



Community Foundation — Connections —

Spring 2007

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY, FOR GOOD, FOR EVER.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan is a charitable organization committed to providing people who care about the future of our area with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come.

Led by a board of local leaders, we serve nine counties including Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, and three affiliate foundations.

Together, the Community Foundation and its donors are working to increase the permanent endowment funds of our community, which, through grants and scholarships awarded in our area, improve the quality of life for residents of northeast Michigan.

Supporting Communities. Inspiring Philanthropy. CFNEM introduces the Northeast Michigan's Women's Giving Circle

With the power of women's philanthropy growing stronger, the influence of charitable-minded women is being noticed nationally and worldwide.

CFNEM is proud to introduce the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle Fund. This endowed fund will award grants each year to projects and programs addressing issues important to the women of Northeast Michigan.

One of the most unique aspects of the Women's Giving Circle (WGC) is that donors to the fund can become directly involved in the grant making process if they desire. Each year, five grant committee members will be chosen at random from donors to the WGC Fund who have indicated an interest in being involved.

While everyone is welcome to be a member, the WGC is geared toward inspiring philanthropy in women and creating opportunities for them to help their communities for generations to come. In fact, any donor who gives a cumulative total of \$1,000 to the WGC Fund by June 1, 2009 will be a Founding Member of the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle. *See WGC, page 2*



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Grant Gives Long Lake Walleye a Boost

With the help of a \$2,000 grant to Alpena Township, the Long Lake Improvement Association planted thousands of five to eight inch walleye into Long Lake to supplement the fish's natural reproduction.

Long Lake, which is nine miles long and sits in two counties (Alpena and Presque Isle), attracts thousands of visitors year-round. That amount is reflected by the fact that Long Lake's local bait shop sells nearly \$30,000 in fishing licenses each year.



Walleye

However, these fishermen and campers visit mostly when fishing is good, and since so many walleye are taken annually from the lake, the fish need to be restocked.

The Long Lake Improvement Association is also working to combat the effects of zebra mussels and cormorants, which are further depleting the lake's fish population.



Volunteers gathered to release walleye into Long Lake.

YAC Grant



The Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC) awarded a \$2,500 grant to Rogers City Area Schools for training and materials for its new Link program.

Link pairs mainstream education students ("Links") with autistic or cognitively impaired students. The peer support is helping these students transition from special education to mainstream classes, with a positive role model demonstrating good organizational and social skills.

Featured Trustee



Nancy Coombs, CFNEM's current president, has been a CFNEM Trustee since 2002 and serves on three of its committees.

Having grown up in Northern Michigan, Nancy was anxious to get involved in the Community Foundation.

"I was brought up here," she said. "I love how the Foundation is an entity here to give to the community – that's what we do."

Nancy spends much of her time volunteering and sits on several boards, including the ACC Foundation Board and the PTO and PAC of her children's schools.

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A donor's first gift to the WGC Fund makes them a permanent member. However, the type of member they wish to become is completely their choice. There are three levels of support:

- ◆ Diamond level - \$10,000 or more
- ◆ Platinum level - \$5,000 to \$9,999
- ◆ Sterling level - \$10 to \$4,999

Giving levels are based on cumulative totals, so members can set their own goals. It is also an objective to inspire the creation of smaller giving circles that participate in the WGC. Women's social groups and corporate employees choosing to form a giving circle will be recognized when their cumulative totals reach \$500.

Members can also opt to place themselves into another category – the Legacy Circle. Donors become a member of this circle by including the WGC Fund in their will or estate plan.

The first gift to the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle was from the Estate of Betty Krueger, a former trustee and dear friend of the Community Foundation.

To make a gift, you may make a check payable to the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, with *Women's Giving Circle* on the memo line. If you would like to become a member and are interested in serving on the grant screening committee, please call the CFNEM office at 877-354-6881 to request a WGC brochure and giving envelope. Gifts may also be made online at www.cfnem.org.

Groups wishing to create a giving circle must register with the Community Foundation for cumulative total tracking purposes.

