

Dear Partners and Friends,

We are excited to share our 2024 - 2025 Annual Report calendar with you. Since 1947 we have been dedicated to our Mission: *We Connect People and Resources to Causes that Strengthen and Build our Community*. Our commitment is to provide superior stewardship and support to our donors as we work together to make a meaningful difference in our community. Through grantmaking, we strive to identify and support nonprofits doing the "boots on the ground" work to provide real solutions to the issues facing Jackson County. We believe everyone has the potential to inspire positive change. Here are three ways you can help:

Donate: Your donation matters...no matter the amount. Gifts to the Community Needs Fund are pooled with other donations, multiplying the impact of your gift! Grants from this fund are flexible, to meet our community's emerging needs. A volunteer committee reviews applications to identify the programs and services with the potential to do the most good.

Start a Fund: By choosing to establish an endowment fund, you are taking a meaningful step toward fulfilling your philanthropic goals while creating a lasting legacy for you and your family. Since most contributions are permanently endowed, meaning they are permanently invested to produce income, the income earned is then used to support the causes you care most about. This allows the fund to continue to grow and provide income to help our community long after we are gone.

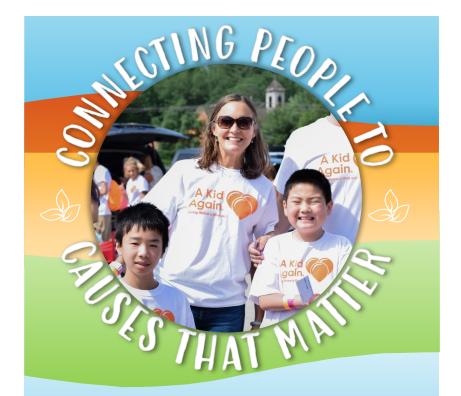
Volunteer: Whether you are an accounting expert or want a short-term job reviewing scholarship application, we have something for you! Check out our open volunteer positions at jacksoncf.org.

No matter how you choose to help, know you are supporting an organization that has been focused on this community for over 75 years. Together, we can inspire hope and positive change for *all citizens* of Jackson County.

With a grateful heart, Monica Moser

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President & ¢EC



In 2023, A Kid Again - Michigan Chapter received a \$3,000 grant from the Youth Advisory Committee's (YAC) Youth Mental Health Grant Round. The grant was selected by YAC committee members, 8th–12th grade students in Jackson County. For more information on YAC, check out March!

Cover: In 2022, The Berlet Fund for Nature was created with a \$5.1M dollar bequest from the estate of Myrna Berlet. The Fund is a Donor Designated Fund providing annual income to the Dahlem Conservancy. It is also an Individually Managed Fund which allows the fund to keep its investment advisor. Since established, over \$623,000 has been granted to the Dahlem Conservancy.

*Pictured: Meridian Wealth Management Advisor Karen Barnes, Dahlem Executive Director Hannah Schauer, and Monica Moser, Jackson Community Foundation

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JACKSON COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



The Jackson County Child Advocacy Center opened in 2012 to serve children who are victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or witness to a violent crime. In 2023, JCF made a grant to their expansion project providing a larger meeting room, additional offices, and an improved interview space, offering a better system of care for children in need.

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March



The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was established in 1989 through a challenge grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Kellogg's intent was to establish youth as philanthropists and build permanent endowment funds to meet youth-related needs within each community. Since 1989, our YAC has distributed more than \$1M to Jackson County non-profits to benefit youth. In 2014, YAC joined a handful of other foundations when the Board approved two YAC Committee Member 's to serve as Trustees and voting members of the Board. If you know of a Jackson County student in 8th-12th grade who would like to join, email jcf@jacksoncf.org for details!

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GROW JACKSON

Grow Jackson has a three-pronged approach to provide fresh food and education to our community and end food insecurity in Jackson. Food Rescue: A partnership with local grocers to provide fresh food for the community while keeping food from being wasted in our landfills. Community Gardening: Grow Jackson operates six gardens throughout the county to provide thousands of pounds of fresh food for those in need. Garden Education: Each summer hundreds of kids from Jackson are given a unique educational experience to learn how to grow their own healthy food.

Since 2021, Grow Jackson has received over \$49,000 in grant funding.

CARTER WICKWIRE SOCIETY

Matthew D. and -Sharon A. Augustine Mary Baird Jackie and Jerry Booth Carole and John Briggs John and Lisa Butterfield Susan Diebold Georgia and Travis Fojtasek Jim and Joyce Grace

Mary Theresa Mills Family Rick Sigers Sandra Svoboda Ric Walton Carlene Walz Dale Moretz Richard Allen Iverson Monica Moser and - Steven Trosin

The Carter and Wickwire Society is a distinctive group of individuals who have made a commitment to our community's future and created a legacy for their families by naming the Jackson Community Foundation in their estate plan.

