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GIVING TOGETHER TO ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY

Match Day raises more than \$900,000 in one day!

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BIG RAPIDS — Match Day is a big day in Mecosta County.

A busy day for some folks. A beneficial day for many organizations. A great day for the entire community.

As members of some of the 66 organizations and groups taking part in Match Day 2015 scrambled to get their last display items in place Tuesday morning, Mecosta County Community Foundation President Gary Trimarco grabbed a microphone and kicked off the annual event with words of encouragement.

“This is our sixth annual Match Day,” said Trimarco. “A lot of people have made a tremendous amount of effort to bring this day to where we are and make it a reality.

“This is the largest day of giving in Mecosta County.

“The biggest effort has been made by all those who are here as fundraisers. It is because of the fundraisers that we can make each and every dollar worth more than it would be as an individual donation.”

Trimarco was all smiles as he wandered the floor at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center shaking hands and sharing a few words with those hoping to boost their operational capabilities.

Looking over the often frantic scene, he was more than enthusiastic.

“This is going to be a good day,” he exclaimed. “We’re excited. We don’t need to set goals or be better than some year in the past. We look around and see people excited about doing good things for Mecosta County and that fires us up.

“We are all members of a small community – one of the poorest counties in Michigan. Yet, we have people willing to give with all their hearts. This is such a caring and giving community.

“It is amazing to see folks of every age pass through our doors on Match Day — the kids giving every penny they can.”

On the floor, fundraisers from Angels of Action to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and from the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly to Manna Pantry, and from schools to animal shelters and many more were busy logging donations and adding up the figures.

All appreciated the atmosphere and enthusiasm throughout the room.

“This is really a great opportunity for the Special Olympics,” said Nicholas Boyd. “This is a good day to raise money for our cause. We do a lot of fundraising but this is one of the biggest one-day fundraising efforts we take part in.”

“We did very good last year, raising almost \$3,000,” added Pat Rosales, also from the Special Olympics team. “We expect to do as well this year, and we’re already on our way!”

During a lunchtime visit, Big Rapids Middle School Student Council representative Savannah Seath stopped by the Special Olympics booth to turn over a \$40 donation.

“This is fun, and we’re really happy to be able to give,” said Seath.

BRMS counselor Julie Jancek is proud of her kids.



“This is a great experience for kids,” she said. “It’s not only a good day to give, but our young people can see how the community in which they live cares about others.

“Our students had 11 checks for \$40 each to distribute to funds they supported. They are having fun.”

Just after lunchtime, event organizing committee member Tim Zehr announced Match Day donations had reached \$400,000.

The news fired up those in the conference center.

Members of the Remus Area Historical Society were hoping for a good outcome.

“We are expecting good things,” said Linda Howard, of the fundraising committee. “We are well on our way to our goal and expect to start work preserving the Old Stone Pavilion at School Section Lake in the spring.

“We hope to get a real boost today. We also expect to get some donations at the end of the year and through late-year grants.

“Last year’s Match Day really jumpstarted our effort and we expect good things this year as well.”

All through the afternoon, donors filed in — both in groups and on their own. School children and senior citizens alike turned over large and small donations to their favorite charity, cause or fund. Every penny helped.

By day’s end, folks in the conference room were tired, but happy.

And the final tally was announced.

With some donations still uncounted, with some pledges outstanding and with some paperwork still in the hopper, the 2015 Match Day campaign raised a total of nearly \$775,000. **(See page 2 for additional story)**

“This day exceeded my expectations,” said Trimarco with a huge smile. “We are going to be very, very close to \$4 million raised over the past six years.

“It is stunning.

ONE MORE DONATION

Late \$100,000 gift bumps Match Day total to more than \$900,000!

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BIG RAPIDS — As members of fundraising organizations and groups left the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center following the close of the 2015 Match Day, Mecosta County Community Foundation staff and technical supporters stayed behind much later to wrap up figuring and cross-referencing the numbers.

