



Tuscola County community foundationSM

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to make Tuscola County a better place to live by maintaining a permanent philanthropic endowment base which will assist and fund a variety of efforts, turning needs and dreams into realities.

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A Message

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Since our doors first opened over 26 years ago, the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) has been working toward making Tuscola County a better place to live through philanthropy. TCCF continues to seek ways to inspire charitable giving that enriches our community and improves the quality of life for the people and families across the county.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in Tuscola County. As our communities evolve, new challenges and opportunities arise. We collaborate with our nonprofit partners to learn what strategies are effective and which ones need adjustment, continually exploring how charitable efforts can foster solutions. Philanthropy holds promise in tackling pressing issues such as homelessness, housing, and mental health, and supporting both youth and older adults. These challenges present opportunities for philanthropy and nonprofits to collaborate for the collective well-being of our communities.

As we look forward to continuing the work of making Tuscola County a better place to live in the coming year, we also celebrate the extraordinary ways philanthropy is impacting our community. As you read the pages that follow, you will be introduced to non-profit organizations who are enriching our county through their work to serve those in need.

Philanthropy embodies people supporting each other for the common good. In Tuscola County, this spirit thrives! By uniting as a community of givers, we will persist in discovering ways to enhance our cherished home.

Thanks, as always, for believing in our mission, and for supporting our community!

Sincerely,

Cammie Asmus

RECOGNIZING BOARD MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS

Mike Damm, Ken Tiseo, and Bree Tomlinson were all honored for their years of service and leadership to the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) in 2023.

Mike Damm, a business owner from the Vassar area, was a TCCF Trustee for eight years and served as the Board President for two years. Ken Tiseo, a retired dentist from Caro, also served as a Trustee for eight years. Both men served on various committees during their tenure on the Board and Mike will continue serving on the Finance Committee.

Bree Tomlinson was recognized for her year of service as the Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Board Trustee representative. Ms. Tomlinson also served on the TCCF Grant Committee and was the FYI President for the 2023-24 programming year.

The TCCF Board of Trustees is appreciative of the years of service provided by these outstanding members of the Tuscola County community!

Mike Damm



Ken Tiseo



Bree Tomlinson



2023 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

DECEMBER

	2022	2023
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$274,543	\$211,975
Investments at Market Value	\$14,178,931	\$23,059,132
Pre-paid Expenses	\$3,000	\$1,935
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$14,456,474	\$23,273,042
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - AT COST:		
Furniture & Equipment	\$6,566	\$6,566
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(\$3,191)	(\$4,329)
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - NET:		
	\$3,375	\$2,237
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$14,459,849	\$23,275,279



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

TCCF experienced significant growth in total assets in 2023. This growth can be attributed to the foundation being the recipient of a Charitable Remainder Unitrust, the transfer of a private foundation, the development of five (5) new funds, and continued individual donor support. The Foundation's strong financial position provided over \$566,500 in grant awards towards community projects and student scholarships!

The TCCF Finance Committee remains actively involved in monitoring the organization's financial investments and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees. In March, the Committee met with investment consultants to review current investments and receive information about economic forecasting. The Committee continued to meet throughout the year, informing the TCCF Board of Trustees with recommendations regarding investment strategies to further the Foundations mission of supporting local communities and making Tuscola County a better place to live.

TCCF is accredited by the Council of Foundations National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Board through October 15, 2025. The national standards program requires community foundations to document policies and meet standards for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration.

2023 board members



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PHILANTHROPY...
Hard to say, fun to do!

New Funds

Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) is pleased to announce that our growth in 2023 is unsurpassed. It was a remarkably busy year for funds/asset growth, and we want to welcome the following funds into the TCCF family and share a little about them:

The **Alvin “Butch” and Lorraine “Mutzie” Ortner Charitable Foundation** was established in March of 2023 through planned giving. Through estate planning, Mr. Ortner established a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT) and named TCCF as the Unitrust’s non-profit beneficiary of over five million dollars. The Ortner’s, “Butch and Mutzie,” were active members of the Frankenmuth community and lifetime members of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. Among their greatest joys were spending time with their family and friends and traveling. With her “can do” attitude, Mutzie was a role model for living with integrity and faith. She held the distinction of being the first female retiree of the Star of the West Milling Company. As a farmer and farmland developer, Butch was a generous man, quietly supporting numerous causes for children and those less fortunate.

