

25th
Silver Anniversary

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Celebrating 25 years of philanthropy, donor services, and community

Your gifts to the Wyoming Community Foundation endowment guarantee a perpetual gift to the community. You and others have joined together in granting over

\$163,581

to area nonprofits serving the Wyoming community.

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Foundation's Youth Award Grants

This year's Youth Advisory Committee, a group of young pre-teen and teen adults who recommend grant awards from the Wyoming Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Fund, selected four agencies to receive funding:

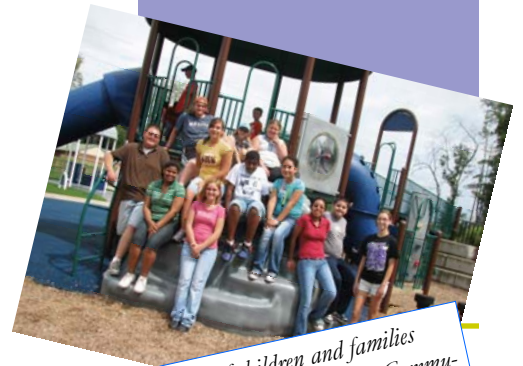
Camp Blodgett, \$820, in support of repairs and maintenance of their adventure course.

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, \$1,500, in efforts to address truancy, bullying, and gang prevention.

Planned Parenthood of West/Northern Michigan, \$950, in support of teen pregnancy prevention.

City of Wyoming, \$1,100, allowing for YAC members to attend the state Teen Youth Symposium and CMF Youth Leadership Conference.

Thank you for setting the example of philanthropy to our young leaders of today and tomorrow.



Thousands of children and families have benefited from Wyoming Community Foundation funded charities. Pictured are our 2010-2011 YAC members.

Silver Anniversary Endowment Goal

Let's raise the roof to \$500K!



Recognizing that significant needs are present in our community, incoming Board President Brenda Kading-Payne challenges the community to grow our endowment to \$500,000 as part of the 25th Anniversary year celebration and fundraising campaign. "Whether its \$25 or \$2,500, everyone has an opportunity to make a difference," stated Kading-Payne. Noting that many families have faced foreclosure, the need grows at food banks, and children need educational support to build a better life, the foundation plays a vital role in providing funding for these services and more.

Making it personal...

In 1986 a group of community minded people came together to cast a vision that would leave a legacy for future generations. The goal was simple – establish a place where donors, of modest means and for those of significant resources, could ensure their charitable donations would be well managed, invested for the good of the community with grants based upon the needs of the day, while ensuring resources are provided to legitimate non-profit agencies.



The value of each person who has given to the WCF is cherished – just as our founders envisioned.

Your Gifts Make A Difference!

After careful deliberation the Wyoming Community Foundation awarded grants to the following area charities from the general endowment fund. These funds do not include those of the Youth Advisory Council, the Tommy Brann Fund, or the John and Margaret Kuiper Family Fund, but rather are supported by the endowment you so generously have contributed to.

Compassion This Way, to purchase computer hardware and printers in support of their work in providing youth mentoring, food pantry services, and educational programs in the Taft Adopt-a-Block program.

Children’s Assessment Center, to teach children to recognize sexual abuse and situations that may lead to it, empowering them to report abuse and protect themselves.

Family Network, in support of the Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) workshops as part of their Nutrition Education Programs.

Every donation stays local.

For good. For ever.

Your contribution is sincerely appreciated.

Thank You Lillian

Board President Lillian Vanderveen was recognized at the 2011 Silver Anniversary Celebration and donor recognition event for her many years of service to the foundation and community.



Last Year for Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit!

Take advantage of Michigan’s tax credit which provides up to a \$200 State tax credit for gifts of \$400 to the Wyoming Community Foundation for married couples and a \$100 tax credit for gifts of \$200 for a single person. It also includes the up to \$5,000 tax credit that businesses can earn for a gift of \$10,000.