Chad Noble Hendrik and -Stephanie Schuur Marcia MacCready Chad Noble Drs. James and -Wendelyn Serino We honor the following individuals who left JCF in their estate plan and fulfilled their bequest upon their death: Larry Anto Jody Bacon Fred J. and -Rachel B. Kulas Al Spiess, Jr. Barbara Truax

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2024 marked the CCAC's 10th year of providing a Summer Outreach program. The CCAC connected with students at a variety of community venues to introduce college and career planning and to encourage students to look into the STEM field, by teaching them about robotics. This year the CCAC brought robotics to the YMCA, the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, and Isaiah's Hub. During robotics lessons, students learn to build, program using a coding software, and run the robots.

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS CENTER

The College & Career Access Center (CCAC) opened its doors to the community in May of 2008; assisting both traditional and non-traditional students in attaining their education and career goals. The CCAC has faithfully supported local school districts to improve student success in three ways:

- Ensuring that students are prepared to enter college or begin their career
- Facilitating navigation through the 'college access' process
- Providing comprehensive information on all financial aide options

The CCAC has received over \$500,000 in grant awards with over \$284,000 from the Dream Maker Fund, a component fund of the Foundation to support STEM related programs.

FOR ALL YOUR COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING NEEDS

VISIT THE CCAC IN THE JACKSON CROSSING

- COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
- **FINANCIAL AID**
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- Senrollment Steps
- Sector Resumes
- JOB APPLICATIONS

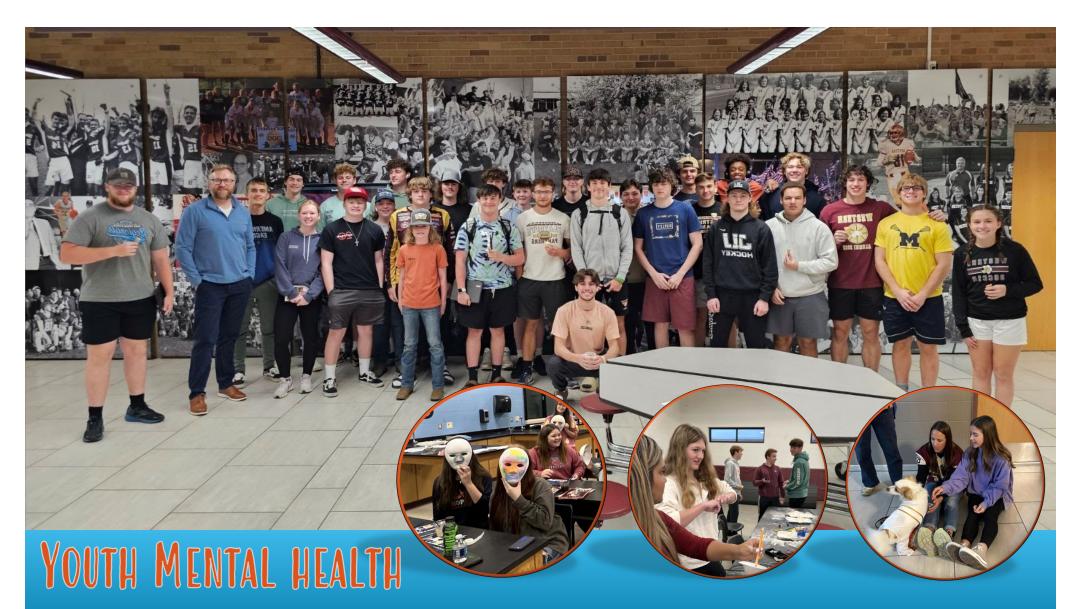
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In 2023, Western High School received a grant from the Youth Advisory Committee's Youth Mental Health grant round. Their first initiative was to host a mental health awareness day for students and staff. They brought in 25 organizations to present to our students on physical and mental health issues. Students rotated through four presentations assigned by class to attend with their teachers. Each class attended a variety of hands-on and informational sessions. Students participated in art therapy, music therapy, learned about addictions, and were taught coping skills. The day ended with an ice cream celebration. Approximately 800 students and 50 staff members participated. One student's feedback said, "I enjoyed the speaker Mike Hurst, he was very good at covering such a harmful and tough topic. And I also liked that there was more interactive stations like painting and music".

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75 Years!

75,000 Dollars!

2,500

Ballots

Cast!

