds to accomplish wonderful goals in Allendale. We hope you enjoy reading all of the Foundation news inside this newsletter.

We love to share good news, but we also know that the past year has been difficult for our community and nation. We have neighbors who are out of work and we expect that the holiday season will cause a few families to have added stress. This is a time when community comes together and we help each other, which is the cornerstone of the mission of your Foundation. As you are planning your year-end giving, please consider helping these neighbors, and Allendale at large, by supporting the Community Foundation. The Allendale Community Foundation is here, in the good times and the bad, doing everything we can to help care for our community. This year, your support is needed more than ever.

Thank you for your past support and may your holiday season get off to a great start!



Patricia Stephenson, Chair  
Board of Trustees  
Allendale Community Foundation



We are always happy to talk to your group or organization and share information about the Allendale Community Foundation – please call Patricia at 616-895-7816 for more information.



## Foundation Sponsors Boulevard Days

The Allendale Community Foundation was a proud sponsor of Allendale Boulevard Days!

What a great two days filled with good deals, fun times and community camaraderie.

Thank you to the Allendale Chamber for organizing this event and a special thanks to Allendale Community Foundation Board Member, Chad Ayers, for his active participation on the Planning Committee.

The Allendale Community Foundation is a nonprofit, community corporation created by and for the people of Allendale. We are here for Allendale – For good. For all. For ever.

# 2009 Scholarship Recipients

## Lindsey Bakale Memorial Scholarship

This Fund was established with the Foundation in loving memory of Lindsey Bakale who died tragically at an early age. **The 2009 recipient is Cameron Greinke attending Grand Valley State University.**

## Detter Family Foundation Education Scholarship

This Scholarship was established in 2008 for current graduates of Allendale Public School pursuing a career in the field of education. **The 2009 recipient is Ashlee Doornbos attending Grand Valley State University.**

## Herman J. Wyngarden Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship was established in memory of Herman J. Wyngarden, a longtime educator. It commemorates Dr. and Mrs. Wyngarden's commitment to education and to helping deserving students further their education beyond high school. **The 2009 recipient is Amy Richards attending Baker College of Muskegon.**

## Allendale Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

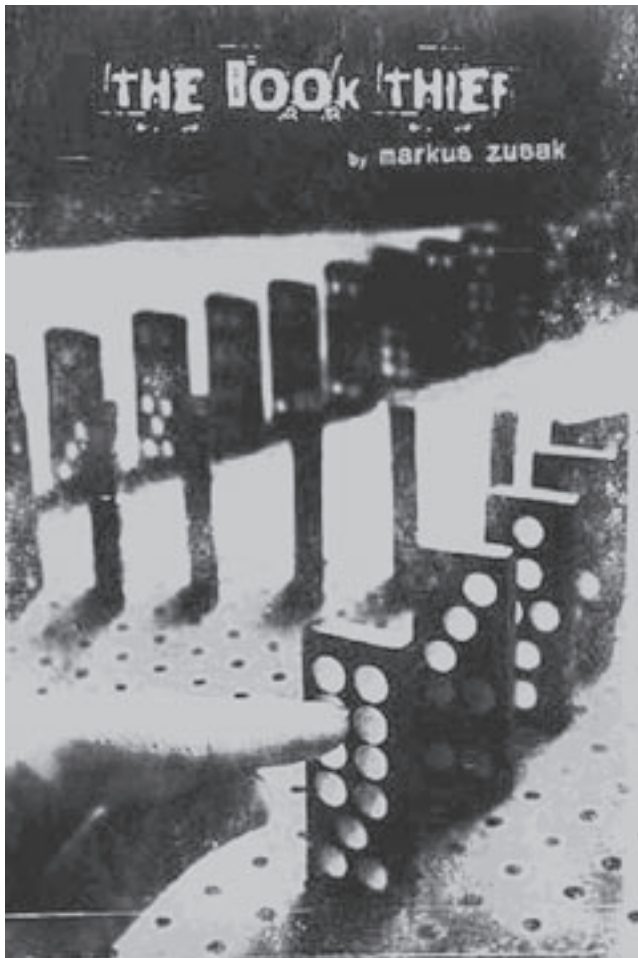
Since 1996, the AACC has been offering a scholarship to a High School Senior within Allendale Township who will be attending GVSU in the fall immediately following their high school graduation. **The 2009 recipient is Alyx Schulte attending Grand Valley State University.**

2009 Scholarships were recently awarded to four outstanding students from Funds established by donors in the Allendale Community Foundation.



