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REPORT Mission Statement

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





FUND BREAKDOWN

TCCF **holds over 115 funds** distributed across various segments of support for diverse initiatives and interests.













Scholarship Funds

Over 60 Scholarships provide financial support, empowering students to pursue their educational dreams.

Donor Advised Funds

Currently we have 10 DAF funds, which encourages donor engagement and tailored giving strategies for community impact.

Designated Funds

35 Designated funds help specific charities and initiatives thrive, impacting communities positively.

Field of Interest Funds

11 Field of Interest funds support specific causes while allowing flexibility in allocation.

Unrestricted Funds

Currently 5
unrestricted funds
are administered
by TCCF to meet
a variety of
changing needs.

As of 2024, TCCF manages over 115 active funds which showcases a commitment to serving donors diverse philanthropic interests and efforts.

A Message from THE BOARD PRESIDENT

As I reflect on 2024, along with the Board of Trustees of the **Tuscola County Community Foundation** (TCCF), we do so with immense gratitude and admiration for the visionary men and women who had the foresight to create a community foundation. The power of local philanthropy and the commitment to ensuring a legacy for generations to come has allowed TCCF to become the trusted steward of charitable giving in Tuscola County.

TCCF has grown from an ambitious idea into a dynamic and thriving community foundation with over \$25 million in managed assets in over 115 funds. Local philanthropy is strengthening our communities and ensuring that charitable dollars remain in Tuscola County for the benefit of all.

In this annual report, you will see how TCCF, our donors, and partners have impacted our local communities during 2024. Your support and partnership have helped us respond to all kinds of

needs. The foundation granted over \$800,000 this past year, supporting a broad range of causes. These funds provided scholarships, hunger and housing relief, youth development, arts and culture support, organization equipment, and increased recreational opportunities across our communities.

Together, we will continue to build endowment to help meet the changing needs of our communities. Tuscola County is truly a generous community! I look forward to a bright future and THANK YOU for being steadfast champions for our county.

With Gratitude.

Dannie Osneis

Cammie Asmus



Jerry Lasceski, Trustee and Cammie Asmus, Board President

Preserving the Past for the Future

Millington-Arbela Historical Society

The Millington-Arbela Historical Society was established in 1991 by a small group of community leaders concerned that, with the passing of a generation of elders, the community's local history would be lost. The Historical Society's mission, "To preserve the past for the future" is fulfilled through acquiring and maintaining exhibits and research resources at its historic museum, planning events to honor local citizens and promote local history, and participation in community celebrations and events.



Soon after the pandemic, the Tuscola County Community Foundation awarded the Historical Society a \$250 Grant, Executive Director, John Hunter presented the grant funds at one of the Historical Society's monthly membership meetings and took that opportunity to discuss the Foundation's endowment funds, their benefits, how they work and the simplicity of initiating a specific fund for our organization. This was a new idea that had not been considered before, but with that initial presentation, the seed was planted.

Over the subsequent two years the Board

of Trustees and members discussed the issue. When questions or concerns arose, the TCCF staff were generous in providing educational resources and support throughout the Board's decision-making process. In the fall of 2023, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to proceed with the endowment fund and by January of 2024 the Millington-Arbela Historical Society endowment fund was officially established, with an initial contribution of \$2500 pledged by five members. The TCCF sends quarterly statements listing recent donors and fund balance and our balance has now increased to \$11,000, thanks to the generosity of our members.

Having an endowment fund is one of the main strategies that will allow the MAHS to be able to sustain its mission, and possibly even continue to exist. The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 took a big toll on small rural museums, who rely



solely on donations, volunteers, and public event fundraising for operational funding. The effects of the pandemic, in addition to declining membership and technological challenges, have now put many museums at risk of closing. Though the current membership and finances of MAHS are stable, COVID was a wake-up call for the Board to take steps to better secure a source of stable

funding for the future. In establishing an endowment fund, the intent is to eventually generate enough revenue to cover 100% of annual basic operational expenses. This would ensure that the Historical Society could weather the future ups and downs of funding and membership and still be able to stay open and serve the community. The endowment fund is also an easy way for members of the community to invest in our organization, knowing that their donation will continue year after year to provide support. The Millington-Arbela Historical Society is grateful to have a resource available like the Tuscola County Community Foundation to help us and other organizations serving the communities of Tuscola County.



