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RIDE WITH US *through* 2025

Our Mission

Making Tuscola County a better place to live by turning needs and dreams into realities.

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Message from the President

Dear Friends of The Community Foundation,

Our 2025 Annual Report celebrates all that we have accomplished together and demonstrates how the community foundation, our donors and partners have impacted communities across Tuscola County. Through the generosity of our donors, the foundation distributed more than $900,000 supporting the work of non-profits directly impacting lives and scholarships supporting students in their post-secondary education pursuits.

The work reflected in these pages – the convenings, the grants, the scholarships, the endowment – represents a community choosing to invest in itself and a foundation willing to serve. All the work happens because of donors who believe in our mission, the nonprofits doing the front-line work, the board members providing wisdom and governance and the staff connecting people together. Philanthropy is making a big difference in Tuscola County!



Thank you for joining us, ensuring that Tuscola County can thrive for generations to come!

With Gratitude,

Mark Hirschman

Recognizing Board Members and Volunteers

Cammie Asmus, Greg Biddinger, Mark Curtis, Brooke Walker, and Chelsea Roach were honored for their years of service and leadership to the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) at the Annual Board meeting held on June 26, 2025.



Cammie Asmus, Head of Operations at Mayville State Bank, served as a TCCF Trustee for eight years, including immediate past terms as President and Vice President of the Board. Additionally, she was a contributing member of the Governance, Grant, and Publicity Committees.



Greg Biddinger, President of Anrod Screen Cylinder Co. in Cass City, served as a TCCF Trustee for eight years and also served on the Governance and Finance Committees. He continues to serve on the Finance Committee.



Mark Curtis, Sales Manager at Pat Curtis Chevrolet in Caro, served as a TCCF Trustee for eight years. He served on the Grant and Publicity Committees, providing significant support for the Annual Golf fundraiser.



Brooke Walker, an educator in the Kingston Community School District, served as a TCCF Trustee for four years and on the Publicity Committee.



Chelsea Roach, a senior at Cass City Public Schools, was recognized for her year of service as the TCCF Trustee Representative for the Youth Advisory Council's Future Youth Involvement Board.

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

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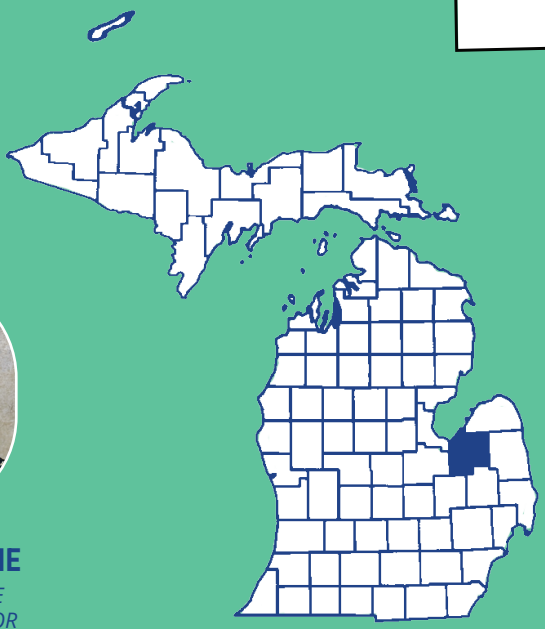
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GOLF OUTING

The Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) hosted its 4th Annual Golf Outing at the Arrowhead Golf & Grill in Caro on June 20th. Participants enjoyed favorable weather and the camaraderie of joining peers and colleagues 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 will enhance the lives of Tuscola County residents. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and can be found at www.tuscolaccf.org.

A total of $10,988 in proceeds was raised this year. We sincerely thank all our sponsors and are especially grateful to the dedication of our volunteer Golf Event Committee: Cammie Asmus, Ann Marie Ball, Vern Cooper, Jerry Lasceski, Dennis Stein, Nancy Thane, Brooke Walker, and Suze Walker.



Dennis Stein announcing contest winners.