And then, ... one more donation was logged.

A single donation to the tune of \$100,000 (officially confirmed early Wednesday) came in to boost the one-day total fundraising effort to \$910,000.

"We are just thrilled," said foundation Match Day event committee member Laura Rhoades. "I'm left without words at the tremendous generosity expressed in this unexpected gift."

MCCF board member Tim Zehr explained the anonymous donors were a couple recently having moved into the extended Big Rapids and Mecosta County neighborhood.

"This couple had been invited to visit our Match Day gathering on Tuesday and to meet folks from throughout the community. They were so impressed with the giving spirit and cooperative effort that they wanted to be a part of the experience," he said.

"They were excited by the number of nonprofits and organizations, so obviously working together to make Mecosta County a better place to live for all its residents.

"They were inspired to make a gift. In my experience with the foundation, we have never received a gift like this."

The \$100,000 will be placed in the Community Needs Fund.

"Every single person in our county will benefit from the wide-ranging use of these monies," Zehr said.

"I — and every person involved with the foundation — am so very grateful for the spirit of community expressed in this gift."



MECOSTA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FUND BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Fund Name	Balance
Scott D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship	35,683.52
Angels of Action	16,714.79
Artworks: Big Rapids Area Arts & Humanities	16,033.19
Babb Ford Scholarship	6,922.79
Prabhakara and Sharada Baliga Fund for BRPS Special Education	33,830.53
Barry Barratt Scholarship	23,521.73
Batdorff Safety Net	47,648.49
Charles R. & Marian D. Beadle Advised	28,816.68
Big Rapids Garden Club	11,378.66
Big Rapids Hospital Foundation	7,407.29
Big Rapids Hospital Foundation Agency	11,320.62
Big Rapids Public School Anonymous Scholarship	25,399.64
Big Rapids Realty Advised	34,520.08
Big Rapids Student Success Endowment	9,827.83
Harold Boerma Eagle Scout Scholarship	21,848.12
Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Endowment	1,276.55
Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Agency Endowment	10,812.99
Class of 1974, Linda Willette Scholarship	16,688.35
Sarah Marie Comer Memorial	31,772.38
Rita and Jerry Conrad Scholarship	13,457.15
Cran-Hill Ranch Agency Endowment	7,422.79
William F. DuBois II, MD & Catherine DuBois	123,369.22
Eagle Village	38,958.19
Edward Jones Scholarship	7,011.80
Friends of the Big Rapids Community Library	160,988.90
W.I. Godbold Community	9,531.03
A. Donald and Susan H. Grant Advised for Mecosta County	15,885.53
Healthy Youth and Seniors - Mecosta	36,172.83
Horticulture and Technology Scholarship	15,852.81
Lake-Osceola State Bank Community Support	41,546.23
Dennis Lerner Advised	54,438.45
Lerner, Csernai & Fath Financial Group Advised	44,303.49
Little Kevin Hockey Hope	66,832.90
Don MacConnel Fund for Big Rapids Middle School Science	11,474.26
Manna Pantry of Big Rapids Endowment	9,560.83
MCYAC Hope Scholarship	91,652.95
Mecosta County Community Fund Administrative	4,022.74
Mecosta County Community Foundation Community Needs	540,120.89
Mecosta County Special Project	23,014.34
Mecosta County EMS	14,959.02
Mecosta County Habitat for Humanity	16,219.90
Mecosta County Habitat for Humanity Agency	2,807.61
Mecosta-Osceola Great Start	25,349.98
Mecosta-Osceola United Way - MCCF	13,585.39
Mecosta-Osceola United Way - MCCF Agency	7,911.92
Michcon Legacy for Mecosta-Osceola United Way	78,975.58
Mildred A. Miller Swede Hill Park	191,361.16
Robert D. Miller Scholarship	29,105.36
Timothy Misener Charitable - Discretionary	31,694.01
Timothy Misener Charitable - Field of Interest	33,794.36
Ben Mondrella Memorial	47,359.72
Morley Stanwood Education Association Scholarship	13,664.62
Alyce Peterson for Project Starburst	104,506.51
Riley MacKenzie	12,600.22
Riverwalk Endowment	210,448.88
Rotary Club of Big Rapids	42,306.55
The Schinderle	107,673.71
Schuberg Designated for Immanuel Lutheran Church of BR	21,351.52
Schuberg Designated for St. Mary's Catholic School of BR	132,187.19
Alice Stephenson Schuberg	27,538.73
Carl A. Schuberg	33,537.41
Shamrock Invitational	146,109.99
Solid Ice - Endowment	357,055.85
Solid Ice - Flexible	516.00
Spirit of the Season - Endowment	134,087.56
Spirit of the Season - Flexible	1,113.34
St. Mary's Elementary School Education Enrichment	8,735.37
St. Mary's Elementary School Education Enrichment Agency	4,432.35
Scholarship for St. Mary's School	25,788.46
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church	26,900.37
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Agency	43,552.64
St. Peter's Lutheran School	84,018.28
STAGE-M Leon Keys Memorial Fine Arts Camp	13,156.60
Jenine Stickler Memorial	25,336.98
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family Scholarship	27,269.30
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family for Tamarack District Library	16,282.69
Ken and Aletha Sutherland Family for Wheatland Township Library	13,579.23
Jacob and Gertrude VanDyke Scholarship	107,896.80
Voca Lyrica Scholarship	17,415.42
Wheatland Music Organization Agency Endowment	14,191.76
Women's Information Services, Inc.	43,203.70
Women's Information Services, Inc. Agency	9,247.81
Youth Endowment of Mecosta County	288,781.25
TOTAL	4,314,652.66

