



Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation

# The Future Begins Here

2010 – 2011 Annual Report



\$202,265  
Contributions  
from our  
community.

45  
Gull Lake  
students  
and parents  
participated  
in the Family  
Ecology Sail on  
Lake Michigan  
this summer.

## Values

We value education for all students

We value our partners

- Teachers, staff, professionals
- Parents
- Community
- Students

We value diversity

- Grants
- Demographics
- Cultural
- Ideas
- Within our board

We value good stewardship

- Of our financial resources
- Through sound decision-making
- With thoughtful grant-making
- By promoting the work of the Foundation
- While leveraging opportunities for community enrichment and awareness

We value innovation

We value increasing opportunity for leadership in our community

We value our partnership with the school district

## Vision

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation envisions a school district where each student achieves their full potential.

## Mission

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation's mission is to partner with the Gull Lake Community Schools to expand and enrich every student's experience.



## Greetings,

On behalf of the trustees of the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation, I am pleased to present to you our 2010 - 2011 Annual Report. In a time where public school funding is in decline, the work of the Foundation becomes more important than ever. It is because of your continued generosity that we are able to help bridge the gap between school funding and the ever-increasing needs in our schools.

Your generous support this year allowed us to make an important impact on our students. We provided grants for teacher training, classroom materials, equipment and educational field trips. We provided an increased number of scholarships to our graduating seniors and preschool students. We recognized a record number of Distinguished Academic Scholars and prepared for our upcoming Distinguished Speaker Series this fall—featuring marine explorer Jean-Michel Cousteau. Of course, this is just a highlight of the Foundation's work and I encourage you to read further to see all that we have accomplished to help all Gull Lake students achieve their full potential.

With your continued support, the Gull Lake Community Schools can maintain this tradition of excellence. It will take all of us working together—our community, our staff, our parents and our students—to make this possible. Please join me in making a valuable contribution to ensure that the important work of your school Foundation continues. Thank you again for your support!

Courtenay VanderMolen  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

## Dear Friends,

The innovation that is occurring in Gull Lake Community Schools today could very well change the face of education. Our willingness to collaborate and explore has led us to the opening of the Gull Lake Gateway Academy, the Gull Lake Virtual School, and the beginning of the Gull Lake/Home School Partnership. As our school district expands, the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation becomes an even more important, vital connection between students, our schools and our community. This growing partnership not only fuels recognition and reward for outstanding academic and community performance, but also creates an atmosphere for creativity and growth.

On behalf of the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation, thank you for your generosity and support to our school district and community. It is because of you that the Foundation is able to enrich and enhance excellence in education within Gull Lake Community Schools.

As you read this report, you can be proud of the achievements of our students, faculty and staff. We could not accomplish so much without you. Thank you again for your commitment to our community...it truly is a very special place.

Sincerely,  
Christopher L. Rundle  
Executive Director

**\$58,300**  
Total value  
of grants for  
students and  
staff throughout  
the district.





50 Number of grants awarded in 2010 – 2011.

## Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation 2010 – 2011 Awards

### Richland Elementary

Math Manipulatives	\$1,800
Reading A-Z Site License	\$520
*FLIP Video	\$830
*Reading Intervention Books	\$1,120
Reading Room Supplies	\$380
Computer Lab Headsets	\$150
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

### Kellogg Elementary

Kalamazoo Nature Center Outreach	\$800
*FLIP Video	\$830
*Reading Intervention Books	\$1,120
Library Books	\$750
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

### Ryan Intermediate

Resource Room Books	\$250
5th Grade Mackinac Island Historical Outing	\$5,000
Anti-Bullying Assembly	\$400
Reading A-Z Site License	\$520
Toobaloo Whisper Phones	\$600
Summer Math Packets	\$650
Scholastic Books for Literacy Corner	\$1,400
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

### Gull Lake Middle School

*Keyboarding Covers	\$1,350
Special Education Community Outings	\$600
Advisory Literary Materials	\$360
Multi-Media Headsets	\$450
Mobile Laptop Lab	\$16,480
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

### Gull Lake High School

*Keyboarding Covers	\$1,350
Community Artreach Program	\$1,180
Michigan Interscholastic Spring Press Conference	\$556
Beginning Guitar Elective	\$1,360
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

### District

Odyssey of the Mind Program	\$2,000
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### Student Grants

Elementary Student, Cheff Center, therapeutic riding	\$100
Gull Lake Preschool Scholarships	\$960
Elementary Student, KIA Art Camp	\$140
Elementary Student, KIA Art Camp	\$100
Elementary Student, Kalamazoo Nature Center Camp	\$100
High School Student, Health Occupational Students of America Conference	\$500
High School Student, Legends Drum and Bugle Corps	\$500
High School Student, National Youth Conference on Medicine	\$400

### Teacher Grants

Michigan Association for Media Education Conference	\$350
Advanced Placement Workshop	\$1,710
Michigan Council for Social Studies	\$760
Love and Logic Conference	\$180
K-12 World Language Conference	\$980
Bal-A-Vis-X Visiting Speaker	\$1,810

