

# Oscoda County

## 2006 Annual Report

North Central Michigan Community Foundation

Serving Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties

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### *A Message to the Community,*

We are fortunate to live in Oscoda County. As an area rich in natural beauty and good people, our communities continue to grow. Times are changing, people are changing, and our communities' needs are changing.

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF), which serves Oscoda, Crawford and Ogemaw Counties, strives to meet these evolving needs through our grants, which are the heart of our good work in our communities.

With total assets of \$2,210,280 on September 30, the end of our 2006 fiscal year, we awarded \$109,544.14 in grants and scholarships in 2006. Even with this great number, the real measure of our success lies in how these grants make a real difference in the lives of Oscoda County residents and improve the quality of our communities.

Throughout the year, we funded youth projects, educational support for students, as well as programs for the general improvement of our communities.

Of course, none of these grants are possible without the generosity of our donors. As we look into the next year, we invite you to join us in helping to make Oscoda County even better. Your contribution, and those of your neighbors will help us do just that.

On behalf of the NCMCF Board of Directors, staff, and entire community, thank you for helping us make a difference in our communities, and for the vision of recognizing Oscoda County's remarkable possibilities. Together, we are preparing today for the future of our communities.

*Warm regards,*

*NCMCF Board of Directors*

### *NCMCF Grant Supports Oscoda Spring Musical*

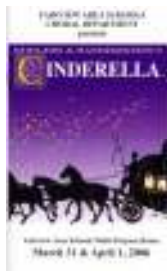
It was a magical night indeed as choir students from Fairview High School took to the stage to present *Cinderella*, the 2006 Oscoda Spring Musical.



**Fairview HS Choir students perform the musical *Cinderella*.**

With the help of a \$600 grant from NCMCF, the Fairview choir department was able to purchase many costumes for the production, which was a tremendous hit with the nearly packed houses that came to watch.

"The show was a huge success, great for the community and students," said Kevin Salsbury, the Fairview Choir Director. "It couldn't have happened without help from NCMCF."



### *NCMCF Gets Two New Funds for Oscoda County*

In addition to the current 11 charitable NCMCF funds specifically for Oscoda County, two new funds were added during 2006.

The Steiner Museum Fund was established to assist in the operations of the museum for its artifacts, programs, projects, and other needs. The museum, created by Earl Steiner to house his personal collection, contains over 4,500 artifacts related to lumbering activities and pioneer life.

Established by donors who wanted to help preserve the museum and its artifacts, this fund will continue to support the Steiner Museum for generations to come.

The Oscoda County Library Endowment Fund is a designated fund that will support the agency as the Library Board deems appropriate. The fund was established by a donor who wished to leave a legacy that will support the community forever, providing constant income to the library.



**The Old Schoolhouse, photo courtesy of Friends of the Steiner Museum.**

### *Youth Advisory Council*

#### *Empowers Students to Make a Difference in Oscoda County*

It was John Bunyan, a famed English author from the 17<sup>th</sup> century who said, "You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

Students in NCMCF's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) get a first-hand look at this important lesson as they work to serve their community through the allocation of grant money.

Each year, the students gather for several grant cycles to review grant applications from organizations seeking assistance in implementing youth-oriented projects throughout Oscoda County.

Based on available monies and under the guidance of an adult advisor, the committee determines award amounts for each applicant while considering the NCMCF Needs Assessment Survey – a



**Oscoda County YAC - Back row: Lea Marzolo, Gordon Jacobs, Kristy Grzadzinski, Kyle Fortin  
Front row: Katelyn Fortin, Amanda Calhoun, Sydney Small, Britney Evans.**

compilation of the biggest concerns and issues of students throughout Oscoda County.

Working with the many students in YAC, the experiences prove to be very educational for the committee members.

"I have seen an increase, as well as improvement, in leadership skills in most of the YAC students," said Peggy Fortin, the YAC advisor for Fairview High School. "I believe self-confidence is also gained as students take part in See YAC, page 3.

### *How to Make a Gift*

Making a gift to your community foundation is easy. Gifts of cash are one of the more popular choices for donors, but you may also make a credit card gift online at [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org) or by phone. Donors may also choose to make gifts of appreciated securities, bequests from their estate, life insurance policies, and deferred gifts such as charitable gift annuities and trusts.

The Community Foundation can assure you your gift will be used for the purpose for which it was given, and with the most positive impact on the community. To make a gift of cash, simply make a check payable to NCMCF, and indicate the fund to which you would like to contribute (listed on page three) on the memo line, and mail to P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707.



## Oscoda County NCMCF Donors

The following donors made gifts during NCMCF's 2006 fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2005-Sept. 30, 2006)

We are very grateful to the many generous individuals, businesses, and organizations that have donated to North Central Michigan Community Foundation. We value every gift, regardless of size, and appreciate each and every one of our donors. Thank you.