MCCF Welcomes New Board Members

Tom Tacia

Having grown up in Big Rapids, Tom Tacia takes pride in giving back to the Mecosta County community which he has been a part of for so many years. Owner of Tacia Wealth Management, Tom is an independent investment advisor. He received a B.A. in economics from the University of Montana and has been in the financial services business since 2004. In addition to helping people manage their assets, Tom also serves on the finance committee for St. Mary School and on the boards of Friends of Ferris, The Shamrock Invitational, and Spirit of the Season. He currently lives in Canadian Lakes with his wife Tracie and their two children, Libbie and Torrie.

Debra Jacks

A long-time member of the Mecosta County community, Debra Jacks has recently joined the MCCF board. She currently serves as the Director of Operations for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association. Since joining the board, she has been hands-on helping with Match Day 2015.

Please welcome both of these new MCCF board members!

Fall Grants Awarded to Local Organizations



On behalf of the Mecosta-Osceola Youth Attention Center, Amy Eddinger accepts a grant from MCCF board member Gary Trimarco.



MCCF board member Tom Tacia presents a grant to Lynne Russell from the United Way of Mason County to support their 211 Information and referral program.

Grantee	Program Total	Approved
Angels of Action	Filling the Holiday Stocking	\$1,000.00
Artworks	Arts Education Program	\$2,368.00
Barryton Area	Mobile Food Pantry Barryton Area Mobile Food Pantry	\$1,650.00
Big Rapids Public Schools	Technology for Middle School Science	\$450.00
Big Rapids Public Schools	One School, One Book	\$400.00
Big Rapids Public Schools	Robotics	\$1,000.00
City of Big Rapids	Festival of the Arts	\$2,000.00
Cran-Hill Ranch	Community Winter Fest	\$2,500.00
Mecosta-Osceola Youth Attention Center, Inc.	Outreach Services	\$4,500.00
Ronald McDonald House of Western MI	Family Support Program	\$2,500.00
St. Mary's Elementary School	Helping Hands	\$400.00
United Way of Mason County	2-1-1 Information and Referral Program	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$19,768.00