Bob Deroche (L) and Jerry Lasceski (R)





congrats to all

2025 CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to **Al Luedtke,** who was the lucky winner of the *Scotty Cameron* putter prize in the putting contest. **Biddinger, Schrot & Rolando** took first place team honors, while Tri-Star Trust placed second overall.

Closest-to-the-pin winners were **Kirk Appold** and **Aubrie Beyer**. Longest drive winners were **David Wargo** and **Niki Bender**. **Mandy Palmer** was the lucky 50/50 raffle winner!



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Hole In One Sponsor:

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Putting Contest Sponsors:

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2025 GRANTS

The foundation conducts two main granting cycles each year with applications being taken in 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 Intermediate School District. Applications are made available to students through their school guidance offices in early February each year.

$31,912
CLAUDE D & ETTA H ANDREWS FUND

Akron-Fairgrove Schools
Purchase Reflex Math program $4,000

Family Promise of Tuscola County
Purchase materials for children's activities $1,500

Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches
Assist with food pantry, utility and transportation support $5,000

Kingston Community Schools
Support construction of an elementary school crosswalk $6,000

Redemption Hill Ranch
Support equine assisted therapy $2,700

Reese Girls Softball Association
Support building a 6u/8u softball field $5,000

Tuscola ISD/Transition Network
Support 9th grade transition day $800

Unionville-Sebewaing Area FFA Chapter
Support construction of agriculture barn $5,000

USA Early Child Care Center
Purchase security and safety NightLocks $1,912

$2,200
ASHMUN FUND FOR CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES & FINE ARTS

Caro Community Schools
Support construction of greenhouse $2,200

$90,270
BIDDINGER FAMILY FOUNDATION

Cass City Public Schools
Support extra-curricular programs & activities $35,749

Caro Community Schools
Support extra-curricular programs & activities $54,521

$4,000
ALBERTINE & ALFRED BURNS FUND

Millington-Arbela Historical Society
Support the renovation of the museum bathroom $1,200

Millington United Methodist Church
Support music ministry $2,800

$59,435
FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT (FYI) FUND

Caro Community Schools
Purchase decodable library system $2,565

Caro Community Schools
Purchase equipment for ceramics program $6,000

Caro Community Schools
Support construction of student art display panels $3,426

Cass City Jr/Sr High School
Support the purchase of media center furniture $9,426

Columbia Township Library
Purchase a touch table $6,385

Deford Community Church
Support roof replacement and additional storage construction $5,000

Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn
Support construction of a general store $5,000

Reese Girls Softball Association
Support building a 6u/8u softball field $5,000

Rotary Club of Caro
Support community art project $5,000

Unionville-Sebewaing Area FFA Chapter
Support construction of agriculture barn $9,000

Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools
Support USA Patriot Closet $250

Village of Cass City DDA
Purchase infant/toddler swings $1,148

Village of Cass City DDA
Purchase two bike racks $1,235

$500
CARL FRITZ TRANSPORTATION FUND

Transportation support for individuals receiving cancer treatment $500

$1,200
FOUNDERS FUND

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc MI - Caro Chapter
Purchase tools to build beds $600

Village of Cass City Police Department
Support Cass City Public Schools Resource Officer program $600

$2,233
CONNECTIONS HUMAN SERVICES

Connections Human Services
Program Support $2,233

$3,900
CARO ROTARY FOUNDATION FUND

Rotary Club of Caro
Support community art project $3,900

$5,500
CARO AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY AGENCY FUND

Caro Area District Library
Library programming $5,500

$3,662
GREATER MILLINGTON AREA FUND

Great Start Tuscola
Purchase welcome baby bags for newborns in Millington Area — $1,000

Millington-Arbela Historical Society
Install attic insulation at the museum — $2,000

Millington Community Schools
Purchase medical insurance for school support dog — $662

$29,695
GREAT START TUSCOLA IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Dollywood Foundation
Purchase age appropriate books for children ages 0-5 in the TISD service area — $29,695

$4,500
HEALTHY YOUTH/HEALTHY SENIORS

Redemption Hill Ranch
Support equine assisted therapy — $4,500

$1,000
HILLS AND DALES HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

Hills and Dales Healthcare
Purchase nutrition equipment — $1,000

$2,900
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUND

Family Promise of Tuscola County
Transportation support for families — $1,500

Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches
Assist with community food pantry, utility and transportation support — $200