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Note: Although the greatest possible care has been taken in preparation of this report, the Community Foundation recognizes the possibility of omissions or errors. If they are noted, please accept our apology and advise us of corrections to be made.

## Oscoda County NCMCF Awards \$10,000 in Grants and Scholarships

Through the Oscoda County NCMCF funds, \$10,000 was awarded to community projects and programs that specifically benefit Oscoda County during the 2006 fiscal year.

**Oscoda County Community Endowment Fund**

\$500 to Together We Can Food Pantry

**Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Fund**

\$600 to AuSable Valley NorEast'r Association of Folk  
\$600 to Fairview Area Schools

**Mabel Hager Memorial Fund**

\$2,300 to Mio United Methodist Church

**Oscoda County College Fund**

\$500 to Saginaw Valley State University for Elizabeth B. Bowers  
\$500 to Michigan Technological University for Rachel Ehler  
\$1,000 to Lake Superior State University - \$500 each for Jesse Gomez and Gordon Jacobs  
\$500 to Cedarville College for Brandon Salsbury  
\$500 to Michigan State University for Carrie Shannon  
\$500 to Kirtland Community College for Jacqueline Spencer

**Sharon Sutton Memorial Scholarship Fund**

\$1,000 to Cedarville College for Brandon Salsbury

**Whaley Steel Scholarship Fund**

\$500 to Saginaw Valley State University for Melissa Bloss  
\$500 to Michigan Technological University for Rachel Ehler  
\$500 to Kirtland Community College for Thomas J. Passmore

### Grants Information

*NCMCF Common Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations in Oscoda County that work to improve and help residents of our communities.*

**Grant Application Deadline: June 30**

*NCMCF Tobacco Grants are awarded to projects and programs that promote smoking cessation, and provide education about the dangers of tobacco and drug use for senior citizens and youth under the age of 18.*

**Grant Application Deadline: March 31**

*Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations in Oscoda County to support projects and programs that benefit youth under the age of 18 in our communities.*

**Grant Application Deadline: December 31**

**All applications are available at [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org). Please call the Community Foundation for help in completing your application.**



**For good. For ever.<sup>SM</sup>**



# Oscoda County NCMCF Funds



## Designated Funds

**Diane Gates Memorial Fund** - This endowment fund was created to support youth projects and causes sponsored by the MSU Extension Service of Oscoda County and/or the Oscoda County Library.

**Mabel Hager Memorial Fund** - This endowed fund was established through a bequest to benefit the Mio United Methodist Church.

**\*\*Oscoda County Library Fund** - This endowment fund was created to assist with operating and program costs for the Oscoda County Public Library.

**\*\*Steiner Museum Fund** - This endowment fund was started to assist the Steiner Museum in Fairview with operations, improvements, maintenance, equipment, artifacts, programs projects, staff, and any other needs the museum may have.

## Field of Interest Funds

**Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Fund** - A portion of the income from this endowment fund donated by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is used by the Oscoda County Youth Advisory Council to teach young people about philanthropy and volunteerism by funding grants which benefit the youth in Oscoda County.

**Oscoda County Tobacco Settlement Fund** - This endowment fund was created when the State of Michigan won its legal battle against the tobacco industry. Grants from this fund are used for anti-smoking projects for youth under the age of 18 and senior citizens.

## Scholarship Funds

**Dawson Oaks Memorial Scholarship Fund** - This endowment fund was created to award students graduating from Fairview High School.

**Kirtland Community College Educational Fund** - This endowment fund was established to provide for the educational needs of Kirtland Community College and its students. Grants and scholarships from this fund are made at the discretion of the Advisory Committee to the Fund.

**Oscoda County College Fund** - This endowment fund provides scholarships to high school seniors from Oscoda County. Awards are made at the discretion of the Oscoda County Affiliate Board.

**Sharon Sutton Memorial Scholarship Fund** - This endowment fund was established to award scholarships to students living in Oscoda County. A fund representative working in conjunction with the public school system determines awards.

**Whaley Steel Scholarship Fund** - This endowment fund was started to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Oscoda County. All scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Oscoda County Affiliate Board.

## Unrestricted Funds

**Oscoda County Community Endowment Fund** - This endowment fund is used to make grants to non-profits for the benefit of the residents of Oscoda County, at the discretion of the NCMCF Board.

**The North Central Affiliate Administrative Needs Fund** - This non-endowed fund is used for operating expenses for the North Central Michigan Community Foundation.

*\*\*Fund established in 2006 fiscal year*



## NCMCF Launches New Website

This year, NCMCF launched a brand new website at [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org).

