



Service and Grants Make a Great Year for YAC

Iosco County's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) wrapped up their 2008-09 year with grants, community service and leadership opportunities.

This year, the 25-member YAC awarded grants totaling more than \$7,500 to community youth programs. Some



of the grantees included Hale Area Schools, Michigan Special Olympics and St. Paul Lutheran Church. Grants are awarded by YAC members through the Iosco County Kellogg Youth Fund at the Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF).

YAC members also participated in several community service projects throughout the year including a rake-and-run event and Relay for Life.

In June 2009, YAC members Charlene Haskins, Billi Jo Klimaszewski, Staci Saurer and David Stanchik attended the Summer Youth Leadership Conference in Lansing, which is run almost entirely by youth. This year's conference focused on the theme "A Second Look: Seeing Challenges as Opportunities". Those who attended learned about how youth leaders can turn these difficult economic times into opportunities through grants and community service.

Grant Adds Recreational Draw to Alabaster Bike Path

Bikers and walkers will have even more to enjoy as they travel the Alabaster Township bike trail. With the help of a \$1,000 grant from the Iosco County Community Foundation, the township will create signage for the trail identifying different species of trees, flowers and other plants along the trail.



Tree ID committee members Kathe Kirchner (left) and Sharon Czaika identify trees along the Alabaster Bike Trail.

Committee members hope the signs will add another attraction

to the bike path to draw more visitors and make the experience even more enjoyable for regular trail users.

This grant was awarded from the Iosco County Community Needs Fund and the Iosco County Lakes and Rivers Fund.

ICCF Welcomes New Board Members

In the past year the Iosco County Community Foundation welcomed two new members to its board. Shelley Buresh is employed by the St. Joseph Health System Foundation in Tawas. Valerie Cryderman is self-employed and is involved with several civic organizations in Iosco County. Both new members are very active in our communities, and ICCF is proud to have them serving on the board.

\$2.57 Billion of Wealth Will Transfer in Iosco County

After the Great Depression and World War II, the United States entered a period of financial prosperity for businesses and individuals. While this wealth will transfer over the next 50 years, likely going to heirs and taxes, a portion may be preserved to support Iosco County.



A recent study funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation found that Iosco County's current net worth is estimated at \$2.28 billion. In the next decade, \$0.47 billion is expected to transfer from one generation to the next, and \$2.57 billion will be transferred within the next 50 years. If just five percent were invested with an endowment fund at the Community Foundation, an estimated \$1.18 million would be available each year to improve the quality of life in Iosco County and secure its future.

To learn more about the Transfer of Wealth study and how you can help our communities, please visit our website at www.iccf-online.org or call the Community Foundation toll free at 877-354-6881.

Long-time Trustee Completes Term

ICCF thanks Carl Huebner for his dedicated service to the Community Foundation as a founder, trustee, donor and advocate. Carl was one of ICCF's original board members when the Foundation was established in 1997, and he served as ICCF's representative on the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan Board of Trustees. He and his wife also established the Community Foundation's first charitable gift annuity fund as well as the Carl and Christine Huebner Scholarship for the Arts, which has generated \$4,000 in scholarships since 2006. Carl's service to ICCF is deeply appreciated.

Grant Deadlines

Common Grants are due January 31, and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants are due February 28. Grant applications for nonprofits are available online at www.iccf-online.org or by calling the Community Foundation office toll free at 877-354-6881.

Every Gift Makes a Difference!

Grants from our many charitable funds, which are the heart of ICCF'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 Iosco County Community Needs Fund, Iosco County Kellogg Youth Fund, or any of ICCF's other charitable funds. Gifts may be made online at www.iccf-online.org or by sending a check to ICCF, 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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