Tuscola Homeless Coalition
Assist families with rent and security deposits — $1,200

$11,000
IMPACT HOPE FOUNDATION

Bluewater YFC Reese Campus
Support Breakfast Club activities — $10,000

Village of Reese Beautification Committee
Support Beautification Committee activities — $1,000



$42,000
WILLIAM & JOANNE KAISER FUND

Habitat for Humanity of Lapeer & Tuscola County
Support purchase of computers and home repairs — $10,000

Millington Ministerial Alliance
Support community service program — $15,000

Millington Community Center
Support community food pantry — $17,000

$106,129
WILLIAM A & RUTH JANKS FUND

Akron-Fairgrove Schools
Purchase books with audio support — $4,502

Caro Area District Library
Purchase an adult sized changing table — $10,357

Caro Community Schools
Purchase a composting system — $477

Caro Community Schools
Purchase equipment for ceramics program — $6,000

Caro Roadhouse Museum & Historical Society
Purchase air conditioning system — $7,400

Cass City Rotary Club
Support "Music in the Park" — $2,000

Cass River Greenway
Construct a kayak access kiosk at Chippewa Landing Park — $3,500

Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County
Purchase sunshine boxes for abused and/or neglected children — $1,000

Elkland Township Fire Department
Purchase extractor to remove carcinogens from firefighting gear — $5,775

Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn
Support construction of general store — $10,000

Friends Old, New & Social "U"
Purchase supplies and equipment — $4,500

Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches
Assist with community food pantry, utility and transportation support — $10,000

Great Start Tuscola
Purchase welcome baby bags for newborns in Tuscola County — $5,000

Hospitiality House of Saginaw
Family Assistance Program support for Tuscola County residents — $1,200

Mayville Area Chamber of Commerce
Support "Music at the Museum" — $800

Mayville Museum of History and Genealogy
Purchase Cub Scout books and supplies — $2,500

Rotary Club of Caro
Support community art project — $16,143

Spring of Life Community Church
Support food pantry program — $2,000

Thumb Blessing Boxes
Support refrigeration pilot program — $2,000

Tuscola County Intermediate School District
Accommodations for Differently Abled Kids Day at Tuscola County Fair — $975

Tuscola Homeless Coalition
Assist families with rent and security deposits — $10,000

$2,800
KIWANIS CLUB OF CARO AREA FUND
Caro Community Schools
Purchase 3D printer $1,400
Great Start Family Coalition
Purchase welcome baby bags for newborns in Tuscola County $1,400

$800
ANNE S LAETHEM FUND
Caro Roadhouse Museum & Historical Society
Purchase an air conditioning system $400
Mayville Museum of History and Genealogy
Support Depot roof replacement $400

$1,400
LIST FAMILY FUND
Rotary Club of Caro
Support community art project $900
Village of Mayville
Support the "Fun with Flowers" project $500

$800
DON LIST FUND FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
Tuscola ISD/Transition Network
Support a community nutrition program $800

$1,800
MAYVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUND
Mayville Community Schools
8th grade trip to State Capitol and Museum $1,500
Mayville Community Schools
Support for the CATS Project $300

$600
MILLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER FUND
Millington Community Center
Support purchase of new refrigerator $600

$3,000
MILLINGTON SCOUT BUILDING FUND
Millington Scout Building
Support for facility maintenance $3,000

$218,500
ORTNER CHARITABLE FUND
Akron-Fairgrove Schools
Purchase Reflex math program $1,000
Visiting Nurses Association
Covenant Healthcare Foundation
Program support $21,000
Field Neuroscience Institute
Program support $21,000
Frankenmuth Arts Council
Program support $4,200
Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn
Support a garage renovation $6,000
Gideon's International
Program support $18,900
Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches
Assist with food pantry, utility and transportation support $1,000
Great Start Family Coalition
Support welcome baby bags for newborns in Tuscola County $2,000
Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library
Purchase age appropriate books for children ages 0-5 in the TISD service area $5,000
Hospital Hospitality House of Saginaw
Family Assistance Program support for Tuscola County residents $1,200
Leader Dogs for the Blind
Program support $18,900
Mayville Museum of History and Genealogy
Installation of vinyl plank flooring $2,500