### Multi-Year Innovation Grants

High School Science Department Physics Grant, Year 1	\$2,000
Read and Ride, Year 2	\$4,250

### Community Education Grant

**Family Ecology Sail	\$1,955
Mad Science	\$60
RACC Pack Tutoring	\$275

### Restricted Grant

Middle School Field Trip Support	\$190
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\*Denotes shared awards between more than one school

\*\*Funds for this grant made possible through the E-B Foundation

Note: All awards rounded to the nearest \$10

## Two Middle Schoolers Again Receive Ryan Family Scholarships

The James R. Ryan Family Foundation again selected not one—but two—recipients in 2010 - 2011 for its annual scholarship for middle school students. This annual \$8,000 scholarship is renewable over a four-year period, for up to a maximum of \$32,000. The scholarship is offered to a Gull Lake Middle School 8th grader who has demonstrated potential for academic success in preparation for college attendance. The applicants must demonstrate financial need. This year, the James R. Ryan Family Foundation generously awarded the scholarship to Claire Haase and Jacob Money.

Dr. James R. Ryan (1936 - 2006) was a highly respected and nationally recognized orthopedic oncology expert. The majority of his career was spent in the Detroit area, however, during the last several years of his practice he moved to the Gull Lake area and joined his nephew, Dr. Thomas Ryan, at Kalamazoo Orthopedic Clinic. Dr. Ryan demonstrated a dedication to education throughout his entire life and his generous gift will assist future students in their efforts to realize their academic potential.

## E-B Foundation Contribution Focuses on Teacher Enrichment



We are very grateful to the E-B Foundation for its ongoing support over the years to the students and staff of Gull Lake Community Schools. During the 2010 - 2011 school year, the E-B Foundation contributed \$50,000 to establish the Ana and Dylan Holley Teacher Enrichment Fund. Ana and Dylan Holley - children of Mark and Lupita Holley - were in the Gull Lake schools for a number of years before relocating out-of-state at the end of the 2010 - 2011 school year. This endowment is designed to support teacher enrichment opportunities for years to come and will include funding to send teachers to

conferences, take advantage of training opportunities and additional education. The Foundation trustees have fiduciary responsibility over the distribution of funds.

The establishment of this fund is a wonderful example of how a family can make a lasting contribution to the school district and in this case, have an impact on teacher enrichment long into the future.

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation sincerely thanks the Holley family for its most recent contribution as well as its extensive support to our schools in recent years.



**\$64,000**  
Value of two  
James R. Ryan  
Family  
Foundation  
Scholarships  
awarded to  
middle schoolers  
for college.



\$102,800

Amount the Foundation contributed to our Gull Lake students and staff.

190

5th grade students visited Mackinac Island on a historical field trip made possible through a Foundation grant.

## GLCSF Scholarships 2010 – 2011

Michael Bailey Memorial Scholarship  
Sarah Hamilton (Junior), \$4,000

Benjamin R. Baker Memorial Scholarship  
Ed Bowker, \$1,000

Laurie Makin Cartwright Memorial Scholarship  
Linzy Pederson, \$1,000

Melanie Noel Chojnowski Scholarship  
Natalie Asaro, \$250

Coca Cola Healthy Lifestyle Scholarship  
Jason Schau, \$1,000

Roger Cornelius Scholarship for Integrity  
Joe Walbridge, \$1,000

Jim Field Memorial Scholarship  
Alex Woolf, \$750

Gull Lake Area Community  
Volunteers-Men's Group  
Evan Anderson, \$1,000  
LJ Pavletic, \$1,000

Gull Lake Area Community  
Volunteers-Women's Group  
Kyle Scarff, \$1,000

Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Scholarship  
Jacob Boone, \$500

Gull Lake Education Association Scholarship  
Kristen Roberts, \$500

Gull Lake Education Association  
Pekkarinen Scholarship  
MacKenzie Wyant, \$500

Ladies of the Lake Scholarship  
Adam Peters, \$2,000

Teresa S. Nay Memorial Scholarship  
Molly Maddox, \$500

PACE Scholarship  
Tina White, \$500

Parker Hannifin Engineering Scholarship  
Calvin Studebaker, \$1,000

Frank Quartermaine Memorial Student  
Athlete Scholarship  
Lauren Messer, \$1,000

Richland-Gull Lake Area Lions Club Scholarship  
Samantha Crum, \$500

Clare Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship  
Molly Maddox, \$500

Robert W. Smith Memorial Scholarship  
Tom Idzkowski, \$500

Joan Split Scholarship  
Abby Ahlert, \$1,000

Warrior CPR Scholarship  
Paige Jennings, \$500

Jack Weber Memorial Scholarship  
Jake Wakeland, \$500

Glenn Zlystra Junior College Scholarship  
Stephanie Slingluff, \$250  
Matt Wright, \$250

James R. Ryan Family Foundation Scholarship  
Claire Haase (8th grade), \$32,000

James R. Ryan Family Foundation Scholarship  
Jacob Money (8th grade), \$32,000

32 Number of top graduating students recognized as Distinguished Academic Scholars.



## Distinguished Academic Scholars

Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation recently honored the district's 32 top students as part of the organization's Distinguished Academic Scholars program. This program recognizes seniors who have earned a 3.9 or higher grade point average during their high school careers.