Whether you are a donor, grant applicant, member of the media, or simply interested in finding out more about what NCMCF is doing for its communities, visit us online where you'll now find:

- ☞ Safe, secure online giving
- ☞ Downloadable grant applications
- ☞ Current newsletters, annual reports, and press releases
- ☞ Complete listings of funds and their descriptions
- ☞ Information on scholarships



**Pictured above is the homepage of NCMCF's new website at [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org).**

## YAC, continued from page 1.

philanthropy. They see their importance to the community and appreciate that they have a say."

Like all YAC members, after graduation they are bid a fond farewell from their time with the group with hopes that the experience, as well as philanthropic values and an awareness of the communities' needs will stay with them throughout their adult life. Perhaps, they will even choose to put special effort into giving back to the area they hold dear.

*NCMCF YAC, with the assistance of an adult advisor, awards grants to youth-oriented programs in Oscoda County using funds from the Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Endowment Fund – money donated to Michigan community foundations through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Each year, the YAC is able to provide about \$12,000 in grants to area programs. As the endowment grows, through interest and future gifts, the amount available to grant also grows.*

## How do you want to help your community?

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation serves three counties: Oscoda, Ogemaw, and Crawford, providing a unique opportunity for donors to support their philanthropic, charitable interests. With over 57 funds from which to choose, and 13 funds specifically benefiting Oscoda County, NCMCF provides much needed funding to causes ranging from the environment and recreation, to youth programs and education. When you give a gift to NCMCF, you can choose to donate to any established fund that suits your charitable interests. Most of our funds are permanently endowed, which means they will exist forever. The principle amount of the fund is never spent; only the interest accumulated through investment is granted out to programs that benefit Oscoda County.

What's more is that for a minimum of \$1,000, donors may also establish a fund to support whatever cause they hold dear. The different types of funds are as follows:

**Agency Fund** – May be started by a non-profit with its own money for the purpose of preserving itself.

**Deferred Income Fund** – Charitable Remainder Trusts that are given to the foundation with money being paid to the beneficiary of the trust. Upon death of the beneficiary, the balance of the fund will be used by the foundation for charitable purposes.

**Designated Funds** – Created by an interested person or organization exclusively to assist another non-profit organization

**Donor Advised** – Distribution of grants is made by recommendation of the person or organization that started the fund.

**Endowment Fund** – When a gift is given to an endowment fund, the gift itself can never be spent. Only the income from the gift can be spent. Gifts to endowment funds continue to produce income forever.

**Field of Interest Funds** – Used for general grant making for a specific purpose.

**Non-Endowed Fund** – May use all or part of its assets (both income and principle) for the purpose designated by the donor.

**Scholarship Funds** – Used towards assistance with the expenses of attending a college or university. These are granted to individuals.

**Unrestricted Endowment Fund** – Used as general funds to meet the needs of a community. These grants are not restricted as to what they may be used for. The NCMCF Grant Screening Committee reviews grant applications and make their recommendations to the NCMCF Board of Directors for final approval.

*...Talk to us. We're listening.*

## NCMCF Board of Directors



NCMCF's 2006 Board of Directors. Pictured from left to right are Hugo Burzlaff (Oscoda), Bernie Bak, (Ogemaw), Bob Carpenter (Oscoda), Mark Clements (Ogemaw), Dr. Carolyn DiPonio (Crawford), Jim Howard (Ogemaw), Dave Waltz (Crawford), Bill Gascoigne (Ogemaw), and Joe Porter (Crawford). Not pictured: Kent Davison (Ogemaw).

## Tax Advantages of Giving to NCMCF

### Individuals

Contribution	Federal Tax Reduction	State Tax Reduction	Net Cost
\$50.00	\$7.00	\$25.00	\$18.00
\$100.00	\$14.00	\$50.00	\$36.00
\$200.00	\$28.00	\$100.00	\$72.00
\$400.00	\$56.00	\$200.00	\$144.00



### Businesses

Contribution	Single Business Tax Liability	State Business Tax Reduction	Federal Tax Reduction	Net Cost
\$100.00	\$500.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$49.00
\$200.00	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$51.00	\$99.00
\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$250.00	\$85.00	\$165.00
\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	\$170.00	\$330.00

Consult your tax advisor to determine how your contribution will affect you. Our community foundation number for tax credit purposes is 29.

### Oscoda County Committee

Hugo Burzlaff   Linda Whaley   Kim Wright   Michael Larrison  
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### Make a Gift Online!

Visit [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org) to make a secure, safe gift using your credit card. You will receive a letter of recognition within a few days of making your gift.



NCMCF would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support in the production of this annual report.



*Proud to be here to serve our community*

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