Some of their philanthropic interests that will continue through establishment of this fund are in areas supporting organizations that address children with special needs, leader dog programs, supporting their church, student scholarships, and local non-profit groups. Additionally, The Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum was a special place for Mr. Ortner and was included in his planning.

The **Neal Sisters Foundation**, with assets of over one million dollars, dissolved as a private foundation and joined the TCCF family of funds officially on August 1, 2023. The Neal Sisters Foundation has been an established foundation in the Caro area since 1991. The estates of the three Neal sisters, Eleanor, Bertha, and Elisa, were joined in 1990 to create a private foundation. Eleanor taught in the Caro Community Schools for almost forty years in both the elementary and secondary grade levels. Bertha fulfilled a career in

both teaching and educational administration at the Durand Area Schools. The elementary school there is named in her honor, the Bertha Neal Elementary School. Elisa was a professor in early childhood development at the University of Wisconsin – Platteville and the university posthumously honored her in establishing the Elisa Ann Neal Scholarship that supports students who are pursuing careers in education. The Neal sisters were devoted to education and the progress of human development. TCCF will continue making available the granting and scholarship opportunities that the private foundation has provided.



Elisa Neal



Bertha Neal

Additionally, five other new funds were established throughout the year:

The **Shifters of Vassar Scholarship** was established in January 2023 to provide scholarships to graduating senior students residing in Tuscola County who are pursuing a career requiring post-secondary education in an automotive technician, auto body, or automotive related program leading to certification, including apprenticeship programs. The Shifters Club of Vassar membership is made up of people with enthusiasm for cars. The Club meets regularly and talks about anything car related. Annually, the Club hosts a Car Show in downtown Vassar. They invite everyone to come and enjoy the event.

The **Betty E. and Melvin R. Eckfeld Scholarship** was established in January 2023 to provide scholarships to students graduating from Akron-Fairgrove Schools, Caro Community Schools, or Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools. Preference is given to students pursuing a career in the field of education as Mrs. Eckfeld was a teacher. Mrs. Eckfeld taught for 32 years and retired from the USA school district. The Eckfeld’s were residents of the Unionville area. Mr. Eckfeld operated the family farm and worked for a variety of agricultural businesses. They enjoyed their family, friends and community and were generous to others.

The **Pat Curtis Auto Body and Technician Scholarship** was established in March 2023 to provide scholarships to graduating senior students residing in Tuscola County who are pursuing a career requiring post-secondary education in an automotive technician or auto body program leading to certification. Brothers Mark and Matt Curtis are the generous donors that initiated this scholarship. Their goal is to encourage young people in Tuscola County to consider a career in the automotive field. The Curtis family operates a local Chevrolet dealership and are actively involved in supporting the community.

The **Ray Langevin - Caro Knights of Columbus Council #3224 Scholarship**, previously a privately held scholarship, joined the TCCF family of funds in October 2023. Mr. Ray Langevin was a dedicated volunteer and long-term member of the Caro Knights of Columbus. He was well known in the Caro community and this scholarship honors him. The scholarship is available annually to a Caro High School senior who is pursuing a career requiring post-secondary education. Preference is given to applicants enrolling in a trade or technical program, with preference to students who had an IEP plan.

The **John and Mary Foess Scholarship** was established in December of 2023. John is a retired manager from what was the Vassar Foundry (later Grede Industries). He and his wife, Mary, were married for over 50 years. She was a schoolteacher in the Vassar Public Schools. The Foess’s children and several of their grandchildren are graduates of Vassar Public Schools and all were academic standouts who used their public education to succeed in their respective professions. John indicated at the time he signed his family scholarship agreement that he and Mary both believed strongly in the value of education and wanted to give back to the community that provided for he and his family.

