

A Message to the Community,

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

The Straits Area Community Foundation (SACF) strives to meet these evolving needs through our grants, which are the heart of our good work in the community.

With total assets of \$874,428 at the end of our fiscal year, we awarded nearly \$29,000 in grants and scholarships during our 2006 fiscal year. Even with this great number, the real measure of our success lies in how these grants make a genuine difference in the lives of Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City residents and improve the quality of our community.

Throughout the year, we funded many youth projects, provided for recreational activities and community development, as well as supported programs for the general improvement of the community.

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 the Straits Area even better. Your contribution, and those of your neighbors will help us do just that.

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

*Warm regards,
SACF Board of Directors*

Preserving the St. Helena Lighthouse –

Endowment Fund Receives Matching Gift Opportunity

When a tremendous opportunity to protect something you care about knocks on the door, you've got to be ready to take it. When members of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA) learned of the matching gift proposed to the St. Helena Lighthouse Preservation Endowment Fund at SACF, they had their work wonderfully cut out for them.



St. Helena Lighthouse, photo courtesy of Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association

One of the things unique to community foundations is that they allow donors to give directly to causes they care about most, and in turn, can be assured that their gift will permanently

support those causes. In the case of the St. Helena Lighthouse, an anonymous SACF donor who is very interested in lighthouses presented SACF with an incredible offer: a 2 to 1 matching gift; if GLKKA raised \$12,500 within one year for the St. Helena Lighthouse Preservation Endowment Fund, the donor would match it with a \$25,000 gift.

After learning of this offer, GLKKA's trustees set to work on a large fundraising campaign, and have raised nearly twice the amount needed to receive the matching gift. At the end of the 2006 fiscal year on September 30, 2006, the St. Helena Lighthouse Preservation Endowment Fund had \$154,940.



The Straits Area Youth Advisory Council (SAYAC) awarded nearly \$4,850 in grants to youth programs this year. See page 4 for a complete list.

Back row, from left to right: Spencer McFarland, Emily Parker, Elizabeth Hoff, Hannah Phillips, Sara Boyd. Front row: Noelle Clemens, Ciara McVey, Amanda Montnei, Emily Jones, Samantha Eggers

Keeping the Momentum....

Former YAC Member Continues Philanthropy as SACF Trustee

One of the wonderful things about being actively involved in programs during high school is that the experiences stay with the students, and often, carry on into their adult lives well after they have graduated.



Alex McVey, SACF Trustee

Alex McVey, a 2004 graduate of Mackinaw City High School, was a member of the Straits Area Youth Advisory Council (SAYAC) during his high school years until he graduated. As part of this group, Alex participated with other students on a youth grant advisory committee for the Straits Area Community Foundation. Each year, the students gather for several grant cycles to review grant applications from organizations seeking assistance in implementing youth-oriented projects throughout Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City.

"Being able to participate in YAC gives students more confidence in themselves, and makes them see the community in a different light – one they would never have seen otherwise," says Alex. "This is a way in which they shape the direction the community goes."

Based on available monies and...See YAC, pg. 3.

Grant gives 7th Graders a Close Look at the Capitol

It was the highlight of the school year for Inland Lakes Middle School 7th grade students, who had the opportunity to travel overnight to Lansing to learn and experience Michigan's capitol city.



Students look up as they are told about the ceiling in the Capitol Building in Lansing. More photos on page 3.

With the help of \$3,000 in grant money from SACF through both a YAC and Tobacco Grant, the students were able to visit the State Capitol, Michigan History Museum, Michigan State University, a planetarium, and take part in a presentation by the anti-smoking/anti-tobacco group, *Life's a Kick*, from the MSU Extension state program director.

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The field trip did not end that day though. The students had the opportunity to experience a little bit of college life, staying the night in dormitories on MSU's campus.

According to Don Lucky, a middle school teacher at Inland Lakes, this trip



Above, students sit in front of the First Michigan Sharpshooter monument. Left, students take notes at a museum they visited on their field trip to Lansing.



would not have been possible without the

financial support of SACF, and many students had an opportunity that otherwise may have been missed.

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under the guidance of an adult advisor, the committee determines award amounts for each applicant while considering the SAYAC Needs Assessment Survey – a compilation of the biggest concerns and issues of students throughout the Straits Area.

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.

That is exactly what happened with Alex McVey. During his time as a Youth Advisory Council member, Alex was asked to join the Straits Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees as a voting youth member, providing an important insight into the youth community for the Foundation board. However, after graduation, Alex's dedication to philanthropy did not stop. He was elected to the Foundation board as a voting trustee – the youngest trustee to serve SACF.