$33,076
NEAL SISTERS FUND
Akron-Fairgrove Schools
Purchase books with audio support $1,576
Berea College
Program Support $3,500
Caro Area District Library
Support library programming $5,500
Caro Community Schools
Support Youth in Transition program $5,000
Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County
Purchase sunshine boxes for abused/neglected youth $1,000
Degree Forward
Purchase laptops for Tuscola student use $2,000
Family Promise of Tuscola County
Construct shower facilities for homeless families $3,000
Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn
Support construction of general store $5,000
Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library
Purchase age appropriate books for children ages 0-5 in the TISD service area $2,000
Spring of Life Community Church
Support food pantry program $3,000
University of the Cumberlands
Support for academic programs $1,500



Optimal Foundation, Inc
Program support $6,300
Reese Public Schools
Support youth baseball backstop construction $5,500
Shriner's Hospital for Children
Program support $18,900
St. Jude's Research Hospital
Program support $16,800
St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School
Maintenance of the church and school facilities $31,500
The Fowler Center
Support purchase of small animal fencing $3,300
Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn
Support building of general store $21,000
Reese Trinity Lutheran Church Childcare
Support for infant/toddler playground renovation $5,000
Tuscola Homeless Coalition
Assist with rent and security deposits $2,500
Tuscola Township
Support construction of Veteran's Memorial at township cemetery $5,000

$600
DON PETRO FUND
Akron-Fairgrove Elementary School
Support construction of sandbox $500
Reese High School
Support construction of batting tees $100

$859
RAWSON FOUNDATION
Child Fund International
Program support $659
Cass City Promise
Program support $200

$2,500
REESE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BECAUSE WE CARE FUND
Reese Public Schools
Student Support $2,500

$1,000
DR. ED & DOROTHY SCOLLON FAMILY FUND
Cass City Public Schools
Purchase heart monitors for elementary school physical education class $500
Cass City Public Schools
Purchase a 3D printer for high school STEM program $500

Total Awarded:
$685,621

$700
ZUERCHER ENDOWMENT FOR THE MUSICAL ARTS
Caro Community Schools Band Boosters
Drum Major camp support and instrument repairs $700

$1,000
ZIMMER FAMILY FOUNDATION
Christ Lutheran Church
Support Reese area families in need $1,000

$3,000
DALE & PATRICIA WINGERT
Mayville District Public Library
Purchase equipment and support building repairs $1,500
Mayville Museum of History & Genealogy
Support building addition to pavillion $1,500

$9,000
TUSCOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY NEEDS FUND
Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches
Support food pantry, utility and rent assistance $5,000
Vassar Food Pantry & Emergency Fund
Support emergency fund $4,000

$1,000
THUMB AREA CENTER FOR THE ARTS FUND
Rotary Club of Caro
Support community art project $1,000

$900
THINK STRAIGHT A'S - THINK USA ENDOWMENT FUND
Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools
Support gymnasium stadium seating project $900

2025 GRANT AWARDEE PROJECTS

The impact of grant awards is seen in many ways throughout the county.



Established in 2020, **Thumb Blessing Boxes** help fulfill the essential needs of individuals and families.

See https://thumbblessingboxes.org/ for more information.



Cultivate Creativity in Caro is a committee of the Rotary Club of Caro whose goal is to bring public art to the Caro community. Several TCCF Funds have been major supporters of the nine murals completed to date.

See https://carorotaryclub.org/page/cultivate-creativity for more information.



Cass City Jr/Sr High School Media Center students are seen with new furniture purchased with support from the FYI Fund. This Media Center project enhances the learning experience for all in their school.



The **Caro Area District Library** received a grant from the Janks Fund to purchase an adult-sized changing table. Erin Schmandt, Library Director, shows how the library now serves all patrons with dignity by providing essential resources. This project highlights that accessibility for all goes beyond ramps!