Article provided by Cindy Willson, President

Our Team

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



Cammie Asmus PRESIDENT Mayville Area



Mark Hirschman
VICE PRESIDENT
Reese Area



Cele ThompsonSECRETARY
Reese Area



Kate Van Auken TREASURER Cass City Area



Greg Biddinger
TRUSTEE
Cass City Area



Vern Cooper TRUSTEE Millington Area

RECOGNIZING BOARD MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS

TCCF is governed by a board of 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. Our board meets four times annually, with various dedicated committees (Finance, Scholarship, Grants, Governance, and Fundraising) continuing to oversee the mission and work of TCCF.





Mark Curtis
TRUSTEE
Caro Area



Debra Kranz TRUSTEE Cass City Area



Jerry Lasceski TRUSTEE Fairgrove/Akron Area



Chelsea Roach
TRUSTEE
FYI Rep - Cass City
Schools



Dennis Stein TRUSTEE *Caro Area*



Hon. Nancy Thane

TRUSTEE

Caro Area



Brooke Walker TRUSTEE Kingston Area



Megan Bartolowits
FYI ADVISOR



Jackie List-Houser
FYI ADVISOR



John Hunter EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Renée Deroche ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Linda SirianniPROGRAM OFFICER



Molly Walker was recognized for her year of service as the Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Board Trustee representative. Molly continues her service for the following academic year (2024/2025) as the Vice-President of the FYI Group. Our board meets four times annually, with various dedicated committees (Finance, Scholarship, Grants, Golf Event, etc.) continuing to oversee and continue the mission and work of TCCF.



2024 GOLF OUTING

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TCCF FOUNDERS FUND

The Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) hosted its 3rd Annual Golf Outing at the Arrowhead Golf & Grill in Caro on June 21st. 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 \$9,500 in proceeds from the golf outing this year.







EVENT SPONSORS - \$1,000

CG Financial of Caro
Harry J. Bastone Memorial Scholarship Fund
Huntington Bank
List Family Fund
RichMark Private Wealth Management
Tri-County Bank
Victory Capital







EVENT SPONSOR

BUSINESS SPONSORS - \$500

Biddinger, Schrot & Rolando Big John Steak & Onion McLaren Caro Region Northstar Bank Pat Curtis Chevrolet Precision Autobody State Savings Bank Tri-Star Trust

PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR - \$400

Harry J. Bastone Memorial Scholarship

DINNER SPONSOR - \$250

Joe & Kate Van Auken Cass City Jr. Citizen of the Year Scholarship



Harry J. Bastone Memorial Scholarship

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LUNCH SPONSORS - \$200

Anrod Screen Cylinder Zwerk and Sons Farms

BREAKFAST SPONSORS - \$150

10:31 Coffee Roasters Cory Merz Endowment Fund Greater Thumb Eyecare McDonalds of Caro Michigan Sugar Company Montei, Inc./Tuscola Co Agriculture Scholarship Osentoski Realty Saginaw Bay Dermatology Saginaw Valley Seedcorn Producers Tuscola County Community Agriculture Scholarship

TEE SPONSORS - \$100

Abele Greenhouse and Garden Center Anrod Screen Cylinder Rotary Club of Caro Carpenter Automotive Group Cooperative Elevator Gregory H. Bringard, Attorney at Law Hills and Dales Healthcare Lighthouse Neurological Rehabilitation Center Mayville State Bank Michael Sahr Crop Insurance POET Biorefining and Management Precision Autobody, Inc. Tonkin Farms Track Side Food & Spirits



VG's Grocery







TUSCOLA TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Appreciation Post

Our Nursing Careers Program recently received the funding to upgrade their learning space with new manikins. This was made possible thanks to multiple grants from the Tuscola County Community Foundation. We appreciate all you do for our students!

"I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the entire Tuscola County Community Foundation Board for their generous grants. I am an Akron-Fairgrove and Tuscola Technology Center alum, so receiving the award from one of my favorite former teachers and TCCF Board Member, Mr. Jerry Lasceski, was especially meaningful."

