



Michigan Gateway community foundationSM

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Fostering a community of philanthropy,
for good, forever.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and our area boards from Buchanan, Niles and Cass County, it is my absolute privilege to serve as President of Michigan Gateway Community Foundation. It is truly remarkable to be a part of an organization that changes so many lives. The hard work of the staff, board members and community partners continue to create opportunity and advance the local nonprofit sector to new levels of engagement.



Michael Rowland | President & CEO

With the continued support of a caring community, we received contributions from 258 individuals, businesses and organizations totaling \$429,086. With this community support we were able to make considerable difference. As a Foundation, we made 271 grant and scholarship awards for a total of \$750,334. These funds were able to provide for great projects like operational support for the Child Care Network of YMCA of Greater Michiana, to help extend the McCoy Creek Trail, and provide vital financial support for young people pursuing post-secondary education through our scholarship programs just to name a few. The work of the Foundation was broad and equitable across the service area.

The past year has also been a period of considerable uncertainty as we deal with the remnants of a pandemic that changed all of our lives. We are experiencing rampant inflation, economic worries and general division of communities across the country. We hope to make our community an outlier in regard to these issues. That is exactly why organizations like Michigan Gateway Community Foundation exists - to bridge the issues of our times with our promise of creating a strong, vibrant, caring community. With your help, we can continue to create opportunity and foster growth regardless of any short-term issues of our times.

THANK YOU once again. Your caring support allows us to deliver on our mission of fostering a community of philanthropy, for good, forever.

Warmest regards,

Michael P. Rowland
President & CEO

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Vision Statement: Creating a strong, vibrant, caring community.

Mission Statement: Fostering a community of philanthropy, for good, forever.

IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION, THE FOUNDATION SEEKS TO:

- Responsibly and wisely manage the Foundation's resources by attracting and holding permanent endowments from a wide range of donors.
- Anticipate and address community needs by effectively distributing Foundation resources.
- Serve all donors through a variety of giving opportunities. Bring together diverse interests in search of common solutions.
- Dedicate the Foundation to fairness, objectivity, and responsiveness to all those seeking its philanthropic services.

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HOME OF THE  BUCHANAN PROMISE



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Program Officer
YAC & Kickstart To Career



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Program Officer
Buchanan Promise & Scholarships



Caitlyn Tucker
Administrative Intern

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

We invite you to contact us to obtain any further information that may be useful to you. The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is fully accountable to the donors and citizens of the community. Our records, with the exception of specific donor gift information, are public. An independent financial audit is completed annually and is available upon request. The Foundation will also make our Form 990 (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return) available for public review. The Foundation's Board of Trustees is responsible for the investment oversight on our portfolio. Investment information and fees charged (administrative fees) are available to the public upon request.

Since the creation of voluntary compliance with National Standards in 2006, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation has been confirmed each year to be in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, as evaluated by the Council of Foundations, Washington, D.C.

Additional information can be found on the web, at www.guidestar.org



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022 AND 2021

	2022 TOTAL	2021 TOTAL
ASSETS		
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	513,521	467,547
Administrative fee receivable	29,327	28,588
Investments	26,211,729	25,379,237
In-kind inventory	159	159
Prepaid expenses	7,597	7,497
Property and equipment, net	52,478	57,211
Total Assets	26,814,811	25,940,239
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	671	671
Payroll taxes and employee benefits payable	255	333
Administrative fee payable	29,327	28,588
Annuities payable	720	720
Funds held as agency endowments	1,475,384	1,412,556
Total Liabilities	1,506,357	1,442,868
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	300,633	257,042
Designated	24,025,731	23,278,271
Donor-advised	687,844	675,231
With donor restrictions		
Restricted by purpose or time	294,246	286,827
Total Net Assets	25,308,454	24,497,371
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	26,814,811	25,940,239

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2021)

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	2022 TOTAL	2021 TOTAL
PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES				
PUBLIC SUPPORT				
Contributions	346,916	51,802	398,718	235,192
Total Public Support	346,916	51,802	398,718	235,192
REVENUES				
Administrative fee revenue	355,740		355,740	314,783
Interfund and grant refunds	31,367		31,367	18,500
Special project and grant income	-	5,500	5,500	4,500
Dividend and interest income	624,718	1,669	626,387	485,448
Realized gains	812,894		812,894	209,022
Unrealized appreciation (appreciation)	147,119		147,119	6,684,191
Other income				
Total revenues	1,971,838	7,169	1,979,007	7,716,444
Net assets released from restrictions	51,552	(51,552)		
Public support and revenues attributable to funds held as agency endowments	(128,387)		(128,387)	(445,243)
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES	2,241,919	7,419	2,249,338	7,506,394
EXPENDITURES				
Program services	1,300,851		1,300,851	1,153,559
Management and general	136,003		136,003	121,944
Fundraising	66,960		66,960	77,222
Total expenses before expenses attributable to funds held as agency endowments	1,503,814		1,503,814	1,352,725
Expenses attributable to funds held as agency endowments	(65,559)		(65,559)	(55,439)
Total Expenditures	1,438,255		1,438,255	1,352,725
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	803,664	7,419	811,083	6,209,108
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	24,210,544	286,827	24,497,371	18,288,263
NET ASSETS, end of year	25,014,208	294,246	25,308,454	24,497,371