For more information visit:

www.changingspacescampaign.com/map

2025 FISCAL YEAR *in review*

DECEMBER 31	2024	2025
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$211,263	$1,189,382
Investments at market value	$25,252,194	$27,712,905
Prepaid Expenses	$1,522	$1,536
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	**$25,464,978**	**$28,903,822**
PROPER TY& EQUIPMENT - AT COST		
Furniture & Equipment	$6,566	$6,566
Less: accumulated depreciation	($5,468)	($6,067)
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - NET	$1,099	$499
TOTAL ASSETS	**$25,466,076**	**$28,904,322**

HIGHLIGHTS

TCCF experienced another year of significant growth in total assets in 2025 – 13.5%. This growth can be attributed to market gains, the development of five (5) new funds, and continued individual donor support. The Foundation's strong financial position provided **over $900,000 in grant awards** towards 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



FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Future Youth Involvement (FYI), the Youth Advisory Council of TCCF, comprised of students from nine Tuscola Intermediate School Districts meet monthly. Philanthropy sets the stage for lots of learning and hands-on work experiences. Large and small breakout group sessions, along with leadership, fundraising and service opportunities – and pizza and snacks – are all part of the fun! FYI members carefully considered applications and awarded $60,000 during spring and fall grant cycles in 2025. FYI has made over **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** in grants since its' inception!

Advisors

Megan Bartolowits

Jackie List-Houser



THE TCCF BOARD, ALONG WITH OUR STAFF AND FYI MEMBERS, WANT TO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR FYI ADVISORS FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP!

THANK YOU, JACKIE AND MEGAN!

FYI
FUTURE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT



FYI members volunteered at the City of Caro Parks and Recreation Committee 'Harvest on the River' celebration.



Graduating FYI Seniors - May 2025 with Advisor Megan Bartolowits



FYI Tip Night benefiting the Homelessness Prevention Fund in partnership with Pizza Hut

through financial consultants in several balanced portfolios. These portfolios are reviewed regularly by the Foundation's Finance Committee with all recommendations forwarded for board approval.

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



2025/2026 FYI Members with Advisors
(bottom row far left Jackie List-Houser & far right Megan Bartolowits)

2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

$500

BENDER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Reese High School - Turn Around Student

DR. DONALD & MARLYS CARR SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

JAN CARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student

ESTHER COLLON GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student

DONALD D & SARA J DOST MSU SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student

DONALD D & SARA J DOST MSU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student

BETTY E & MELVIN R ECKFELD SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student

ED-MAR TREE FARM SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Mayville High School student

ALISON EMMERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One(1) Cass City High School student

GREEN POINT DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Reese High School student

THOMAS H KOCH-PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student

KIWANIS CLUB OF CARO AREA SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Cass City and
One (1) Reese High School student

TUCKER SCHUMACHER MIRACLE SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Reese High School student

COCKERILL-STEVENSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

ROBERT & BARBARA TUCKEY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Cass City High School student

DOROTHY VAN ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

ANTHONY SCOTT WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

HAROLD GATES & GUY WAY SCHOLARSHIP
Two (2) Caro High School students

KIM WHALEN SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Akron-Fairgrove High School student

$400

RALPH & MARCELINE BUBLITZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR REGISTERED NURSES
Two (2) renewal students

KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
Four (4) Kingston High School students

SCEARS FOUNDATION OF AKRON MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

$300

JUSTIN REDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Akron-Fairgrove High School student

STAMATS SCHOLARSHIP
Two (2) Caro High School students

FRANK WALDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School students

$750

REGINALD & LUCILLE ASHMUN SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

DR EARL & MARY BRANDING
One (1) Caro High School student

KINGSTON VFW POST 5371 VETERAN'S FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Kingston High School student

RAY LANGEVIN - CARO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #3224 SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

LOVE FOR LEXI - PAYING IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Cass City High School student

PAT CURTIS AUTO BODY & TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

LLOYD & LULA WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Mayville High School student

$800

MARJORIE & ALLISON GREEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Kingston High School student

