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Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund Available to Local Youth Musicians

Wheatland Music Organization's Scholarship committee, made up of youth and adults, selected Will Beers of Remus for a Jenine Stickler Memorial award to purchase a cello. Orchestra teacher Brittney Brewster said, "Will is very dedicated to his music program at Chippewa Hills. He plays in both band and orchestra. He is always eager to learn something new and to help out in any way of running a rehearsal or performing around the Mt Pleasant area with the orchestra. He intends to seek a degree in music education, in which he will be a great educator in any music classroom." Will was one of six youth that received awards from the Fund during 2014.

In 2009, to celebrate Jenine's commitment to community and the arts, an endowed fund was established within the Mecosta County Community Foundation with contributions from friends and family. Wheatland Music, whose mission is to preserve and present the traditional arts, distributes awards from the Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund's earnings.

Youth ages 3-18 that live or attend school in Mecosta, Osceola, Lake, Newaygo or Montcalm Counties in Michigan who are seeking funding toward art tools such as leased or purchased acoustical musical instruments (violin, bass, piano, flute, etc.) or art supplies/equipment (dance shoes, a potter's wheel, loom, etc.) may apply. Applications may be printed or downloaded from www.wheatlandmusic.org. or call 989-967-8879 and ask that one be mailed to you.



Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund

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Match Day 2014: A Miracle in Mecosta County

November 10 was truly a miracle day in Mecosta County. The Mecosta County Community Foundation set a lofty goal of raising \$1 million in seven hours for local charities and organizations. Not only did they reach that goal, it was exceeded by \$39,000. The 2014 Match Day set an all-time record and exceeded 2013's total by \$116,000!

It was a day to support our local non-profit organizations and a day to honor our veterans through special tributes and opening the event with a color guard ceremony. Current and former serviceman and women were eligible to have their donations matched.

"This year's Match Day happened to also be Veteran's Day," said Deb Patterson, Match Day Chair. "We wanted to do something special for those who served or are currently serving our country by matching their donations. Throughout the day, more than 80 veterans were acknowledged for their service."

Throughout the day,



Color guard opens Match Day 2014

hundreds of people came in and out of the event supporting the 65 nonprofit organizations and 71 endowment funds in Mecosta County. By the end of the evening, four new funds were introduced – the Babb Ford Scholarship, the Wheatland Music Organization Endowment, the Cran-Hill Ranch Endowment and the Batdorff Safety Net.

"It was amazing to see this community pull together and reach a goal that many thought was impossible," said Tim Zehr, foundation president. "I knew it could be done. It is amazing what this area can achieve when working together. And, every dollar raised will stay right here in Mecosta County."

Additional prizes were given to non-profits throughout the day including those that had the best themed booth.

All donations to non-profit charities and to endowed funds within the foundation were matched with funds raised from a \$100,000 match pool (\$10,000 Veterans match pool).

What Match Day Means to a Local Organization

We would like to thank the MCCF board members and Mr. Robert Jordan at the Fremont Area Community Foundation and all the generous donors who made Match Day 2014 happen. Your help is appreciated in spreading the word about what an important asset the library is to our Big Rapids Community. The \$750 prize for the 2nd highest number of donors for the Friends' Endowment Fund was a pleasant surprise.

The Library Renovation benefited with over \$55,000 from Match Day 2011 to 2014 and over \$20,000 was added to the Friends' Endowment. In addition \$25,000 in grants was received from the Friends' Endowment for the renovation.

Again, thank you on behalf of Miriam Andrus, Library Director and the Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library.

– Mary Ryan

Our Brothers Keeper Shelter response to Match Day

Mecosta County Community Foundation's Match Day provided a needed boost to Our Brothers Keeper (OBK) shelter's budget for 2015. OBK is funded primarily by private donors who are delighted to see their contributions grow with the match provided by MCCF. Beyond meeting the shelter's financial needs, participating in Match Day gave OBK an opportunity to inform the many people in attendance about the needs of our homeless population and reminded us that we live in a caring and generous community! OBK Board members, volunteers and guests are very grateful for MCCF's Match Day event and hope it continues to grow successfully every year.

– Pamela Fleming

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Miracle in Mecosta County

Yes! Spring is in the air! The robins are back, the grass is greener, and the days are longer! The thermometer says nearly 60 degrees! When the bluebirds finally arrive, I'll know for sure that summer is not far behind!



Deb Patterson

About this time, 15 years ago, Paula Hampson came to visit me. She was looking for a new board member and she wasn't leaving until I said yes. Thus began my adventure with the Mecosta County Community Foundation! As a new board member I worked with the youth foundation. They go by the name of MCYAC, or as I describe them, our leaders and "givers" of tomorrow. They begin their meetings by passing the "MCYAC" cup around the table and add their money as it goes by. They are always eager to hear what the total is. The money then goes to perhaps a special project they might be working on or into their general fund at the foundation. Stacy Chaput is their MCYAC Mom and believe me, they are in good hands!

