

What have we done?

Examples of awards recently granted by The Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation include:

Boy Scouts of America (Gerald R. Ford Council)

- *Camping Equipment Project*

Christian Learning Center

- *Access to Information Project for Students with Disabilities*

Eastern Ottawa Silent Observer

- *Silent Observer Website*

Georgetown After School Plus

- *Center Improvement*

Georgetown Soccer Club

- *Field Marking Equipment - 28th Ave. Complex*

Hudsonville Christian Schools

- *Flag Pole Lights*

Hudsonville City Police Dept.

- *Purchase "McGruff" Costume*

Hudsonville Public Schools

- *Preschool Language Group*

Jenison Public Schools

- *Bravo!/Sound Decisions*

Love Inc. of Southeastern Ottawa County

- *Job Success Program*

Searchlight Ministries

- *Community Exercise Trail*

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Who are we?

The Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation (originally the Hudsonville Community Fund) was formed in 1990 for the purpose of financing educational, charitable, or cultural projects within Georgetown, Hudsonville and Jamestown. Financing is provided from an endowment fund created through the Foundation. Our Mission is to build our community's permanent Endowment and lead the community to strengthen the lives of its people.

How are the funds used?

The Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation follows these guidelines when allocating funds:

- *Grants are awarded to community organizations focusing on educational, charitable, or cultural projects.*
- *Grants are awarded for projects that represent an innovative, start-up effort, or are capital in nature (e.g., construction, renovation, equipment.)*
- *Grants are awarded to tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charities.*

What are the benefits to the Southeast Ottawa County communities?

Citizens take a long term approach to philanthropy – doing what it takes now so tomorrow their children will have better opportunities.

A financial resource is created which can fund an ever expanding need for charitable, educational, and cultural causes which local community budgets will be unable to support in the future.

Collective giving within the foundation concept accelerates the creation of financial resources within our community. Our association with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation further enhances our earning power, and also provides us with administrative expertise.

How does the endowment work?

Gifts from individuals and businesses are added to Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation endowment fund. The funds are carefully invested and every year approximately 5% of the value of the fund is available for grantmaking. The Foundation's permanent endowment funds are never touched and continue to grow with new gifts and investment returns. In this way your gift to your community will be one that keeps on giving.

Your foundation gift provides excellent tax savings

Your gift to the Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation qualifies as a charitable contribution on your Federal tax return and you may be eligible for a State tax credit. Married couples can receive up to a \$200 tax credit for a \$400 donation, while donations of \$200 can earn a \$100 tax credit for those filing individual returns.

Businesses can receive up to a \$5,000 tax credit for a \$10,000 donation to the foundation. These credits are in addition to donations you may have made to Michigan libraries, universities, or public broadcasts.

Contributions may be in the form of cash or other tangible assets. Now is the time to make your gift which will forever make a difference.

Please make checks payable to:

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation
and under memo, write:

"For Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation"

Checks can be mailed to:

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