Margaret (Maggie) Deisig **Nursing Careers Instructor**













2024 GRANT AWARDS

Total Awarded in 2024: **\$597,936**

CLAUDE D. AND ETTA H. ANDREWS FUND

Total Awarded \$29,320

Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County

Purchase forensic interview recording equipment \$2,680

Good Samaritan Fund of the Tuscola County Churches

Assist with community pantry, utility and transportation support \$4,000

Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library

Provide age appropriate books each month to children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area \$3,000

Kingston Elementary School

Provide support for courtyard seating

Reese Adventure Club Pole Barn

Support contruction of storage barn \$4,640

Tuscola Technology Center - Nursing Careers Purchase of manikins, torso models, and AED trainer

Tuscola Transition Network - Tuscola ISD Support for 11th Grade Transition Seminar

Tuscola Youth GymnasticsPurchase elite uneven bars

Village of Kingston - Memory Park

Purchase concrete play equipment

APPLE BLOSSOM WIND FUND

Total Awarded \$1,000

Cass City Public Schools

Program support for robotics

Cass City Summer Athletic Program

Program support for boy's baseball

Cass City Summer Athletic Program
Program support for girl's softball \$250

Cass City Talons Youth Wrestling

Program support for youth wrestling \$250

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

Total Awarded \$3,600

\$1.300

\$4.000

\$700

\$1,500

\$7.500

Caro Area District Library

Equipment to support children's programs

Caro Community Schools

Auditorium lighting improvements

BIDDINGER FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND

Total Awarded \$84,200

Cass City Public Schools

\$250

\$250

\$1.600

\$2.000

Support for extracurricular activities \$34,167

Caro Community Schools

Support for extracurricular activities \$50,033

ALBERTINE AND ALFRED BURNS FAMILY FUND

Total Awarded \$3.000

Millington-Arbela Historical Society

Support building signage \$500

Millington United Methodist Church

Support technology upgrades \$2,500

CARO AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY AGENCY FUND

Total Awarded \$5,500

Caro Area District Library

Community room flooring \$5,500

CARO ROTARY FOUNDATION FUND

Total Awarded \$3,900

Rotary Club of Caro

Support community art project

\$3,900

CARL FRITZ CANCER TRANSPORTATION FUND

Total Awarded \$400

Transportation support for individuals receiving cancer treatment \$400

The foundation has two main granting cycles each year with applications being taken in the months of September (fall cycle) and February (spring cycle) each year. The Founders Fund and Tuscola County Emergency Needs Fund accept applications on an ongoing basis.

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.









\$1,500

FOUNDERS FUND	
Total Awarded \$2,069	
Cass City Jr/Sr High School	
Peer-to-Peer Link Program	\$450
Columbia Township Library	
Purchase building supplies for "My Free Little Library"	\$419
L.E.A.D. Tuscola	
Purchase laptop	\$600
Millington-Arbela Historical Society	
Support 2025 Millington Community Schools exhibit	\$600

FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT (FYI) FUND

Total Awarded \$48,095

Purchase radios for communication

Purchase volleyballs for tournament

Support construction of storage barn

Millington Community Schools

Reese Adventure Club Pole Barn

Total Awarded \$40,075	
Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ	
Purchase 9 Square in the Air game	\$750
Caro High School	
Support the Period Project	\$2,000
Cass City Public Schools	
Purchase band equipment trailer	\$7,500
Cass City Public Schools	
Purchase vending machine to support PBIS program	\$4,000
Cass City Public Schools	
Support outdoor environmental education program	\$2,000
Cass City Public Schools	
Support radio recording room renovations	\$2,200
Kingston Elementary School	

Reese High School	
Support for Reese baseball batting cage contruction	\$2,500
Caro Schall Elementary School	
Purchase books and equipment for library	\$2,000
Tuscola Youth Gymnastics	
Purchase mats for bars	\$4,920
Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools	
Purchase feminine hygiene products	\$250
Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools	
Support accelerated reading program	\$500
Village of Cass City	
Purchase of robotic vacuum for pool	\$3,375
Wrangler Training Center	
Purchase wrestling mat	\$5,400
Wrangler Training Center	
Purchase wrestling mat and singlets	\$4,900

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 service area \$1,000

Millington Community Center
Parking lot repairs \$2,000

Millington-Arbela Historical Society
Document and preserve community elder histories \$2,000

GREAT START TUSCOLA'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Total Awarded \$38,947