TCCF now manages 117 active funds, with assets over \$23 million dollars. TCCF is most appreciative of the generous support and trust we have received from our donors throughout our 26-year history.

**THANK YOU, DONORS,
FOR MAKING TUSCOLA COUNTY
A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!**

Our Story

The Beginning...

In November of 1996, a group of nine community leaders, Richard Ransford, Robert Tuckey, Susan Walker, Sue Ransford, Harry Schubel, Richard Donahue, Linda Marshall, Richard Kern, and L. James White from the Caro and Cass City areas began a conversation to determine the requirements to establish a community foundation. Part of their motivation was the knowledge that the W. K. Kellogg Foundation had issued a challenge grant opportunity to communities across Michigan to establish community foundations. The challenge issued was that the Kellogg Foundation would match one dollar (up to \$1,000,000) for every two dollars raised by community foundations that established youth advisory councils (YAC). With a deadline fast approaching, a grant application was submitted April 1, 1997, and simultaneously a youth advisory council, also referred to as a "YAC" across the state was established. The YAC quickly renamed itself Future Youth Involvement (FYI). The first FYI grants were awarded in September of 1999.

After a period of discussions with potential partners, in early 1998, the trustees of the William A. and Ruth Janks Foundation and the Claude D. and Etta H. Andrews Foundation agreed to terminate their private foundation status and become part of the new Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF). With all the Kellogg Challenge Grant requirements fulfilled and the application submitted, a Challenge Youth Project Grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation was received by TCCF in two installments - \$900,000 in November of 1998 and \$100,000 in August of 1999.

TCCF Governance...

TCCF is governed by a board of up to fifteen community leader volunteers from various professions including agriculture, business, finance, education, and law representing communities throughout Tuscola County. They establish policies and procedures and have the responsibility to hire the foundation's executive director who they delegate to administer day-to-day operations. The Board regularly meets and receives recommendations from the various committees they have established and make final decisions based on those recommendations.

TCCF Leadership...

TCCF has employed five executive directors during its first 26 years beginning with L. James White, Don Hahn, and Susan "Suze" Walker. Ken Micklash began in May of 2005 and steadily grew the foundation until his retirement in the fall of 2018 when our current executive director, John Hunter was hired. Each can be credited with growing the foundation and moving the organization forward, ever mindful of our mission's tagline - For good. For ever.

FYI's main Youth Advisors were Paula Gromak and John Hunter throughout its initial two decades. Nick Bauerschmidt, Mandy Herman, Maureen Murphy, and Jennifer Parker have also served in this capacity. Presently, Megan Bartolowits and Jackie List-Houser are the FYI Advisors. Notably, both Nick and Jackie have previously been part of FYI as members.

TCCF Granting...

The foundation accepts applications in the months of September (fall cycle) and February (spring cycle) each year. The Founders Fund and Tuscola County Emergency Needs Fund accept applications continuously.

Student scholarships are announced in cooperation with each school district that is a member of the Tuscola County Intermediate School District. Applications are made available to students through their school guidance offices in early February each year.

TCCF investing...

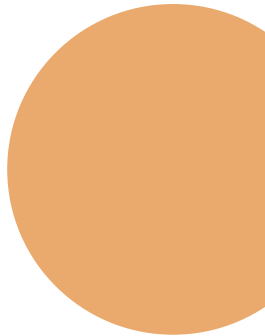
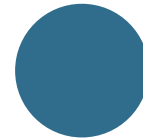
All gifts to the Foundation become part of a lasting endowment. The principal is responsibly managed – only spendable income is used to fund projects according to the terms of donor agreements. Funds are invested through financial consultants in several balanced portfolios. The performance of each investment portfolio is reviewed regularly by the Foundation’s Finance Committee.

