

## 2006 Annual Report to the Community

A Donor Advised Fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation

### The Lowell Area Community Fund

Lowell Area Community Fund was established as the result of a generous \$12.7 million bequest by Harold Englehardt. The Advisory Committee meets frequently to steward the fund through both grant-making and development planning. The committee includes: Sandy Graham, representing Lowell Township; Dave Pasquale, Lowell City Manager; John Darling, representing the Englehardt family; Betsy Davidson, representing Vergennes Township; Kurt Lardie, President at Huntington Bank, Lowell; Gregory Pratt, Superintendent of Lowell Area Schools; and Scott Vashaw, Lowell High School principal.

Since its inception in 1996, LACF has granted more than \$5.9 million charitable dollars into the Lowell area. In the last fiscal year, ended June 30, 2006, \$730,138 was granted! Each grant touches the “areas of concern” originally identified by the community: **recreation, human service, health, environment, community development, arts and culture, and – to honor Harold Englehardt’s express request for emphasis – education.** The grid beside the list of this year’s grants on pages 2 and 3 demonstrates how most grants cross into more than one area of concern.

### Financial Statement Period ending 6/30/06

Beginning Endowment Balance.....	\$14,812,850.44
Grants to the Community.....	(730,138.50)
Program Expenses.....	(1,796.62)
Contributions.....	\$1,533.00
Investment Income.....	\$1,544,007.89
Investment Manager Fees.....	(53,512.71)
GRCF Support.....	(70,768.45)
 Ending Endowment Balance.....	 \$15,502,175.05



**Harold J. Englehardt** lived in Lowell most of his life. Born in Frankenmuth on December 13, 1900, he came to Lowell in 1922 to accept a bank cashier’s position at Lowell State

Bank. The bank closed after the stock market crash in 1929. Harold organized investors for the bank, and reopened it as State Savings Bank in 1934.

Harold did much for both his community and strangers in need during his long, successful business career. He helped many people buy homes, and during the Great Depression, he sent many without a home to Lou Racine’s restaurant for a hot meal, paying the bill on a weekly basis.

In his personal life, Harold was devoted to his wife, Mildred. Although the couple had no children, the Englehardts shared a special interest in quality education. They set up a number of scholarships for Lowell area students, and donated \$380,000 toward the new Lowell library, named in their honor in 1997. Harold Englehardt died in April, 1997 at the age of 96.

# Grant List - Annual Report

July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006

The Grant List Grid demonstrates vividly the wide range of impact our grants have! The categories are:

- A = Arts & Culture**
- C = Community Development**
- Ed = Education**
- Ev = Environment**
- H = Health**
- HS = Human Service**

*Our thanks to the community groups which help make Mr. Englehardt's dream of improving the Lowell area come true by handling these important fiduciary responsibilities!*

A	C	E d	E v	H	HS	R	Grant Program Name and Description	Amount
	X		X	X		X	Lowell Area Recreation Authority - To cover overage from previous grant to City of Lowell for creation of the legal entity Lowell Area Recreation Authority.	\$962.00
	X			X	X		Flat River Outreach Ministries Inc - To stock the food pantry.	\$5,000.00
	X					X	City of Lowell - To purchase accessories for the new fire truck.	\$2,066.50
	X	X					Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation - To provide matching funds for the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation grants.	\$19,000.00
X	X	X				X	Lowell Area Arts Council - To conduct an evaluation for a capital campaign to renovate the Riverwalk Plaza .	\$17,850.00
	X				X		City of Lowell - To assist with the purchase of a Livescan Fingerprint unit that will allow the LPD to meet with	\$12,501.00
X		X				X	Christ the King School - To provide quality art programs to Lowell area homeschooled children.	\$900.00
	X	X		X	X		Lowell Area Schools - To provide opportunities for treatment options for LAS students and their families.	\$2,500.00
	X	X		X			Lowell Area Schools - To upgrade industrial arts equipment to meet industry and safety standards.	\$15,335.00
X	X						Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation - To provide one year of funding to publish the Kaleidoscope brochure and community base website beginning with winter 2005/2006.	\$16,870.00
	X	X					Lowell Area Schools - To purchase library media software for all of Lowell Area Schools' Library Media Centers.	\$46,876.00
X	X	X					Lowell Area Schools - To purchase follow spotlights to be used for the many performances held in the LPAC each year.	\$6,900.00
X	X	X				X	Lowell Area Schools - To supply the growing new orchestra program with string instruments for middle school students.	\$3,000.00
	X						Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation - To provide one year of funding for the commission, scholarship and office supplies to implement a community-wide marketing plan.	\$50,000.00
	X	X		X	X	X	Lowell Area Schools - To purchase developmentally appropriate and safe play area for community children.	\$37,869.00
	X	X					Lowell Area Schools - To be used for Shari Miller Scholarship Fund in appreciation of Shari's service on the LACF Advisory Committee.	\$5,000.00
	X	X					Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation - In honor of service on the Advisory Committee - Shari Miller.	\$400.00
X	X	X					Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation - To provide matching dollars to purchase books for the Lowell Area Schools libraries.	\$5,000.00