To our Service Community:

For the previous year, it has been my great pleasure to serve the foundation's geographic areas as Chairman for The Board of Trustees with the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation. I am only the second person tasked to do so since our humble beginnings in 1977. Having the opportunity to accomplish work that improves the lives of people within our community, has been exciting and rewarding for me. Our success is through the efforts of the hard-working volunteers and nonprofit partners we support, not just our staff alone. For that, we thank YOU.

Our goal is to focus on three areas of impact – Education, Healthcare & Culture. We are pleased that we were able to accomplish great improvements in these three areas through the distribution of grant and scholarship awards. These awards provided significant opportunities for our member communities of Buchanan, Niles, Dowagiac, Cassopolis, Edwardsburg and Marcellus. We continued to foster our partnerships with great organizations like the Buchanan Fine Arts Council, YMCA of Greater Michiana and Spectrum Lakeland. These are just some examples where our work has made a forever difference.

It was the hope of community leaders forty-five years ago that our organization could fill the gap between private and public spending for causes beyond their capacity. We are continuing to deliver on that promise of impactful work. With your unwavering support, we look forward to helping to fulfill projects and support our communities for good, forever.

On behalf of the Michigan Gateway Foundation Trustees and Community Board Members, I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely yours,
Karin Falkenstein
Chairman, Board of Trustees



**Karin Falkenstein | Chairman,
Board of Trustees**



NEW FUNDS ADDED IN 2021-2022

Buchanan Summer Concert Series
Diamond Lake Yacht Club Youth
Sailing
Buchanan Area Senior Center Fund
Thaddeus Russel Stephens Memorial
Scholarship
Jason Kuntz History Club
Scholarship
Buchanan High School Class of 1979

LEGACY SOCIETY

Often, caring people remember Michigan Gateway Community Foundation in their wills, but are not recognized for their gifts to their favorite charitable cause until they pass away. The Legacy Society was created to acknowledge people who have made a bequest and give their permission to the Foundation to use their names to encourage others to act charitably during their lifetimes.

Building on the foresight of our founding members, these people have made endowment gifts totaling more than \$10,000, or have notified the Foundation of a planned gift through their estate, or via a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, or similar planned gift vehicle.

Thank you for including Michigan Gateway Community Foundation in your charitable gift plan!

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2021-2022 GRANTS

Arts, Culture, Humanities

Buchanan Art Center, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$4,368
Buchanan Art Center, <i>For HVAC Repairs</i>	\$8,000
Buchanan Art Center, <i>Support of Programs</i>	\$20,000
Buchanan Art Center, <i>Support of Programs</i>	\$10,000
City of Buchanan, <i>Tin Shop Theatre Lighting & Tech Upgrade</i>	\$7,860.82
Performing Arts Workshops, <i>Intern Program</i>	\$2,500
Wasserman Music, LLC, <i>Distribution from Designated Fund</i>	\$8,000

Community Improvement/Capacity Building

Buchanan Preservation Society, <i>Distribution from Designated Fund</i>	\$764
City of Buchanan, <i>Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Pledge</i>	\$12,000
City of Buchanan, <i>Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Pledge</i>	\$1,622
City of Buchanan, <i>Alley Improvements for Desenberg Alley</i>	\$10,000
Hudson Memorial Building, <i>Distribution from Designated Fund</i>	\$6,332
WNIT, <i>The St. Joe River Documentary</i>	\$2,500

Education/Instruction

Buchanan Community Schools, <i>Weight Room Restoration</i>	\$8,000
Buchanan Community Schools, <i>Special Ed Teacher Tuition Reimbursement</i>	\$3,642
Buchanan Community Schools, <i>Handbells for Elementary Music Class</i>	\$478
Buchanan Community Schools, <i>Buchanan Music Program</i>	\$1,295
Buchanan Community Schools, <i>Band Equipment</i>	\$7,167.49
Buchanan District Library, <i>Remodeling</i>	\$14,024
Cass District Library, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$221
Cassopolis Public Schools, <i>Support of Cass FFA</i>	\$1,382
Dowagiac Union Schools, <i>Lyons Reading Program</i>	\$2,500
Lewis Cass Intermediate School District, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$1,199
Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library, <i>Distribution from Designated Fund</i>	\$6,332
Niles Community Schools, <i>Culture Club Posters & Stickers</i>	\$350
Niles Community Schools, <i>#OneChoice Books for Allied Health Class</i>	\$500
Niles Community Schools, <i>Uniforms for Explosive Track Club</i>	\$500
Niles Community Schools, <i>Distribution from Designated Fund</i>	\$1,200
Niles District Library, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$1,738