Additionally, the Foundation’s financial position is evaluated on an annual basis by an independent audit. Thanks to these safeguards, donors can be assured that their legacy contribution will be preserved, and earnings will be maximized over time forever.

TCCF Information...

To learn more about TCCF we encourage you to visit our website at www.tuscolaccf.org and follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/tuscolaccf.org>.

The TCCF office is located at 1100 E Caro Road (2nd floor of the Northstar Bank Building) and is open during normal business hours on weekdays. We invite you to visit us and learn more about how you can join our growing family doing good here in Tuscola County!





FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

ABOUT FYI...

Future Youth Involvement (FYI) is the youth advisory council of the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF). The membership is comprised of high school students from all nine schools included in the Tuscola County Intermediate School District. FYI meetings take place monthly during the school year. Students learn about running a small organization and philanthropy while developing leadership skills.

Some of the principal objectives for the group are conducting a triennial needs assessment of youth in Tuscola County, writing a request for proposal, making grants, fundraising, and completing community service projects. FYI has now granted out more than \$950,000 to projects supporting their needs assessment and boasts over 300 alumni!

FYI has also been instrumental in growing the Homelessness Prevention Fund. TCCF received a challenge grant in 2003 for conducting a community summit that looked at ways to address homelessness prevention in Tuscola County. Part of the challenge grant included receiving a \$5,000 award to establish a permanent endowed fund to address homelessness prevention in Tuscola County. The TCCF Board partnered with FYI to make the community aware of homelessness in the community.

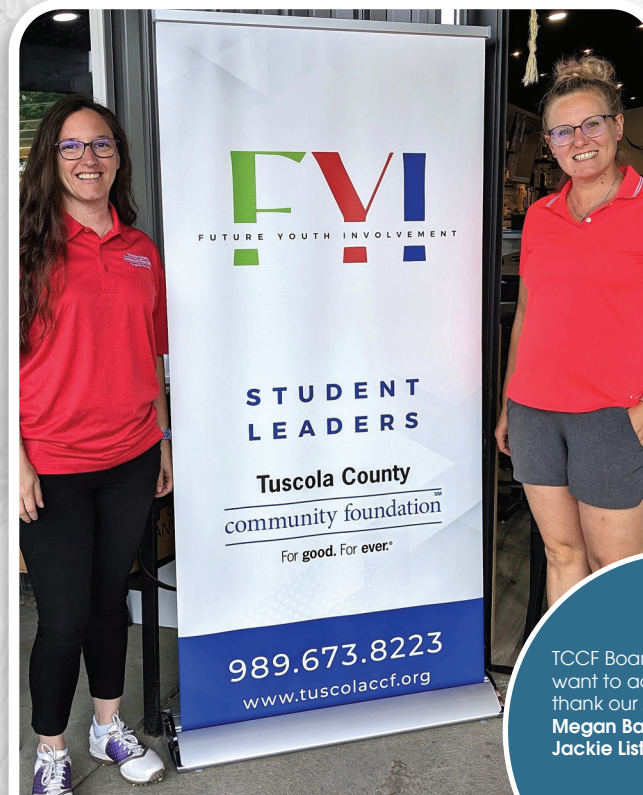
Currently, FYI supports growing the fund by holding fundraising events. Through FYI's fundraising efforts and donations, the fund has grown to over **\$68,000!**



FYI group having fun at December holiday meeting!



2022/23 academic year FYI members gather at their monthly meeting.



FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

STUDENT LEADERS

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FYI grant committees hard at work.

TCCF Board and FYI members want to acknowledge and thank our Adult FYI Advisors, **Megan Bartolowits (left) and Jackie List-Houser (right).**

Golf Outing

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TCCF FOUNDERS FUND

The **Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF)** hosted its 2nd Annual Golf Outing at the Arrowhead Golf & Grill in Caro on June 23rd. Participants enjoyed beautiful, sunny weather and the camaraderie of joining forces to support the **Founders Fund**.