A special evening was held in their honor at Gull Lake Country Club. During the evening, students were recognized, as well as their parents and one teacher of each student's choice. For the 2010 - 2011 school year, the students and teachers honored included:

Student	Teacher	Student	Teacher
Abby Ahlert	Michelle Jaros	Will Mitchell	Mary VanderWal
Evan Anderson	Reggie Walters	LJ Pavletic	Mark Blaesser
Kaitlin Black	Michele Chabitch	Linzy Pedersen	Robin Nott
Taylor Crookston	Julie Jones	Adam Peters	Brad Portis
Mel Czada	Scott Minehart	Kristen Roberts	Gretchen Bonesteel
Sarah Denick	Robin Nott	Jason Schau	Scott Minehart
Jose Escadon	Brad Portis	Robert Schliep	Robin Nott
Andrew Gruss	Mike Balcom	Timothy Schnell	Fran Dragoo
Dani Hamann	Adam Kurth	Luke Sly	Barbara Erickson
Ian Hartman	Gary Sprague	David Sosnoski	Scott Minehart
Peter Hoeksema	Jeremy Badiner	Jana Specht	Michelle Jones
Thomas Idzkowski	Reggie Walters	Jake Stap	Phyllis Pelletier
Kate Kelly	Eric Belz	Calvin Studebaker	Phyllis Pelletier
Joe Keusch	Reggie Walters	Katie Thompson	Michelle Jones
Alexander King	Laurie Klok	Joe Walbridge	Gary Sprague
Lauren Messer	Chris Quartermaine	MacKenzie Wyant	Kathy Hoorn

## Our Water Our World

The Distinguished Speaker Series in October 2011 featured Jean-Michel Cousteau, marine explorer, environmentalist and educator. For more than four decades, Jean-Michel has dedicated himself and his vast experience to communicate to people of all nations and generations his love and concern for our water planet. The Distinguished Speaker Series program included daytime educational presentations to Gull Lake students and a community event in the evening, including educational exhibits from local organizations. The Foundation worked with the Kalamazoo Nature Center to bring this inspiring program to the community.

The son of ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau, Jean-Michel has investigated the world's oceans aboard Calypso and Alcione for much of his life. Honoring his heritage, he founded Ocean Futures Society in 1999 to carry on this pioneering work, reaching millions of people globally.



Photography by Carrie Vonderhaar, Ocean Futures Society

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## Consolidated Financial Statement

	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Contributions	71,840.25	67,286.59
Investment And Other Income	1,604.21	339.29
Kalamazoo Community Foundation - income/gain transferred in	1,840.11	2,108.05
Grants And Program Services - Current year	(48,898.08)	(34,851.44)
Grants And Program Services - Prior year	(8,067.45)	(13,237.13)
Transfer To Designated Funds	0.00	(13.00)
Transfer From Designated Funds	6,458.37	80.31
Operating Expenses	(8,588.93)	(7,800.09)
<b>Net increase in unrestricted funds</b>	<b>16,188.48</b>	<b>13,912.58</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds at beginning of the year</b>	<b>148,594.12</b>	<b>134,681.54</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds at the end of the year</b>	<b>\$164,782.60</b>	<b>\$148,594.12</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>		
Contributions	130,425.00	199,957.55
Investment And Other Income	14.74	14.62
Kalamazoo Community Foundation - income/gain transferred in and investment gains	16,349.96	23,598.78
Grants	(45,838.07)	(65,556.07)
Transfer From Unrestricted Funds	0.00	13.00
Transfer To Unrestricted Funds	(6,458.37)	(80.31)
<b>Net increase in designated funds</b>	<b>94,493.26</b>	<b>157,947.57</b>
<b>Designated funds at beginning of the year</b>	<b>579,412.28</b>	<b>421,464.71</b>
<b>Designated funds at end of the year</b>	<b>673,905.54</b>	<b>579,412.28</b>
<b>Assets At The End Of The Period</b>	<b>\$838,688.14</b>	<b>\$728,006.40</b>
<b>Allocation Of Assets</b>		
Unrestricted funds	164,782.60	148,594.12
Designated funds	143,094.15	101,366.59
Endowment - donor designated	5,090.00	5,090.00
Endowment - board designated	37,331.55	37,331.55
Endowment - Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF	68,165.31	61,674.88
Scholarship funds	351,254.24	311,425.17
Scholarship funds - Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF	68,970.29	62,524.09
<b>Assets At The End Of The Period</b>	<b>\$838,688.14</b>	<b>\$728,006.40</b>

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