Dollywood Foundation

\$500

\$300

\$5.000

Purchase age appropriate books for children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area \$38,947

HEALTHY YOUTH / HEALTHY SENIORS FUND

Total Awarded \$4,200

Caro Area District Library

Purchase memory kits to assist people facing challenges \$1,200

Fairgrove Global Methodist Church

Purchase AED \$1,500

Tuscola Technology Center - Nursing Careers

Purchase manikins, torso models, and AED trainer

HILLS AND DALES HEALTHCARE CORP FUND

Total Awarded \$1,200

Hills and Dales Healthcare

Purchase blood pressure monitors \$1,200

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUND

Total Awarded \$2,750

Good Samaritan Fund of the Tuscola County Churches
Assist with community pantry, utility, and transportation support
Habitat for Humanity of Lapeer-Tuscola
Support renovation of home for veteran family

1,000

Tuscola Homeless Coalition
Assistance with rent and security deposits

\$750

IMPACT HOPE FOUNDATION

Total Awarded \$11,000

Reese Beautification Committee
Support community beautification efforts \$1,000
Reese United Methodist Church
Support church programs \$10,000







WILLIAM A AND RUTH JANKS FUND	
Total Awarded \$103,999	
Caro Area District Library	
Purchase reusable story time supplies for adults with disabilities	\$630
Caro Baseball and Softball Federation	
Construction of batting cages	\$10,000
Caro Community Schools	
Purchase equipment to enhance auditorium lighting	\$8,200
Cass City Public Schools	
Support repair costs of CDL training vehicle	\$6,000
Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County	
Forensic Interview Recording Equipment	\$2,680
Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County	
Purchase "Sunshine Boxes" for children needing comfort	\$1,000
City of Caro Fire Department	
Purchase a drone	\$5,000
Good Samaritan Fund the of Tuscola County Ch	
Community pantry, utility, and transportation support	\$1,000
Mayville Area Museum of History and Genealo	
Purchase snow blower	\$400
MCHS Family of Services - The Fowler Center	
Purchase equipment to implement drumming programs	\$3,008
Reese High School	
Support baseball batting cage construction	\$3,000
Rotary Club of Caro	
Support community art project	\$ 19,500
Spring of Life Community Church	41000
Support community food pantry program	\$1,000
Cass River Greenway	

\$3,500

\$2,500

TISD - DECA Marketing Club	
Purchase credit card terminal	\$500
Tuscola County Fair Association	
Upgrade electrical power distribution	\$5,000
Tuscola County Fair Association	
Lighting upgrade for Midway Hall parking lot	\$2,650
Tuscola Youth Gymnastics	
Purchase elite uneven bars	\$5,500
Tuscola Youth Gymnastics	
Purchase carpet foam flex rolls	\$4,556
Village of Cass City	
Purchase of robotic vacuum for pool	\$3,375
Village of Kingston Fire Department	
Purchase stabilization and cribbing equipment	\$3,000
Wrangler Training Center	
Support purchase of wrestling mats and singlets	\$12,000
WILLIAM AND JOANNE KAISER FUND	
Total Awarded \$30,000	
Habitat for Humanity of Lapeer-Tuscola County	
Purchase of computers for Caro ReStore	\$5,000
Millington Community Center	ψ5,000
Installation of new flooring	\$10,000
Millington Ministerial Alliance	Ψ10,000
Support community service program basic needs,	
healthcare, and utility support	\$15,000
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LIST FAMILY FUND Total Awarded \$1,300 **Rotary Club of Caro** Support community art project \$1,300 DON LIST FUND FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN Total Awarded \$1,000 **Kingston Elementary School** Purchase fine motor skills bins \$600 **TISD - Highland Pines School** Purchase adaptive toys and games \$400 **MILLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER FUND** Total Awarded \$550 **Millington Community Center** Purchase water heater \$550 **MILLINGTON SCOUT CABIN** Total Awarded \$3,000 Support for facility maintenance \$3,000 **NEAL SISTERS FUND** Total Awarded \$40,160 **Kingston Cardinal Center Daycare** Purchase of three (3) adjustable teaching tables for classrooms Caro Area District Library Support for library programs \$5,500 **Caro Community Schools** Support for media center and library \$5.500 City of Caro - DDA Purchase sound system at Atwood Park \$1,900

