WHY ADD WHEN WE CAN **MULTIPLY?**
Because together we can do more

Each year, the Community Foundation strives to enrich the quality of life in Emmet County. It happens in a myriad of ways, but the common denominator is a community working together.

Generous donors with a passion for this region, plus the Community Foundation investing gifts and protecting donor intent, and the addition of nonprofits meeting needs and opportunities equals a thriving community for decades to come.

While the numbers are important, it is the impact they have that is meaningful; knowing you are making a difference, developing a sense of pride and accomplishment, providing hope for a better tomorrow, creating a sense of place and connection.

These are the results of community philanthropy. This is what can happen when we multiply our efforts.

Together we can do more.

“We feel privileged to bring donors, nonprofits, and passionate individuals together to achieve their philanthropic goals for the community they love because community is at the heart of everything we do.”

David Jones, Executive Director
Petoskey-Harborsprings Area Community Foundation

Pictured at Left: L-R: Vic Knowlton, Mary Cummings, Caroline Knowlton, Michael Walker, Sadie Cwikiel, and Jim VanAntwerp —a few of the many donors, nonprofit leaders, dedicated youth and volunteers who believe that together, we can do more to multiply the good in the community.
THERE IS POWER IN NUMBERS

As your community foundation, we take pride in helping make good things happen, but it takes all of us—generous donors, dedicated nonprofits, and caring communities working together to truly make a difference. Thank you all for the role you play.

Throughout this report you will see some great numbers for our fiscal year, and even a few milestones, like over $2 million in grants last year and total assets hitting $37 million. However, the true power of these numbers is the work accomplished through them; new opportunities to serve the needs of the homeless, and to provide girls with the chance to grow in new ways are just a couple of examples.

With the help of an engaged board of directors, committed volunteers and enthusiastic staff, we continue to live out our mission to improve the quality of life for all people in Emmet County. It is our hope this report will provide a glimpse of the various ways we continue to succeed in:

- Connecting donors with community needs
- Building a permanent source of charitable funds to serve our area
- Addressing a broad range of community issues through innovative grant making
- Championing philanthropy and active citizenship

As always, there is more to do, but together we can do more to multiply our impact.

In grateful partnership,

Lisa G. Blanchard  
Board President

David L. Jones  
Executive Director
When it came time to select where to spend their golden years, Dr. Vic Knowlton and his wife Caroline decided on the Petoskey/Bay View area. For more than 40 years, they traveled between their hometown of Saginaw and the resort community of Bay View.

Though they care deeply about both places, the Knowltons now call our community home year round. To support their philanthropic interests in the region most efficiently, Vic and Caroline’s professional advisor suggested that they create a fund at the Community Foundation using appreciated securities. Since its establishment in November, the Knowltons have used their donor advised fund to support a number of local arts and human services programs.

“Establishing the Knowlton Family Fund last year was a win-win. The staff was so helpful; they continue to make it easy for us to support organizations that we really value.”

Vic and Caroline Knowlton
This year marked the twentieth anniversary of Emmet County youth participating in local philanthropy by serving on the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)—a group of high school students who oversee field of interest funds benefitting youth. “It’s an incredible feeling to know that I helped distribute thousands of dollars to programs that directly enrich the lives of kids in my community,” says Sadie Cwikel, a recent Harbor Springs High School graduate who served on the YAC for four years.

One such program is the new Piranha Girls Hockey team sponsored by the Petoskey Area Hockey Association. The new team gives girls age 14 and up continued access to the sport while nurturing an overall love and passion for the game. The grant dollars awarded by the YAC combined with other financial support provided start-up funding for equipment and uniforms. By reducing family costs, more girls were able to participate.

“The growth I have seen from my daughter through this game has been nothing short of incredible. She has gained self-confidence, emotional and physical strength, leadership skills, and community awareness. To see this develop at a time when far too many girls are being knocked down is more than I could hope for.”

