



Ogemaw County Youth Board Member Provides Insight for Community Foundation

In 2007 the North Central Michigan Community Foundation joined the ranks of nearly half of all Michigan Community Foundations, and has two youth members serving on its Board of Directors.

This year, West Branch resident Erika Van Goethem served as the Youth Trustee. Erika has been a member of Ogemaw County's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for four years, serving one year as president. She became NCMCF's Youth Trustee-elect during her junior year of high school, spending the year learning the ropes of being a board member. During her senior year she served as a trustee with full voting rights acting as a youthful voice and liaison between the Board and its youth community.



Erika Van Goethem

Erika graduated from Ogemaw Heights High School in May 2009 and will attend Eastern Michigan University to enter their pre-veterinary program this fall. We wish her luck in her future endeavors!

Oscoda County YAC Member Katelyn Blair has spent the last year as Youth Trustee-elect and will take over Erika's position as the voting youth trustee.

Grant Helps Feed Oscoda County Residents

With a struggling economy it is no doubt that food pantries around the country are in greater need of funds to buy food for the additional people who are out of work and need a little help.

The Emma Lowery Congregational Church food pantry is helping Oscoda County families by providing food each month to residents. NCMCF helped purchase food with a \$1,000 grant from the Oscoda County Community Needs Fund, and is proud to help local nonprofits meet their communities' most basic needs.



Volunteer Marian Buchanan stocks the food pantry at Emma Lowery Congregational Church.

Grant Helps Crawford County Preschoolers Learn with Music

Music and movement play an important role in child development, and with the help of a \$300 NCMCF mini-grant, the Grayling Co-op Preschool was able to purchase new instruments and CDs for the students' music program.



Students take part in the day's music session at Grayling Co-op Preschool.

Grant funds purchased mini cymbals, junior bongos, rhythm sticks and other musical items for the kids to dance, learn and have fun with music.

Community Foundation Awards Scholarships to Local Students

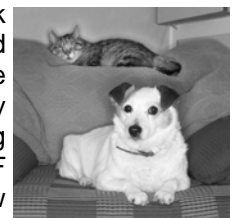
In 2009, NCMCF awarded more than \$42,000 to students from Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties to help them with their college education expenses.

Ogemaw County's scholarship funds provided \$35,805 to students from West Branch-Rose City Schools. Oscoda County's scholarships provided \$6,000 for Fairview and Mio students, and students from Grayling High School received \$950 through Crawford County's scholarship funds.

All of these scholarships are made possible through gifts from donors in NCMCF's three-county service area.

Animals Get a Haven in Ogemaw County

Dogs and cats in and around Ogemaw County will have a safe haven thanks to the hard work and generous donations of time and money by area residents who care about animals. The Ogemaw County Humane Society is nearing completion of its new facility. NCMCF awarded \$1,000 from the Ogemaw County Community Needs Fund to purchase cages and supplies needed for the shelter to open.



Historical Society Opens New Fund

The **Crawford County Historical Society** established an endowment fund in July 2009. Grants from the fund will be used to support the organization as its board of directors deems appropriate. See "Please Support the Community Foundation" to learn how you can donate to this, or any of NCMCF's many charitable funds.

Grant Opportunities Available

Grants are available for nonprofit organizations serving Crawford, Ogemaw and/or Oscoda Counties. Applications can be found online at www.ncmcf.org, or by calling the Community Foundation office at 877-354-6881. **Common Grant** applications are due on June 30 (funding for healthy youth and healthy seniors is also available during this cycle), and **Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grant** applications for youth programs are due December 31. (Crawford County has an additional deadline on March 30.)

Please Support the Community Foundation

Grants from our many charitable funds, which are the heart of NCMCF's good work in our communities, are possible because of donors who care about the future of our area. Please consider a gift to the Crawford, Ogemaw, or Oscoda County Community Needs Funds, Kellogg Youth Funds, or any of NCMCF's other charitable funds. Gifts may be made online at www.ncmcf.org, or by sending a check to NCMCF, P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707. Please be sure to write the name of the fund to which you are contributing on the memo line. There are many other ways to make a lasting impact, and the Community Foundation can help you do it. Rest assured, your gift will stay in your community to be used for the purpose you intend—forever.

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