CLARE MCDURMON SCHOLARSHIP
Four (4) Caro High School students

$1,000

AAUW CASS CITY SCHOLARSHIP
Three (3) adult female students

LYLE ACKERMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Reese High School student

HARRY BASTONE SCHOLARSHIP
Two (2) Caro High School students

CASS CITY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP
Two (2) Cass City High School student

DR BRUCE J DUNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Reese High School student

FLUEGGE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Cass City High School student

JOHN AND MARY FOESS SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Vassar High School student

OLAF A. GOODELL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro, Two (2) Cass City, Two (2) Kingston,
Two (2) Reese High School students

MARJORIE & ALLISON GREEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Two (2) Kingston High School students

HOUGHTALING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student

CORY MERZ ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP
Two (2) Cass City High School students

KEN MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Mayville, One (1) Millington,
One (1) Vassar High School student

LIBBY TREIBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student

TOM WARGO SCHOLARSHIP
Two (2) Mayville High School students

$1,250

FULLMER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) USA High School student
One (1) Vassar High School student

$1,500

BOB MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Caro High School student

WALLACE & HELEN ZINNECKER SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Cass City High School student

$1,750

CASS CITY JR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP
Four (4) Cass City High School students

$2,000

NEAL SISTERS SCHOLARSHIPS
Three (3) Caro High School students

ALVIN "BUTCH" & LORRAINE "MUTZIE" ORTNER CHARITABLE SCHOLARSHIP
One (1) Frankenmuth High School student
One (1) renewal student

ROLKA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
Ten (10) Caro High School students

ROBERT & MARJORIE ZANDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Four (4) Cass City High School students





540
APPLICATIONS



113
RECIPIENTS

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES



$2,600

TUSCOLA COUNTY COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

One (1) Reese High School student

$3,000

PAUL DELONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ten (10) High School students
awarded between $1,500 - $3,000

RAWSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Two (2) Cass City High School students
Three (3) Cass City renewal students

$4,000

CARO ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

One (1) Caro High School student

$5,000

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Six (6) Mayville High School scholarships
Seven (7) renewal scholarships

Total Awarded: $204,035







TCCF Welcomes FIVE NEW FUNDS!

Generous people continue to have interest in leaving their legacy by creating a new fund, trusting that **Tuscola County Community Foundation** (TCCF) will ensure that their wishes are carried forth FOREVER!

TCCF welcomed these five new funds to the TCCF family, bringing the total number of our active funds to 120.

Lyle Ackerman Family Scholarship
Libby Treiber Memorial Scholarship Fund
Maurice and Dorothy Chapin Scholarship
Thelma Hunt Memorial Education Scholarship, sponsored by Robert W. Zinnecker
Rick Bray and Joseph D. Klobucher Fund



Dorothy and Maurice Chapin signing their new scholarship fund agreement

Happiness is... Having a new roof for our Mayville Museum Depot! Thank you Tuscola Community Foundation for helping us, and everyone supporting us with your garage sale donations during Sunflower Festival weekend.

- Members of the Mayville Museum

WAYS TO REMEMBER AND GIVE

The **Tuscola County Community Foundation** (TCCF) Board of Trustees established the **Tuscola County Memorial Fund** in 2022. The fund allows donors or families who have lost a loved one to make a lasting gift that will honor the memory of their loved one by providing opportunities through grantmaking to residents of Tuscola County in the future. Some donors also choose to honor individuals who are still living.

The following individuals have been memorialized with gifts in 2025, along with those honored, and their donors.

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TCCF invites you to join an incredible group of friends who have invested in our mission and our future through planned giving. This special group of individuals have chosen to include a gift to TCCF in their will or estate plans. Planned gifts of ALL sizes help to fund new and existing programs, scholarship opportunities and more.

Joining is as simple as notifying us of your planned gift intention. TCCF staff are available to assist donors with accomplishing their dreams for building a brighter future through planned giving. Common types of legacy gifts include:

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You are invited to become a part of the future of Tuscola County – to invest in the future of YOUR community. Your gift will 'pay it forward' for years to come.

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The TCCF was established in 1997 and holds assets valued at over $28 million at the end of 2025. Over $10 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 weekdays during normal business hours. 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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