Jim VanAntwerp
Team coach and father
For more than 25 years, Nehemiah Project has been helping individuals who are homeless rebuild their lives. As they have taken in more guests, their need for facilities has increased.

With Community Foundation grants covering roughly 20% of their Phase 1 construction costs, Nehemiah Project began construction of Hope Hall, a nearly 1,100 square-foot multi-use building to help rebuild lives, restore joy, and give hope to the homeless. The support of the Community Foundation gave the Nehemiah Project confidence to undertake construction, knowing the community was behind the endeavor.

For their guests, (1) it encourages them to know that they are cared for and not forgotten, (2) provides hope for a different future, and (3) gives confidence that a community is rallying behind them. And that’s the Community Foundation in action. For good. For ever. For everyone.

“Receiving the grant told us that the work we do is important and that we do not stand alone in providing for the individuals and families who come to stay with us each year.”

Michael Walker, Executive Director
Nehemiah Project
“Although capacity building may be outwardly less obvious to the community at large, we feel the grant has made us a stronger organization and therefore able to continue our work in sharing our community’s history.”

Mary Cummings, Executive Director
Harbor Springs Area Historical Society

The more people know an area’s heritage, the more deeply they feel connected to the place and commit to its wellbeing. The Harbor Springs Area Historical Society is an organization that documents and celebrates our community history, making it accessible to our citizens and strengthening our connection with the past.

To multiply their efforts, a grant from the Community Foundation provided continuing education for Historical Society staff and the board of directors. The grant also provided funding for staff to attend several conferences where they were exposed to best practices, gained access to resources, and developed their network with museum professionals. These professional development experiences have a lasting impact.

Ideas implemented from a workshop on sustainability for example, helped to increase their annual giving total by 8 percent and increase the number of gifts by nearly 30 percent. It’s a great illustration of what can happen when you have the right equation of hard work, knowledge, and community support.
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Members of the Youth Advisory Committee come together from throughout Emmet County to make funding decisions to support programs that are important to our area’s youth.
The Legacy Society, named for our founding chairman, Jack Clark, represents your friends and neighbors whose plans include a future gift to the Community Foundation that will impact the community they love for generations to come.

Join the Legacy Society by naming the Community Foundation in your will, trust or estate plan.

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Dick and Annette Babcock
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*Those noted are no longer with us, but their legacy lives on.

“I firmly believe in the concept of giving back and sharing good fortune. Knowing I can continue to give back for many years in the future through the Community Foundation makes me happy in the present. It’s as simple as that for me.”

Sheryl McCleery
Owner of Tom’s Mom’s Cookies, Harbor Springs
The Community Foundation needs your help to multiply the good in our community—to create the kind of place where we all want to live. Vibrant. Thriving. Caring.

Be part of the equation.

Together, we can do more.
FY15 IT ALL ADDS UP

TOTAL ASSETS $37,159,215
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES $466,892 1.25% OF TOTAL ASSETS
TOTAL GIFTS $3,308,084

GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA

TOTAL GRANTS $2,040,743

- Community/Economic Development 9%
- Religion Related 7%
- Human Services 13%
- Community/Economic Development 9%
- Arts & Culture 14%
- Youth 3%
- Recreation 6%
- Health 15%
- Education 28%
- Environment 11%

FUNDS BY TYPE

- DONOR ADVISED 59
- AGENCY 60
- CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES 6
- FIELD OF INTEREST 13
- OPERATING 5
- SCHOLARSHIP 24
- UNRESTRICTED 25
- SPECIAL PROJECTS/PASS-THROUGH 8
- TOTAL 200

The Community Foundation is a member of the following:
- American Council on Gift Annuities
- Council of Michigan Foundations
- Council on Foundations
- Michigan Nonprofit Association
- Partnership for Philanthropic Planning

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A full list of funds, grants and donors are available on our website.
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For good, For ever, For everyone.