The Founders Fund is an unrestricted fund, established in 1998 by the TCCF Board of Trustees to support projects that would enhance the life of Tuscola County residents. Applications can be found on our website, www.tuscolaccf.org, and are accepted on a continuous basis.

The **Founders Fund** was the beneficiary of over **\$8,000** in proceeds from the golf outing this year. Special thanks to these Event and Hole-in-One Sponsors!



TCCF could not operate without the many hours of service given by our volunteers. Pictured (left) is Vern Cooper (board trustee/finance committee member) and Ann Marie Ball (right).



Susan "Suze" Walker is shown accepting an award from Executive Director John Hunter, for 26 years of outstanding service to TCCF as a founding member.



EVENT SPONSOR TEAMS – RichMark Private Wealth Management, CG Financial Services, Tri Star Trust and Patriot Party Mart, which sent a team of FYI Alumni.

2023 GRANT AWARDS

Total Grants Awarded
in 2023: **\$411,278**

CLAUDE D. AND ETTA H. ANDREWS FUND

Total Awarded \$9,413

Caro High School

Support for off-site science programs. \$500

Tuscola Technology Center

Purchase refrigerated sandwich table. \$1,350

Tuscola Youth Gymnastics

Purchase ice machine. \$1,950

Village of Cass City

Purchase concrete gaming systems
for municipal park. \$4,813

Village of Reese Community Park

Purchase backstop for baseball field #2. \$800



APPLE BLOSSOM WIND FUND

Total Awarded \$1,000

Cass City Talons

Program support for Youth Wrestling. \$250

Cass City Public Schools Program

Program support for robotics. \$250

Cass City Summer Athletic Program

Program support for girls softball. \$250

Cass City Summer Athletic Program

Program support for boys baseball. \$250

REGINALD & LUCILLE ASHMUN FUND FOR CARO DISTRICT LIBRARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Total Awarded \$2,570

Caro Area District Library

Purchase six (6) stools and computer table for childrens area. \$2,570

BENDER FOUNDATION FUND

Total Awarded \$1,000

Bluewater Youth for Christ

Reese Campus school activity support. \$1,000



BIDDINGER FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND

Total Awarded \$122,513

Caro Community Schools

Support for extra-curricular activities. \$42,512

Caro Community Schools

Arts/science enrichment, field trips,
and relationship building skills. \$48,650

Cass City Public Schools

After school mentoring programs, field trips
and other program support. \$31,351

BURNS FAMILY FUND

Total Awarded \$3,000

Millington United Methodist Church

Support music ministry. \$1,500

Millington-Arbela Historical Society

Support new signage. \$1,500

CARO AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY AGENCY FUND

Total Awarded \$5,500

Caro Area District Library

Support library programs. \$5,500

CARL FRITZ CANCER TRANSPORTATION FUND

Total Awarded \$200

Carl Fritz Cancer Transportation Fund

Transportation support for people receiving cancer treatment. \$200



FOUNDERS FUND IMPACT GRANT

Total Awarded \$1,870

Caro Exchange Club

Replace bench and bridge repairs \$370

Cass City Public Schools

Support "U" Matter Week program. \$500

Millington Community Schools

Support Positive Behavior Interventions program. \$500

Millington-Arbela Historical Society

Support "Remembering our Farming Heritage" exhibit. \$500

FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT FUND

Total Awarded \$50,752

Akron-Fairgrove Schools Art Department

Purchase equipment to establish ceramics program. \$3,259

Caro Community Schools

Purchase one meter dive stand and refinish diving boards. \$7,359

Kingston Elementary School

Purchase outdoor play space equipment. \$10,000

Millington Community Schools

Purchase two (2) volleyball poles, net, storage rack and jerseys. \$2,800

Reese High School Fitness Room

Purchase equipment for weight facility. \$6,741

Schall Elementary School (Caro)