We also have 2 new board members. We welcome back Kim Von Kronenberger from Chemical Bank here in Big Rapids. Kim and his family have been out of the area for several years and we are glad he was willing to join us again! Laura Rhoades comes to us from the Pioneer Group and has been very helpful with the newsletter that you are reading today! Thanks Laura! Also joining us from The Fremont Foundation is the new Community Foundation Manager, Maria Gonzalez. Maria is a good communicator and keeps me updated on what is going on in Fremont. Her patience with me and my life as a florist is appreciated!

In closing, I would like to thank you, the generous people of Mecosta County and also all of my MCCF Foundation friends! Without all of you, Tim Zehr's vision of a million dollar day in Mecosta County would never have come true! Thank you for all that you do in Mecosta County!

Welcome New and Returning Board Members

Laura Rhoades

Originally from Toledo, Ohio, Laura has resided in the Big Rapids community since 2010. With a background in PR/Communications, Laura has jumped on board to lead the PR Committee within the organization. She currently works at The Pioneer Group as the Commercial Sales Manager, but previously worked at a marketing/advertising/PR agency in Toledo focusing on public relations efforts in the healthcare industry. In addition to the time she spends giving back to St. Mary School, Laura loves spending time with her two daughters.



Kim von Kronenberger

After leaving the area for a few years, Kim has returned and rejoined the MCCF board. With more than 29 years of experience in the banking and financial services industry, Kim is currently serving as the Community Bank President at Chemical Bank in Big Rapids. Active in the community, Kim serves as President on the Shamrock Invitational Golf Committee, is a Board Member of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation and was Past President of the St. Michael School Board and School Foundation.



MECOSTA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FUND BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

Scott D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship	39,370.63
Angels of Action	17,278.85
Artworks: Big Rapids Area Arts & Humanities	16,873.90
Babb Ford Scholarship	5,000.00
Prabhakara and Sharada Baliga Fund for BRPS Special Education	32,709.58
Barry Barratt Scholarship	25,326.50
Batdorff Safety Net	42,593.59
Charles R. & Marian D. Beadle Advised	30,160.28
Big Rapids Garden Club	11,989.22
Big Rapids Hospital Foundation	19,768.02
Big Rapids Public School Anonymous Scholarship	20,981.48
Big Rapids Realty Advised	33,147.41
Big Rapids Student Success Endowment	10,306.78
Harold Boerma Eagle Scout Scholarship	24,351.61
Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Endowment	13,325.01
Class of 1974, Linda Willette Scholarship	18,300.73
Sarah Marie Comer Memorial	33,739.81
Rita and Jerry Conrad Scholarship	10,182.67
Cran-Hill Ranch Endowment	5,000.00
William F. DuBois II, MD & Catherine DuBois	108,578.08
Eagle Village	38,429.42
Edward Jones Scholarship	4,949.12
Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library	168,555.81
W.I. Godbold Community	10,115.88
A. Donald and Susan H. Grant Advised for Mecosta County	16,295.14
Healthy Youth and Seniors - Mecosta	39,874.48
Horticulture and Technology Scholarship	16,635.28
Lake-Osceola State Bank Community Support	44,025.88
Dennis Lerner Advised	55,642.12
Lerner, Csernai & Fath Financial Group Advised	44,999.48
Little Kevin Hockey Hope	75,079.10
Don MacConnel Fund for Big Rapids Middle School Science	12,117.93
Manna Pantry of Big Rapids Endowment	5,775.00
MCYAC Hope Scholarship	99,083.04
Mecosta County Community Fund Administrative	(20,108.09)
Mecosta County Community Foundation Community Needs	577,954.51
Mecosta County Special Project	117,997.94
Mecosta County EMS	15,870.90
Mecosta County Habitat for Humanity	20,156.75
Mecosta-Osceola Great Start	26,754.10
Mecosta-Osceola United Way - MCCF	22,172.49
Michcon Legacy for Mecosta-Osceola United Way	87,555.54
Mildred A. Miller Swede Hill Park	203,088.80
Robert D. Miller Scholarship	31,634.83
Timothy Misener Charitable - Discretionary	35,741.86
Timothy Misener Charitable - Field of Interest	35,741.86
Ben Mondrella Memorial	49,776.86
Morley Stanwood Education Association Scholarship	14,510.45
Alyce Peterson for Project Starburst	115,053.07
Riley MacKenzie	12,998.65
Riverwalk Endowment	223,342.24
Rotary Club of Big Rapids	44,906.51
The Schindlerle	121,082.50
Schuberg Designated for Immanuel Lutheran Church of BR	22,676.61
Schuberg Designated for St. Mary's Catholic School of BR	145,628.73
Alice Stephenson Schuberg	30,495.04
Carl A. Schuberg	32,308.76
Shamrock Invitational	155,103.70
Solid Ice - Endowment	377,998.82
Solid Ice - Flexible	516.00
Spirit of the Season - Endowment	142,420.98
Spirit of the Season - Flexible	1,113.34
St. Mary's Elementary School Education Enrichment	14,214.74
Scholarship for St. Mary's School	25,342.48
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church	73,785.07
St. Peter's Lutheran School	87,950.24
STAGE-M Leon Keys Memorial Fine Arts Camp	13,967.80
Jenine Stickler Memorial	27,661.70
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Scholarship	30,036.35
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family for Tamarack District Library	17,889.63
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family for Wheatland Township Library	15,015.95
Jacob and Gertrude VanDyke Scholarship	117,942.46
Voca Lyrica Scholarship	18,355.99
Wheatland Music Organization Endowment	12,962.78
Women's Information Services, Inc.	55,044.58
Youth Endowment of Mecosta County	312,348.99
TOTAL	4,617,574.34

