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Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Awards Grants to Local Programs

This year the NCMCF Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) awarded over \$12,000 to support programs in Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda County they feel address the most pressing issues facing youth in their communities.

The following organizations were supported with funds from the Kellogg Youth Endowment Funds at NCMCF.

\$1,599.57 to the National American Red Cross to support two programs. \$1,000 will support Babysitter Training programs for youth in Ogemaw County, while \$599.57 will provide Comfort Kits to children who fall victim to disasters in Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties.

\$3,882.44 was awarded to West Branch-Rose City Schools for three programs. \$750 each will support the Ogemaw Heights JV Baseball and Freshmen Girls Softball teams. \$2,382.44 will provide assistance for the Ogemaw Heights Robotics Team to attend competitions.

\$400 was awarded to Mio-AuSable Schools to purchase calculators for the school's math classes.

\$200 was awarded to Crawford-AuSable Schools to assist the Class of 2009 with purchasing a permanent gift for Grayling High School.

\$500 was awarded to Crawford County Probate Court for the J.U.S.T.I.C.E. program, which teaches students about the dangers and legal repercussions of texting, emailing photos, and dealing with social networking websites and other technology.

\$2,382.45 was awarded to the City of Rose City to support improvements to the Rose City Riverwalk Playground.

\$135 was awarded to Friends of the Oscoda County Library to support a literacy program for youth and adults in Oscoda County.

\$1,700 was awarded to Falcon Site Development to assist in the completion of the Ogemaw Heights High School Soccer Fields.

\$100 was awarded to Crawford County Library to support Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library, a literacy program for local residents.

\$1,500 was awarded to Peter Pan Preschool for playground renovations.

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is part of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation, which serves Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties. YAC is a group of young people who, under the guidance of adult advisors, strive to improve the lives of other children in the community through the allocation of grant money. Through this program members learn the power of philanthropy, and it empowers them to make a real difference as they award grants from the Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Endowment Funds. As the amounts in the funds grow, through income and future gifts, the amount available to grant also grows.

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