Support children's fourth and fifth grade choir after-school program. \$250

Tuscola County Fair Association

Purchase software for registering 4-H youth projects. \$4,995

Tuscola Technology Center

Purchase Podcaster for Education Starter Kit. \$2,498

Tuscola Technology Center

Purchase refrigerated sandwich table. \$1,350

Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools

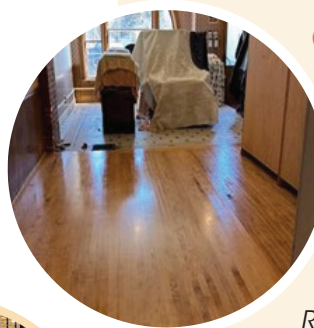
Purchase supplies for Patriot DREAM program. \$3,000

USA High School

Support 2nd Annual Make a Difference Day. \$250

USA Middle School

Support 1st Annual Making a Difference Day. \$250



Vassar High School Gymnastics Team

Purchase two (2) foam rolls and safety corners for spring floor. \$5,500

Vassar Middle School Robotics Team

Purchase motors and metal for robotics team. \$2,500

GREAT START TUSCOLA'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Total Awarded \$20,000

Dollywood Foundation

Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area. \$20,000



GREATER MILLINGTON AREA FUND

Total Awarded \$5,000

Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library

Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Millington service area. \$500

Millington-Arbela District Library

Support foraging program series. \$500

Millington-Arbela Historical Society

Replace portion of current wood floor. \$4,000

HEALTHY YOUTH / HEALTHY SENIORS FUND

Total Awarded \$2,549

City of Vassar

Purchase AED defibrillator for senior dining center. \$1,549

Michigan's Mayville Sunflower Festival

Purchase mobile coloring mural and supplies. \$1,000

HILLS & DALES HEALTH CARE CORPORATION

Total Awarded \$1,200

Hills & Dales Healthcare Corporation

Purchase four (4) chairs for ER nursing station. \$1,200

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUND

Total Awarded \$2,200

Tuscola Homeless Coalition

Assist with rent and security deposits. \$2,200



IMPACT HOPE FOUNDATION

Total Awarded \$10,000

Reese United Methodist Church

Support church activities.

\$10,000

WILLIAM A. AND RUTH JANKS FUND

Total Awarded \$108,897

Akron-Fairgrove Schools Art Department

Purchase equipment to establish ceramics program.

\$3,260

Caro Area District Library

Purchase Seed Garden library fence.

\$1,550

Caro Community Schools

Purchase programmable robotic equipment.

\$3,000

Caro Community Schools

Purchase sensory stimuli program equipment.

\$1,120

Caro Community Schools

Purchase timing system for swim events.

\$7,250

Caro Community Schools

Purchase laptop computer for swim events.

\$1,050

Caro Exchange Club

Remove fallen trees blocking trail access.

\$2,560

Caro Masonic Mt. Moriah Lodge #226

Support for renovation of historical building.

\$20,000

Caro McComb Elementary School PTO

Purchase book vending machine.

\$4,000

Caro Middle School

Purchase scientific calculators and holders to improve student achievement.

\$1,361

Caro Soccer Club

Support purchase of field equipment.

\$9,000

City of Caro - Fire Department

Purchase grain bin rescue equipment.

\$1,900

City of Caro - Fire Department

Purchase medical First Responder kit.

\$5,000

Friends Old, New and Social "U"

Purchase program supplies and equipment.

\$3,500

Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library Fund

Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area.

\$1,500

Habitat for Humanity of Lapeer-Tuscola

Support home repairs for Tuscola County veterans.

\$10,000



Kingston Community Schools

Repurpose garage building for STEM and RC instruction.

\$1,000

Mayville Firefighters Association

Purchase new hoses and nozzles.

\$2,500

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems

Purchase Carter Kit Sensory Bags.

\$2,000

Tuscola County Sheriff's Office

Purchase two (2) gunSHOT BOX training aids.

\$3,960

Tuscola Homeless Coalition

Assist with rent and security deposits.

\$8,000

Tuscola Transition Network

Support for 11th Grade Transition Day Making Good Choices.

\$700

Tuscola Youth Gymnastics

Purchase Air Pit, practice equipment, mats and water bottle station.