## Grant List Grid - Continued...

A	C	E	E	H	H	R	Grant Description - Steward	Amount
		d	v		S			
X	X					X	Lowell Area Arts Council - To provide funding for the 2005 summer concert series.	\$10,350.00
X		X				X	Lowell Area Schools - To purchase instruments to supply the growth of the new orchestra program in Lowell.	\$26,500.00
	X			X	X		Rockford Ambulance Inc - To provide funding to expand and enhance the existing physical plant that currently houses Rockford Ambulance and the Lowell Fire Department at the Look Memorial Fire Station.	\$81,000.00
X	X	X					Lowell Area Schools - To help fund the LAS Internet/AM Radio Project.	\$3,500.00
X	X	X				X	Lowell Area Historical Museum - To fund a part-time Education and Program Director whose primary responsibility will be to maintain, develop and implement historical programs for the community and school children that will enhance their understanding of local history.	\$22,880.00
X	X	X				X	Grand Valley American Indian Lodge - To fund the third year at the fairgrounds, continuing to build on the solid cultural foundation already established.	\$5,000.00
X	X	X				X	Lowell Area Arts Council - To support the programs and services the LAAC offers in the visual and performing arts to residents and visitors of the greater Lowell community.	\$25,000.00
	X	X		X	X	X	Lowell Area Schools - To allow the Safe Routes to School program to make the walkways in the Creekside Park safer for community children.	\$2,632.00
X	X	X				X	Lowell Area Historical Museum – Expo Drawing Donation	\$100.00
	X	X	X			X	Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association - Expo Drawing Donation	\$100.00
	X			X	X		Senior Neighbors Inc. - Expo Drawing Donation	\$100.00
	X	X		X	X	X	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids - To provide funding for teen programming in Lowell.	\$50,000.00
	X		X				City of Lowell - To facilitate and mediate for cooperative land use planning between local governments.	\$2,620.00
X	X	X					Lowell Area Schools - To provide room darkening shades for educational presentations and energy conservation at the Wittenbach Center.	\$900.00
	X	X			X		Lowell Area Schools - To provide extended learning time for at-risk students.	\$14,000.00
	X	X					Lowell Area Schools - To provide the equipment, instruction, and "hands-on" learning for students interested in the communications field.	\$2,000.00
	X						Lowell Area Schools - To establish a monument that acts as a memorial/tribute to Lowell High School students who have died.	\$5,000.00
	X	X					Lowell Area Schools - to increase opportunities for second through fifth grade special education students to access the general education curriculum by improving their reading skills, resulting in improved scores on state and district assessments with the use of a research-based reading program on CDs (Read Naturally.)	\$5,000.00
	X	X		X	X		Lowell Area Schools - To help assure all children have an opportunity to begin school healthy and ready to learn through the TOTS Program.	\$81,827.00
		X					Lowell Area Schools - To create and deploy a portal where administrators, teachers, parents and students can use technology to streamline educational processes, work more efficiently and increase individual student achievement.	\$40,000.00
X	X					X	Lowell Area Arts Council - To support the Planning Phase for the Lowell Area Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce and City of Lowell capital campaign.	\$51,500.00
	X	X				X	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation - To prepare the celebration of Greater Lowell Area 175 years of History, Lowell Area Fire Department 150 and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce 100 years.	\$5,000.00
		X		X			Lowell Area Schools - To facilitate career exploration in the Health Sciences for Lowell High School students.	\$2,400.00
X	X	X				X	Christ the King School - To provide quality art and culture programs to Lowell-area homeschooled children.	\$1,200.00
		X					College scholarships for Lowell area students	\$44,000.00
								<b>\$730,638.50</b>

## To Make A Gift to the Lowell Area Community Fund

Anyone interested in adding to the permanent endowment of the LACF is encouraged to make a gift of any size, any time. In particular, for anyone doing estate planning, adding to a community fund such as "ours" in Lowell is a very gratifying way to be assured your gift will give forever.

Another advantage of giving is the chance for you and your family to witness the results directly and often, throughout the community. Gifts to the fund are tax deductible, and may

include additional tax benefits. It's a great way to give back to the Lowell area!

For more information about planning a bequest, or to receive a copy of the Planned Giving Guide, please call Marilyn Zack, Vice President of Development for GRCF at 616-454-1751 or visit [www.grfoundation.org](http://www.grfoundation.org).



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Do you have questions? Call anyone on the Advisory Committee, or Committee Chairman Sandy Graham (616) 647-3820.

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