

Access to Recreation Circle of Adventure project coming to a close...

On September 20, 2011, the mini-museum in the tunnel that connects the north and south ends of the Fred Meijer Flat River Trail, was dedicated. This completes the Circle of Adventure Project that was started in 2006 when the Greenville Area Comm. Foundation received a grant for \$440,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. There are some small touches to the project that need to be finished but the GACF is proud to have such wonderful partners in this project starting with the Community Partner Committee that developed the concept in the first place. An endowment Fund to support the maintenance of our Circle project, as well as, to provide funding for future universally accessible recreational projects is in place at GACF and the first grant from that fund should be possible in 2012. An Advisory Committee will be formed to provide recommendations on grants to the GACF Board. We trust that the improvements to our three venues – Camp Wah-Wah-Tay-See Park, Baldwin Lake Beach and the Fred Meijer Flat River Trail tunnel – will provide accessible recreational opportunities for many for years to come. Please let us know if you would be interested in serving on the A2R Advisory Committee. Thank to all for your efforts and support of this very worthwhile project. And special thanks to the City of Greenville for letting us enhance the recreational experience, which helps meet our mission of – enhancing the quality of life in our area!



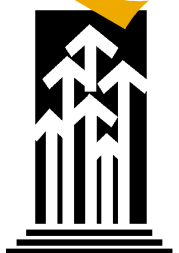
Grants & Scholarships awarded in 2010

\$41,873 was awarded in scholarships to graduating seniors at Greenville, Lakeview & Tri-County High Schools. This is an amazing amount of financial support for graduating seniors in our county. And just imagine all of the other support that comes from other sources besides endowments at GACF. There are 39 scholarship funds housed within the GACF family of funds including Lakeview and the Montcalm Panhandle. So, education is certainly a priority in our area and thanks to many of you!

As awareness of the GACF and its affiliates – the Lakeview Area & Montcalm Panhandle Community Funds – has grown, we at your community foundation continue to be impressed with the generosity of all in our area. We are humbled by the task at hand – supporting other non-profits as they provide necessary services as well as matching donor intent with area needs. Thank you for helping us do that for you and the community.

*Best wishes for the new year . . .
from your Community Foundation Trustees
& staff – Alison, Amy & Sally*

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A time for giving & sharing!



As many requests come to our homes over the holiday season, please remember that giving through the Greenville Area Community Foundation (GACF) has never been more important than it is now. As our family, friends and neighbors struggle trying to make ends meet, the non-profit organizations that provide services and relief to those in need, struggle as well.

*By **giving through the GACF** or either of our affiliated family of foundation funds – Lakeview Area Community Fund (LACF) or the Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund (MPCF) – you will be able to participate in our grant and scholarship program directly.*

Tower Legacy Society

Consider becoming a member of this unique group of people who have provided support for the community through GACF in their estate plans.
Call or write for more information!

And all three of the Community Funds have general unrestricted funds that will continue to give back to the area in perpetuity as they grow with your gifts. Sometimes these are the most important to support because as our times and needs change, our unrestricted funds use can change as well.

And new unrestricted endowment funds are always welcome. They can be named, can include donor involvement or can be anonymous. Starting an unrestricted fund in your family's name and including future generations in the decision making process could be the best Christmas present ever!

See the complete list of funds enclosed.

But hurry, all checks must be postmarked before Dec. 31, 2011 to qualify as a 2011 tax deduction and to take advantage of the final year of the State of Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit. See inside for more information.

Gifts can be made to any of the GACF endowment funds, including those that provide grants and scholarships to the Lakeview and Montcalm Panhandle area, as a memorial or in honor of a loved one.

Memorials to GACF / LACF / MPCF during 2011 include:

Blanche Ash

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