\$5,000

Vassar High School Gymnastics Team

Purchase one (1) foam roll and adjustable balance beam.

\$5,500

City of Vassar Police Department

Purchase two (2) body cameras.

\$2,405

Village of Cass City Police Department

Purchase three (3) Cradlepoint modems.

\$1,781



KIWANIS CLUB OF CARO AREA FUND

Total Awarded \$2,500

Caro McComb Elementary School PTO

Purchase book vending machine.

\$1,500

Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library

Provide age appropriate books each month for children ages 0-5 in the greater Caro area.

\$1,000

DON LIST FUND FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Total Awarded \$200

Millington-Arbela District Library

Purchase sensory kits for children.

\$200

LOVE FOR LEXI - PAY IT FORWARD FUND

Total Awarded \$4,000

Revive Ministries

Support for families with children receiving cancer treatment.

\$4,000

MILLINGTON SCOUT BUILDING ENDOWMENT FUND

Total Awarded \$3,000

Millington Scout Building

Program support for Millington scout building. \$3,000

THE PATRIOT PRIDE CLUB

Total Awarded \$24,139

Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools

Update football and track stadium sound system. \$10,000

Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools

Purchase new trophy display case. \$14,139

DON PETRO FUND

Total Awarded \$450

Tuscola Youth Gymnastics

Purchase Sting Mat. \$225

Village of Reese - Community Park

Purchase bases for ball fields. \$225

RAWSON FOUNDATION FUND

Total Awarded \$13,000

Cass City Public Schools

Support football stadium renovations. \$10,000

Cass City Promise

Support Promise Program. \$3,000

DR. ED AND DOROTHY SCOLLON FAMILY FOUNDATION

Total Awarded \$900

Cass City Public Schools

Support therapy dog program. \$900

THUMB AREA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Total Awarded \$1,000

Akron-Fairgrove Schools Art Department

Purchase equipment to establish ceramics program. \$1,000

TUSCOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY NEEDS FUND

Total Awarded \$12,500

Millington Community Schools

Purchase clothing for school "Clothing Closet". \$1,000

Spring of Life Community Church

Assist with food pantry supplies. \$4,500

Tuscola Homeless Coalition

Assist with rent and security deposits. \$4,000

Vassar Area Emergency Fund

Assist with utility bills and housing. \$3,000

ZIMMER FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND

Total Awarded \$1,500

Christ Lutheran Church

Support for families in need. \$1,500

JERRY W. ZUERCHER ENDOWMENT FOR MUSICAL ARTS

Total Awarded \$425

Caro Music Boosters

Support for Drum Major training camp. \$425



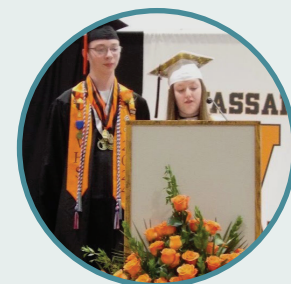
2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Total Scholarships Granted
in 2023: **\$163,475**

AAUW CASS CITY SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,000
<i>Four (4) adult female returning students \$750 each</i>	
BENDER FAMILY FOUNDATION	\$500
<i>One (1) Reese HS Turn Around student \$500</i>	
BETTY E. and MELVIN R. ECKFELD SCHOLARSHIP	\$500
<i>One (1) USA HS student \$500</i>	
DR. EARL & MARY BRANDING	\$750
<i>One (1) Caro HS student \$750</i>	
RALPH & MARCELINE BUBLITZ SCHOLARSHIP for RN's	\$400
<i>One (1) student \$400</i>	
DR. DONALD CARR SCHOLARSHIP	\$500
<i>One (1) Cass City HS student \$500</i>	
JAN CARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$500
<i>One (1) USA HS student \$500</i>	
CASS CITY JR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR	\$1,000
<i>One (1) Cass City HS student \$1,000</i>	
CASS CITY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000
<i>One (1) Cass City HS student \$1,000</i>	
CARL CHILDS SCHOLARSHIP	\$300
<i>One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student \$300</i>	
CORY MERZ ENDOWMENT FUND	\$1,000
<i>One (1) Cass City HS student \$1,000</i>	