Environmental Quality, Protection & Beautification

Cass County Parks, <i>River Restoration for the Dowagiac River</i>	\$4,050
Fernwood Botanical Garden, <i>Distribution from Designated Fund</i>	\$1,908
Fernwood Botanical Garden, <i>Distribution from Designated Fund for Kathy's Garden</i>	\$2,511
Fernwood Botanical Garden, <i>Final Distribution from Fund</i>	\$122.45
Fernwood Botanical Garden, <i>PA System Upgrade Pledge</i>	\$12,875

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture

Diamond Cove Missionary Church, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Program</i>	\$2,128.54
Harding's #366, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Easter Break Voucher Program</i>	\$801.59
Hardings #366, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Program</i>	\$462.71
St. Ann Parish, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Program</i>	\$1,518
The Christ Temple Church, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Program</i>	\$1,112.65
United Methodist Church of Cassopolis, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Program</i>	\$1,755
United Methodist Church of Cassopolis, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Program</i>	\$419.53
United Presbyterian Church, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Program</i>	\$1,260
Word of Life Family Worship, <i>Sam Adams Backpack Program</i>	\$1,215

Health, General & Rehabilitative

Berrien County Cancer Service, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$901
Eversight, <i>Cornea Surgeries for Underserved</i>	\$4,000
Lakeland Health Physician Services, <i>Pledge Agreement Installment Dr. Wedde</i>	\$20,000
LifeCare Ambulance Service, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$518
Spectrum-Lakeland Healthcare Auxillary, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$1,456
Spectrum Health, <i>Bariatric & Heart Center Niles Pledge</i>	\$8,333.33

Housing, Shelter

City of Niles, <i>Home Repairs for Income Qualified Homeowners</i>	\$10,000
City of Niles, <i>Home Repairs for Income Qualified Homeowners</i>	\$5,688

Human Service-Multipurpose/Other

Buchanan Area Senior Center, <i>Support for the Russell Stephens Memorial Room</i>	\$5,000
Cass County Council on Aging, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$8,936
Cass County Council on Aging, <i>Adult Day Service Program</i>	\$10,000
Greater Niles Senior Center, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$1,184
Redbud Area Ministries, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$18,979
United Way of Southwest Michigan, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$8,537
YMCA of Greater Michiana, <i>Kid Care Network</i>	\$10,000

Mental Health/Crisis Intervention

Community Healing Centers, <i>Outpatient Treatment at Carol's Hope</i>	\$10,000
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Philanthropy, Voluntarism & Grant Making Foundations

Council of Michigan Foundations, <i>CMF Membership Dues</i>	\$3,800
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Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness/Relief

Marcellus Area Emergency Services Assoc., <i>Distribution from Designated Fund</i>	\$6,552
Newberg Fire & EMS Association, <i>Distribution from Designated Fund</i>	\$6,332
Redbud Area Ministries, <i>Support of Buchanan Apartment Fire Victims</i>	\$380

Recreation, Leisure & Sports, Athletics

Cass County Fair Association, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$1,686
Diamond Lake Yacht Club, <i>Scholarships & Purchase of Equipment</i>	\$1,775
Michigan Nature Association, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$185
YMCA of Greater Michiana, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$25,921
YMCA of Greater Michiana, <i>Fall Swim Camp</i>	\$4,536.86

Youth Development

Big Brothers Big Sisters, <i>Mentoring Expansion</i>	\$10,000
Buchanan Kickstart to Careers, <i>Open New Kindergarten Kickstart Accounts</i>	\$5,000
Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michigan, <i>Girl Scout STEM Initiative</i>	\$2,500
St. Paul Lutheran Church/Open Arms CDC, <i>Annual Agency Grant</i>	\$882
United Way of Southwest Michigan, <i>Cass County School Supply Spectacular</i>	\$3,500

2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIPS



\$78,249 2021-22 total
awarded for new & renewal
scholarships

to **55** students



at **27** educational institutions



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

Alma College
Bethel College
Butler University
Calvin University
Central Michigan University
Columbia College Chicago
Eastern Michigan University
Ferris State University
Glen Oaks Community College
Grand Valley State University
Hope College
Lake Michigan College
Loyola University Chicago
Manchester University
Michigan State University
Michigan Tech University
Mount Holyoke College
New Mexico State University
New York University
Niles Community Schools
Saint Mary's College
Southwestern Michigan College
University of Aberdeen
University of Indianapolis
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
Western Michigan University