For Alex, stepping onto the SACF Board was not just taking on a voluntary position; for him, it was much more. It was an opportunity to fill the shoes of a man he holds in very high regards. Gary Williams served as a trustee for SACF for many years, but sadly, Mr. Williams passed away in 2004.

"He was a man that I respected and looked up to and felt deserved to have someone fill his spot on the Board who was worthy and would do a good job," says Alex.

Alex's YAC Advisor, Jennifer Lee, also helped him along by encouraging him to join the Board.

Alex is currently a junior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, majoring in Film. Because one of Alex's main reasons for serving as a trustee is to support his community and work to improve the Straits Area, he is hoping to bring his interests into the community.

"If you ask any younger citizen, they will tell you there isn't anything to do. With that come unsavory activities," he says. "I would like to see more creative outlets in our community; things like writing centers, museums, theaters, these sorts of outlets for creative expression."

Alex, and all Youth Advisory Council members are making a huge impact in their communities and in their own philanthropic futures. Just as Alex had an interest in philanthropy before he joined YAC, other students will find the same desire to give back to their communities.

"I had an interest in philanthropy before joining YAC and becoming a trustee, and that desire has only grown considerably since," Alex says. "The experiences provided me with a chance to see the different opportunities for giving back to whatever community I am in as I go along in my life."

SAYAC, with the assistance of an adult advisor, awards grants to youth-oriented programs in Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City using funds from the Straits Area Kellogg Youth Endowment Fund – money donated to Michigan community foundations through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Each year, SAYAC is able to provide about \$6,000 in grants to area programs. As the endowment grows, through interest and future gifts, the amount available to grant also grows.

Grants Information

Common Grants are for general projects and programs in Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City that work to improve our communities. **Application Deadline: January 15**

Tobacco Grants are for 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. **Application Deadline: February 28**

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations in Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City to support programs that benefit youth in our communities. **Application Deadlines: Oct. 1, Jan. 1, April 1**

All applications are available at www.sacf.net.

SACF Board of Directors



Pictured from left to right are Janet Weiss (Cheboygan), Krista Siler (Indian River), Kathy Scoon (Mackinaw City), Jennifer Lee (Cheboygan), Joann Leal (Mackinaw City), Marilyn McFarland (Mackinaw City), Joan Pepper (Mackinaw City), and Spencer McFarland (Youth Trustee). Not pictured are Debra Turnbull (Cheboygan), Lawton Smith (Mackinaw City), Dean Scheerens (Mackinaw City), Alex McVey (Cheboygan), and Hannah Phillips (Youth Trustee).

Through the Straits Area Community Foundation's many funds, \$28,929.81 has been awarded to community projects and programs in Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City.

SACF Grants

Cheboygan Area Arts Council

\$500 for general operating costs

Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce

\$146 for the summer concert series

Cheboygan Area Schools

\$1,000 to Cheboygan Club PRIDE to support the Spring Fling Carnival

\$350 to East Elementary School to support the Logmark Project

Cheboygan Rotary Club

\$500 for the STRIVE program

Cheboygan Youth Tackle Football

\$103.33 to support Cheboygan Junior Chiefs Program, 3rd/4th Grade Expansion

Community Memorial Hospital

\$7,789.06 for general operating costs

\$2,500 to support smoking cessation classes

\$103.33 to support Student Artwork at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital

\$500 to support the CPR Cheboygan program

Inland Lakes Schools

\$103.33 to support stage improvement for the drama club

\$140 to support the Video Production Class

\$3,000 to support the 7th Grade Lansing Trip (two separate grants)

Jubilate Childcare Center

\$500 to support the construction of the Jubilate Daycare Building

Mackinaw Area Historical Society

\$1,100 to support the initial planning stages of the Old Mackinaw Historic Village

Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce

\$2,500 for Music in Mackinaw

Mackinaw City Schools

\$1,000 to support Project Close Up 2006

\$650 to purchase Jr./Sr. High School Band Uniforms

Top of Michigan Trails Council

\$419.76 to support the construction of two kiosks along the Gaylord-Mackinaw City Rail-Trail Development and Surfacing Project

Wolverine Community Schools

\$500 to support the Hands On Electricity Unit

\$200 to support the Stream Entomology/Fly-Tying Unit

\$150 to support Operation Medical Awareness

\$60 to support the purchase of supplies for Computer Mini-lab

\$615 to support Music of Shakespeare's Time

\$4,500 in scholarships was also awarded this year to students from across the Straits Area.

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Individuals

<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Federal Tax Reduction</u>	<u>State Tax Reduction</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
\$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

<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Single Business Tax Liability</u>	<u>State Business Tax Reduction</u>	<u>Federal Tax Reduction</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
\$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

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