PAUL DELONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$10,080
<i>Seven (7) HS students \$10,080</i>	
DONALD D. & SARA J. DOST SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	\$500
<i>One (1) Cass City HS student attending MSU \$500</i>	
DR. BRUCE J. DUNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$750
<i>One (1) Cass City HS student \$750</i>	
ED-MAR TREE FARM SCHOLARSHIP	\$500
<i>One (1) Mayville HS student \$500</i>	
HAROLD GATES & GUY WAY SCHOLARSHIP	\$600
<i>One (1) Caro HS student \$600</i>	
OLAF A. GOODELL SCHOLARSHIP	\$7,000
<i>Two (2) Caro HS students, Two (2) Cass City HS students, Two (2) USA HS students, and One (1) Reese HS Student \$1,000 each</i>	
GREEN POINT DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$500
<i>One (1) USA HS student \$500</i>	
MARJORIE & ALLISON GREEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,000
<i>One (1) Kingston HS student \$2,000</i>	
HOUGHTALING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP	\$500
<i>One (1) Millington HS student \$500</i>	
KEN MOORE MEMORIAL FUND	\$1,500
<i>One (1) Mayville HS student \$750 One (1) Millington HS student \$750</i>	
KENNA LYNNE PEET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,250
<i>One (1) Tech Center HS student \$1,250</i>	
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<i>Two (2) Kingston HS students \$500 each Two (2) Kingston HS students \$250 each</i>	
KIWANIS CLUB OF CARO AREA SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000
<i>One (1) USA HS student \$500 One (1) Kingston HS Student \$500</i>	
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<i>One (1) USA HS student \$500</i>	
PATRICIA KROL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000
<i>One (1) Cass City HS Student \$1,000</i>	



KALLY MAHARG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eight (8) Cass City HS students \$600 each

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Nine (9) Mayville HS student scholarships \$4,000 each
Seven (7) Mayville HS renewal scholarships \$4,000 each

JOY MCCREEDY SCHOLARSHIP

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student \$2,695

CLARE MCDURMON SCHOLARSHIP

Four (4) Caro HS students \$750 each

BOB MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

One (1) Caro HS student \$1,250

RAWSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Four (4) Cass City HS students \$1,200 each

JUSTIN REDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student

ROLKA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Eight (8) Caro HS students \$2,000 each

SCEARS FOUNDATION OF AKRON MICHIGAN

One (1) Akron-Fairgrove HS student \$400

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One (1) Caro HS school \$500

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One (1) Cass City HS student \$300

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One (1) Caro HS student \$300

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One (1) Caro HS student \$500

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One (1) Mayville HS student \$1,000

LLOYD & LULA WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

One (1) Mayville HS student

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Two (2) Mayville HS students \$1,000 each

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Two (2) Cass City HS students \$1,000 each

WALLACE ZINNECKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

One (1) Cass City HS student \$1,000

\$4,800

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\$2,695

\$3,000

\$1,250

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A community foundation seeks out donor contributions and functions as a grant making organization, supporting various charitable activities and community needs. As a grant making organization, the TCCF also awards scholarships annually to students applying for post-secondary education who meet the donor's criteria.

The TCCF was established in 1997 and held assets valued at just over \$23 million at the end of 2023. Over \$8.2 million has been distributed to Tuscola County communities through grant and scholarship awards to organizations and individuals since TCCF's beginning.

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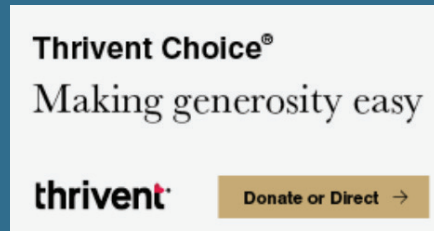
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