Improve Kelly Road river access

Build and install Blessing Boxes in Tuscola County

Thumb Blessing Boxes

to address food insecurity











Columbia Township Library	¢7007
Purchase Story Walk	\$7,987
Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library	
Provide age appropriate books each month to	
children ages 0-5 in Tuscola ISD service area	\$2,000
Hills and Dales General Hospital	
Purchase blood pressure monitors	\$2,500
Kingston Elementary School	
Purchase of "Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine"	\$6,000
Kingston High School Robotics Team	
Purchase of eight (8) robotics build-assembly kits	\$4,000
Spring of Life Community Church	
Support community food pantry program	\$1,000
University of the Cumberlands	
Support for academic programs	\$1,500

ALVIN "BUTCH" & LORRAINE "MUTZIE" ORTNER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION Total Awarded \$157,100

Kingston Elementary School
Provide support for courtyard seating \$1,300
Frankenmuth Arts Council

Program Support \$4,200

Gideons International

Program Support \$18,900

Kingston Elementary School
Purchase library stand \$400
Leader Dogs for the Blind

Program Support \$18,900

Octogon Barn

Maintenace and repairs of facility buildings and grounds \$21,000 **Optimal Foundation**

Program Support \$6,300

Reese Adventure Club Pole Barn Support construction of storage barn

Rotary Club of Caro
Support community art project
Shriners Hospital for Children

Program Support

St. Jude Children's Hospital
Program Support

St. Lorenz Lutheran Church
Maintenance of church and school facilities

TISD - Highland Pines School
Purchase adaptive toys and games

Tuscola Homeless CoalitionAssistance with rent and security deposits

Tuscola Youth Gymnastics
Purchase vault table

Village of Kingston Fire DepartmentPurchase helmet safety lights

RAWSON FOUNDATION

Total Awarded \$1,000

Child Fund International

Sponsorship of three (3) children

REESE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BECAUSE WE CARE FUND

Total Awarded \$2,500

Support unmet student needs \$2,500

DR. ED AND DOROTHY SCOLLON FAMILY FUND

Total Awarded \$1,000

Cass City Public Schools
Support therapy dog program

Support therapy dog program

THUMB AREA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Total Awarded \$1,000

Rotary Club of Caro

\$5.000

\$4,000

\$18,900

\$16,800

\$31,500

\$500

\$2,500

\$5.000

\$1,900

\$1,000

\$1,000

Support community art project \$600

Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools

Support student attendance at live theatre \$400

TUSCOLA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS FUND

Total Awarded \$1,945

Support for consumers \$1,945

TUSCOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY NEEDS FUND

Total Awarded \$4,000

Vassar Area Emergency Fund

Assist with utility bills and housing \$4,000

DALE AND PATRICIA WINGERT

Total Awarded \$3,000

Mayville Area Share Shop

Support for Christmas Box Project \$1,500

Watertown Township Fire Department

Support purchase of equipment \$1,500

JERRY W ZUERCHER ENDOWMENT FOR MUSICAL ARTS

Total Awarded \$700

Caro Band Boosters

Support Drum Major training camp

\$700

2024 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

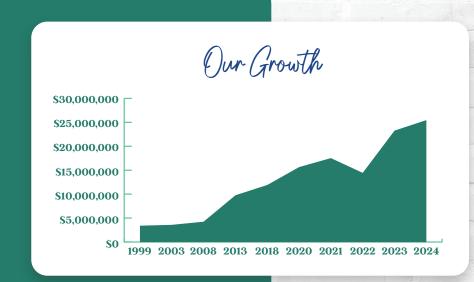
DECEMBER	2023	2024
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$211,975	\$211,263
Investments at Market Value	\$23,059,132	\$25,252,194
Pre-paid Expenses	\$1,935	\$1,522
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$23,273,042	\$25,464,978
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - AT COST:		The second secon
Furniture & Equipment	\$6,566	\$6,566
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(\$4,329)	(\$5,468)
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - NET:	\$2,237	\$1,099
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$23,275,279	\$25,466,076

HIGHLIGHTS

TCCF experienced another year of significant growth in total assets in 2024 – 9.4%. This growth can be attributed to market gains, the development of three (3) new funds, and continued individual donor support. The Foundation's strong financial position provided **over \$810,000** in grant awards toward community projects and student scholarships!