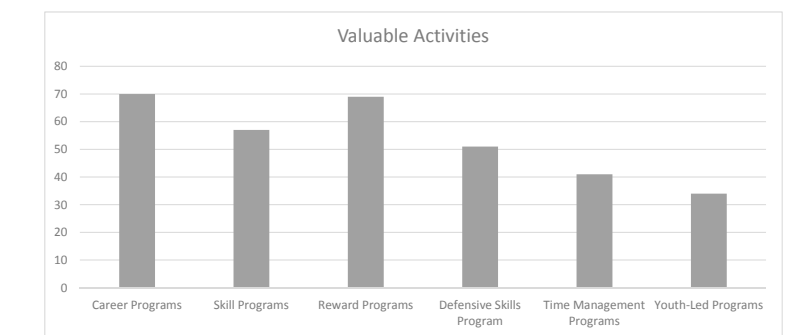
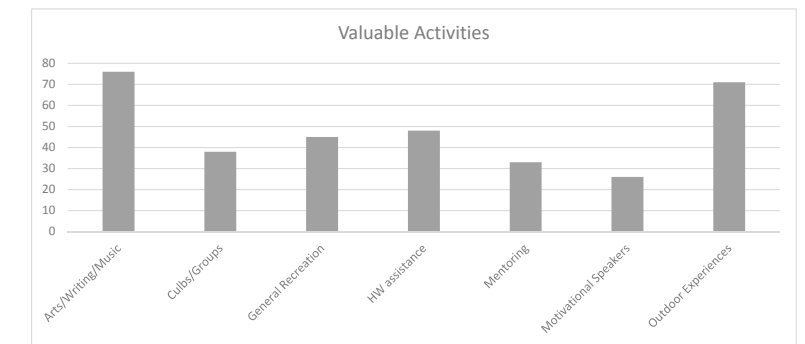
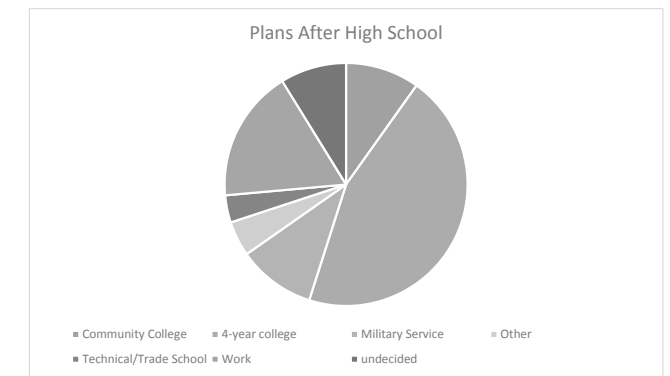
MCYAC Focuses on Area Children

The Mecosta County Youth Advisory Council (MCYAC) has been focused on accessing and meeting the needs of the youth in Mecosta County. A survey was completed from area students to see their thoughts on what is needed in the community. This year's council decided to focus on community service projects of non-profits in our area that help children.

The MCYAC students volunteered time to help at the Angels of Action Angel Ride, worked at the annual Mecosta County Community Foundation's Match Day and participated in a Polar Plunge, which supports our local Special Olympics. In addition, they held a fundraising event called "Card Board City" to raise money for Mecosta County's homeless shelter, Out Brother's Keeper. The students lived overnight in cardboard houses to help raise awareness as well as donations.



Polar Plunge



Fall Grant Recipients

Organization	Program	Amount Approved
Angels of Action	Backpack Blessings	\$ 2,035.00
Barryton Area Mobile Food Pantry	Mobile Food Pantry	\$ 1,650.00
City of Big Rapids	Festival of the Arts	\$ 1,500.00
Chippewa Hills Orchestra Society	Stringed Music Education	\$ 1,500.00
Eagle Village, Inc.	Intervention Services	\$ 1,500.00
Hope House Free Medical Clinic	Filling New Patient Pharmacy Gap	\$ 2,000.00
Morley Stanwood Community Schools	Playground Project	\$ 947.75
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Muscular Dystrophy Association	MDA Summer Camp 2015	\$ 1,600.00
Our Brothers Keeper Shelter	Building Volunteer Capacity	\$ 2,500.00
Remus Area Historical Society	School Section Lake Restoration	\$ 2,500.00
Project Starburst	Transportation Assistance	\$ 1,500.00
United Way of Mason County	2-1-1 Information/Referral Program	\$ 1,000.00
Women's Information Service, Inc.	Women's Night Out	\$ 200.00
MCCF	Match Day	\$ 2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 22,832.75