BRANDYWINE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Class of 1967 Memorial Scholarship
Carol Thurston Scholarship
Jay & Cecile McCombs Scholarship
Ralph & Margaret Vosburgh Family Scholarship
Ann Coulston Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1973 Alumni Scholarship

BUCHANAN AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

Hike for Higher Education Scholarship
Ellis Family Scholarship
Ida Hacking Memorial Scholarship
Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Scholarship
Mary Ella Powell Memorial Scholarship
Robert J. Rotzien Scholarship
Ray Ricordati Jr. Memorial Scholarship
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Trull Family Scholarship
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Unity Hospital Education Scholarship
Walter E. Schirmer Memorial Scholarship
Janet Funk Racht Memorial Scholarship
Janet Mottl Memorial Scholarship
Jason Kuntz Memorial Scholarship
Galien Ambulance Scholarship

CASSOPOLIS AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

Cass School Foundation Scholarship
Marabeth Wright Memorial Scholarship
Caryl Beck-Miller Pets Alive Scholarship

NILES AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

Terrill Alan Powell Music Education Scholarship
George & Margaret Contois Scholarship
Jeanne Griffin Memorial Scholarship
Niles Historical Scholarship
Stephen Tyler Memorial Scholarship
Brandywine, Buchanan and/or Niles
Jane Davis Health Careers Scholarship
Fay Frazee Nursing Scholarship
Niles-Buchanan Rotary Scholarship

OTHER AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

Lloyd Bywaters Memorial Scholarship
Helen & Dale Cropsey Educational Scholarship
Semper Fi Company/Cpl. Ian Stewart, U.S.M.C.
Memorial Scholarship
Joseph Norton Sheteron Memorial Scholarship
Lee Auble Memorial Scholarship

BUCHANAN PROMISE



\$296,881

2021-22 total awarded for new & renewal scholarships



to **141** students

at **43** educational institutions



Alma College
Aveda Institute
Bethel College
Central Michigan University
Columbia College Chicago
Eastern Michigan University
Equine Gnathological Training Institute Inc.
Ferris State University
Glen Oaks Community College
Grand Rapids Community College
Grand Valley State University
Great Lakes Christian College
Hope College
IU South Bend
Ivy Tech Community College

JATC-172
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Lake Michigan College
Listing Leaders Michigan
Loyola University Chicago
Manchester University
Michigan State University
Michigan Tech University
Midland College
Midland Technical College
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Joseph University
New Mexico State University
Northwestern University

Olivet Nazarene University
Purdue, West Lafayette
Purdue University Global
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Southwestern Michigan College
Star Safety & Compliance Services
University of Denver
University of Michigan
University of Northwestern Ohio
Vandelay Education/Zollege
Western Michigan University



THE BUCHANAN PROMISE CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT

KICKSTART TO CAREER



In 2018, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation implemented a new program in Buchanan, called The Buchanan Promise Children's Saving Account Kickstart To Career or (BK2C). The BK2C Program is one of only 15 Children's Saving Account Programs in Michigan and we are lucky to have it here in Buchanan. Every school year, Buchanan Kindergarten students are issued a \$50 savings account at Honor Credit Union. These are deposit only accounts intended for post-secondary education expenses. The foundation and its donors will add incentive deposits over the years and students and their families are encouraged to make deposits as well. The program also consists of financial literacy and career readiness taught to the students. This wonderful program is a partnership with Buchanan Community Schools, Honor Credit Union and the Buchanan Promise and I am thrilled to watch it grow!

Jennifer Popielski
Program Officer, Kickstart To Career



B U C H A N A N P R O M I S E

2021 marked the first-year inaugural scholarship recipients of the Buchanan Promise graduated from four-year colleges and universities so it is time to celebrate their accomplishments and educational journeys. The Buchanan Promise, a post-secondary education scholarship program provided first awards to the BHS Class of 2017. As of 2022, students living and attending Buchanan Community Schools since kindergarten receive 100% which is \$3,750 a year for a total of \$15,000. Graduates who have lived in district and attended Buchanan Community Schools for a minimum of four years qualify for 70% of the award with a sliding scale for those in-between. The Buchanan Promise was established in 2016 with an endowment fund created by Walter E. Schirmer Jr. Highlighted in one of the new video series titled "Promise Fulfilled," Alex Tobler reflected on her recent 2021 graduation from Adrian College with a degree in accounting. "If I wouldn't have had the Promise, I would have had to take out loans in the amount I got for the Promise, so I am very grateful," she said. I am delighted to see the accomplishments of the students and am proud to know that the Promise program has helped students accomplish their goals of obtaining a meaningful career. Check out page 12 in our annual report to see where Promise recipients are using their awards, and to see the video series, visit buchananpromise.com.

Nicole Mireles
Program Officer, Buchanan Promise

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