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.







ABOUT FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT (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 **OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS** since 1999 to projects and boasts over 300 alumni since the TCCF was founded.

FYI has also been instrumental in growing and supporting 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, and today's economic environment makes this more relevant than ever. Together TCCF and FYI continue to grow this fund through various appeals and fundraising events and the Homelessness Prevention Fund has now grown to over \$75,000!



Monthly meetings are opportunities for learning and hands-on philanthropic work.

FYI Members take the competitive process of awarding thousands of dollars each year seriously. Meeting times combine work, laughter and learning with outcomes totaling **OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS** awarded since its' beginning.

The TCCF Board,
along with our FYI
members, want to gratefully
acknowledge our FYI Advisors,
without whom this vital program
could not operate.

THANK YOU Jackie and Megan!







2024 SCHOLARSHIPS Total Awarded in 2024: \$212,572

AAUW CASS CITY SCHOLARSHIP	\$4,000	PAUL DELONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Seven (7) High School students	\$11,997
Four (4) adult female returning students HARRY BASTONE SCHOLARSHIP Two (2) Caro High School students	\$1,400	DONALD D AND SARA J DOST MSU SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP One (1) USA High School student	\$500
BENDER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Reese High School	\$500	DONALD D. AND SARA J. DOST MSU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Caro High School student	\$500
DR. EARL AND MARY BRANDING Two (2) Caro High School students	\$1,000	DR. BRUCE J. DUNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Reese High School student	\$1,000
RALPH AND MARCELINE BUBLITZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR RNS Two (2) students	\$1,000	BETTY E AND MELVIN R ECKFELD SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Caro High School student	\$500
CARO ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP Two (2) Caro High School students	\$5,000	ED-MAR TREE FARM SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Mayville High School student	\$500
DR. DONALD AND MARLYS CARR SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Caro High School student	\$500	FLUEGGE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Cass City High School student	\$1,000
JAN CARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP One (1) USA High School student	\$500	JOHN AND MARY FOESS SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Vassar High School student	\$1,000
CASS CITY JR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Cass City High School student	\$1,000	FULLMER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP Two (2) Tuscola Co students MSU/School of Agriculture	\$2,000
CASS CITY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Cass City High School student	\$1,000	HAROLD GATES AND GUY WAY SCHOLARSHIP Two (2) Caro High School students \$500	\$1,000
CARL CHILDS SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Akron-Fairgrove High School student	\$250	OLAF A. GOODELL SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Caro, Two (2) Cass City, Two (2) Kingston	\$7,000
ESTHER COLLON GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOLARSHIP One (1) USA High School student	\$500	One (1) Millington, One (1) Reese High School students GREEN POINT DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP	\$500
PAT CURTIS AUTO BODY AND TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP One (1) Caro High School student	\$750	One (1) Caro High School student MARJORIE AND ALLISON GREEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,800

Four (4) Kingston High School students







HOUGHTALING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP	\$750	RAWSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP	\$12,000
One (1) USA student		Two (2) Cass City High School and Three (3) Cass City renewal students	
KEN MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,250	JUSTIN REDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$250
One (1) Mayville, One (1) Millington, One (1) Vassar High School student		One (1) Akron-Fairgrove High School student	
KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,600	ROLKA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION	\$20,000
Four (4) Kingston High School students		Ten (10) Caro High School students	
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One (1) Cass City High School Student	Ψ1,200	One (1) USA High School student	Ψ2,500
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Four (4) Caro High School students	Ψ3,200	One (1) Caro High School student	Ψ300
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One (1) Cass City High School student	Ψ1,000	One (1) Mayville High School student	Ψ1,000
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One (1) Caro High School student	φ1,300	One (1) Akron-Fairgrove High School student	φ230
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Three (3) Caro High School students	\$6,000	One (1) Mayville High School student	\$750
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One (1) Millington High School student		One (1) Cass City High School student	

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The TCCF was established in 1997 and holds assets valued at over \$25 million at the end of 2024. Over \$9 million dollars has been distributed to Tuscola County communities through grant and scholarship awards to organizations and individuals since TCCF's beginning!

To learn more about TCCF we encourage you to visit our website at www.tuscolaccf.org and follow us on Facebook 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 in Tuscola County!

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