## Read Around Allendale: *The Book Thief*

September 21-December 12, 2009



The Allendale Community Foundation is pleased to be a partner with the Allendale Township Library to bring a wonderful family project to Allendale. The "One Book, One Community" Program will draw readers, from teens to adults together to discuss one book: Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*. During the months of September through December, book discussion groups and special programs are scheduled throughout the community in the Library, an elementary school, an apartment complex, restaurants, and cafes—providing all of Allendale the opportunity to discuss this thought provoking novel and to get to know their neighbors.

Visit our new and improved website!

[www.allendalecf.org](http://www.allendalecf.org)



# Leaving a Legacy to a Community Foundation Fund

Did you ever wonder how the Allendale Community Foundation can help you leave a legacy in the community that you love? We are here to listen to your wishes and then help make your philanthropic dreams come true.

Maybe you want to support young people pursuing a college education – a Scholarship in your family’s name could be just the thing to honor your family’s name forever.

Maybe you want to make sure your church continues to receive an annual gift from you...forever – we can make that happen with a Designated Fund.

Or maybe, you want your gift to be flexible enough to impact the Greatest Needs of the Allendale community forever – we have a way to make that happen too.

Making a planned gift to the Allendale Community Foundation is easy. Bequests from a Will are the most common way to leave a planned gift to the Allendale Community Foundation; however, some people also decide to make the Foundation the beneficiary of a 401K/IRA plans or insurance policies. Others have established a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust in favor of the Foundation. All of these qualify you for membership in our Legacy Society.

We would be honored to speak to you about the many ways that you can leave a legacy in Allendale – for more information, please contact Holly Johnson at 616-842-6378.

## Teacher Mini-Grants

During the month of November, the Foundation offers local teachers, from elementary through high school in both the Public and Christian School, the opportunity to apply for a maximum grant of \$200 from the Greatest Needs Fund, to support innovative classroom programs. In 2008, the Foundation received 28 teacher mini-grant applications for projects ranging from a Classroom Floor Globe to help teach middle school students modern geography to Chess Tournaments that encourages critical thinking in the elementary school. The Foundation is pleased to offer these popular Teacher mini-grant opportunities that enhance education in the Allendale area.



*4th and 5th grade Chess Club at Evergreen and Springview Elementary Schools*



Do you have a hard-to-buy-for person on your holiday shopping list? Consider making a donation, in their honor, to the Community Foundation. For a \$50 donation (per tribute) to the Greatest Needs Fund, we will send a beautiful custom card to the recipient. If you choose to make a \$100 donation we will also include a gourmet bar of chocolate! Any donation amount is welcome – we will make sure the recipient



knows that a gift was made in their honor and we will make sure to get a tax deduction letter to you! Simplify your holiday shopping, benefit your community and save on your taxes!!



Our 2010 grant application deadlines are March 1st and September 1st. If you are interested

in writing a grant proposal to the Allendale Community Foundation, please call Patricia Stephenson at 895-7816. Helpful information on grant requirements, instructions and the application can be found at our website: [www.allendalecf.org](http://www.allendalecf.org). Grants from the Community Foundation can only be awarded to charitable, 501(c) (3), organizations.

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## Charitable IRA *The IRA Charitable Rollover is still available until December 31, 2009!*

The IRA Charitable provision allows anyone over age 70-1/2 to make a gift directly from their IRA – income tax free. Even though the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) has been eliminated for 2009, this is still a way to make a generous gift and avoid paying income tax at a later date.

This is a great year-end giving opportunity – call the Foundation office at 616-895-4777 and let us outline your options for making a charitable gift from your IRA.



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