New Funds (as of January 1, 2007)

Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan

Hubbard Lake Community Association Building and Library Fund
 Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle Fund
 Alpena Civic Theatre Endowment Fund

Iosco County Community Foundation

Churchill Tawas F.I.S.H., Inc. Memorial Fund
 The Sheppard Fund
 Van Etten Lake Endowment Fund

North Central Michigan Community Foundation

St. Mary Church/Our Lady of the Woods Scholarship Fund

Straits Area Community Foundation

Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum Endowment Fund

Affiliate News

Affiliate News Notes

Iosco County Community Foundation

YAC Charges into Community Service Projects

With the addition of several new YAC members and a new advisor from Oscoda High School, the Iosco County YAC has been diving into community service, in addition to awarding grants.

The group has been busy raising money through school fundraisers to support Relay for Life, and has been assisting the Oscoda Women's Shelter with marketing by distributing and requesting use of informational placemats in Iosco County restaurants.

Each month, the YAC members participate in some form of community service in conjunction with their meetings. That service may range from "rake-and-run" afternoons, when they voluntarily rake people's yards, visiting nursing homes, or sending care packages to troops in Iraq.

Straits Area Community Foundation

New Fund Will Support Icebreaker Mackinaw

It spent 62 years demolishing ice on the Great Lakes and its connecting waterways until June of 2006. Since then, the Icebreaker *Mackinaw* was retired and moved to its home in Mackinaw City where it is being moored. It is now a public museum that tells the story of the most powerful ship to travel our surrounding waters. A permanent endowment fund at the Straits Area Community Foundation (SACF), the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum Fund, will support it forever.

Since the ship arrived in Mackinaw City, over 5,000 people have visited, with 100,000 more expected to visit over the summer tourist season.

SACF was also able to award a \$451.32 grant from the Shepler Tourism Fund to the museum in February 2007 to help with the costs of preserving and protecting artifacts from the cutter.

North Central Michigan Community Foundation

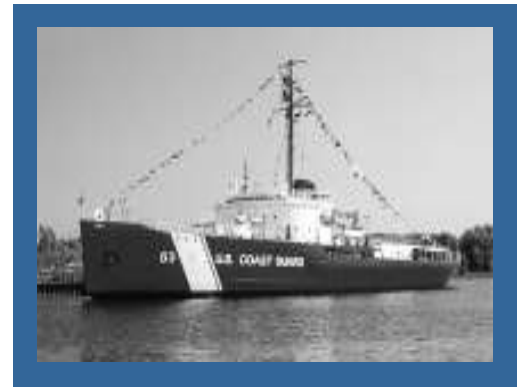
Grant Awarded to Build Riverwalk Playscape

The Ogemaw County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) awarded a \$2,500 grant to the City of Rose City to help purchase playground equipment for the Rose City Riverwalk Playscape. As a popular community park, many children spend their days here with their family and friends.

Over the years, the playground equipment has become outdated and unsafe, no longer meeting Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements.

The project, which has been in the works for over eighteen months, has garnered much community support both financially and from people who have volunteered their labor services to complete the playground construction. In this community, the city park, with its river walkway, tennis court, ball field, and pavilion, provides an important recreational place for residents and visitors.

- ICCF has elected two Iosco County YAC members to its board of directors. **Quinn Knox**, a senior at Tawas High School, serves as a voting trustee. **Ashley Malin**, a junior at Hale High School serves as trustee-elect.
- **Spencer McFarland**, youth trustee for SACF is one of ten graduating seniors from Class C and D Schools in Michigan to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Michigan High School Athletic Association for his sportsmanship and academic skills.



The 200-foot red Icebreaker Mackinaw, moored in Mackinaw City, is now a public maritime museum endowed with a fund at SACF. Photo courtesy of Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum.

"Collectively, we can do what no person can do singly." – Leland Kaiser

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News Notes

In March, **Barbara Willyard**, CFNEM’s executive director, attended the annual CEO Retreat, put on by the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) in Dayton, Ohio. Program staff **Julie Wiesen** and **Christine Bruske-Hitch** attended the annual Program Officers’ Retreat, also sponsored by CMF in Detroit. Each event provides updates and new ideas and resources for use at CFNEM. **DeeAnn Lounsbery**, CFNEM’s account manager, also attended a two-day workshop in Monroe for accounting personnel who are new to foundations.

CFNEM welcomes **Leandra Dzieszinski** to its Board of Trustees as youth trustee-elect. **Chad Bock** (2006 trustee-elect) is now a voting member of the CFNEM Board. Congratulations to **Andrea Mitchell**, previous youth trustee, on her upcoming graduation from Alpena High School.

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