<u>COMMUNITY CHOICE GRANT</u>

In 2023, in celebration of our 75th Anniversary, JCF held a Community Choice Grant Round. The community selected our Top Ten recipients to receive a \$7,500 grant! In addition, all other applicants received a special \$750 grant!

In 2023, JCF made gave over **\$2.15 M** in grants & scholarships! Go to jacksoncf.org

\$750 Grant

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Cash	\$380,825	\$521,280	\sim	Contributions	\$4,071,215	\$3,674,410
Receivables	18,158	30,841	\bigcirc	Net Investment Income	5,441,347	(6,290,779)
Prepaid Expenses	2,634	4,297		Change in Value Beneficial	659,064	(865,155)
Total Current Assets	401,617	556,418		Interest		
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Furniture & Equipment, Net	37,889	48,331	•			
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Current Liabilities	\$85,311	\$69,060	2	Other Program Services	252,993	267,134
Assets Held for Agency Funds	2,238,721	1,944,681		Total Program Services	2,347,860	2,285,690
Operating Lease	183,670	223,217	2	Management and General	374,941	308,301
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,507,702	2,236,958		Fundraising	146,164	113,368
NET ASSETS				TOTAL EXPENSES	2,868,965	2,707,359
Without Donor Restrictions	41,169,885	35,174,923		Change in Net Assets	7,350,611	(6,137,843)
With Donor Restrictions	5,899,727	4,534,078		Net Assets - Beginning of Year	39,709,001	45,846,844
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$49,567,314	\$41,945,959		NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$47,059,612	\$39,709,001



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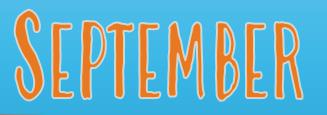
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COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AND LEADERSHIP

In 2020, the Jackson City Council unanimously voted to create the MLK Corridor Improvement Authority, a group dedicated to redevelopment efforts along MLK Drive and Prospect Street. The MLK Corridor Improvement Authority is a ten-member board that directs planning and investments for this initiative. Their mission is to promote economic growth and development by aiding in the reinvestment and revitalization of property and supporting community and business opportunities within its district area.

In 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) granted over \$6M in federal funding for improvements to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive from South Street to Morrell Street. Planned enhancements include pedestrian safety measures, stormwater infrastructure, street lights, and other street and traffic flow improvements. JCF engaged in a contract to be the backbone support of the grantmaking process. This work included building the grant application, recruiting community members to serve on the grant committee, and facilitating the grant decision-making process - all to support the development and investment of new businesses and existing businesses along the corridor.



In the first round of grants in 2023, Mikey's Barbershop, owned by Michael Parker (picture courtesy of MLIVE), received \$50,000 to add 400 square feet to its 225-square-foot building. Mikey's was approved for an additional \$25,000 in 2025, which will help replace the roof and fill in missing trusses. Michael is a retired police officer who was invited by the Governor to serve on the States Board of Barber Examiners. His barbershop isn't just a place to cut hair but it is also a cultural gathering place for community members to come together.

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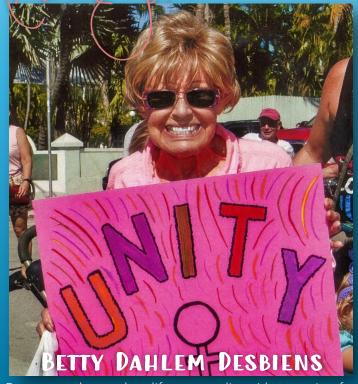
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Betty was a larger than life personality with a passion for Jackson County and a heart for nature. In 2003, she established the Jackson County Parks Association Fund to support our beautiful parks. She was a doer and worked with many area nonprofits to improve our community. Her second home was in Key West. In 1988 she converted a neglected city-run garden into the Key West Botanical Garden Society complete with a Board of Directors and educational staff.

Betty continued her work in Jackson by establishing the Betty Dahlem Endowment Fund in 2015. After funding and volunteering at many different organizations, she chose four of her most beloved non-profits as benefactors; the Cascades Humane Society, the Key West Botanical Garden Society, the Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society, and the Aware Shelter. Betty passed in 2023 but with the legacy she created through her Fund, she is able to continue her support for generations to come!

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In 2006, David J. Ogle started a fund to keep the memory of his son alive and support families affected by substance abuse. This year, David's sister, Tonni Ogle, married James Chapel, reconnecting after nearly 48 years. To celebrate and continue to grow the fund, the bride and groom requested donations to the David J. Ogle II Memorial Fund instead of gifts, celebrating their special day by honoring the legacy of Tonni's brother.

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Left to right: Kelly, Monica, Lisa, Monica, Cindy, and Erik. *not pictured Dana

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