2007–2008 Annual Report



A smart investment. With an amazing return.



Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation



Dear Friends,

This year marks the Foundation's 25th anniversary! In 1983, a small group of local visionaries wanted to make a difference in the quality of education provided by Gull Lake Community Schools. Together, those community leaders created the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation. Today the board consists of 20 members, including teacher representatives from each building, community members, parents, a representative from the school board, the district curriculum director, and the superintendent of schools. Our founding trustees would be proud of the Foundation's achievements over the past 25 years.

Throughout the history of the Foundation, the Gull Lake Community has demonstrated its commitment to education. However, at no time have I been as overwhelmed by the generosity of our community as during these tough economic times. This past year has seen the Foundation grow in every way: financial support, number of grants and scholarships, programs, and volunteers. What could possibly be a better investment right now than providing opportunities for our children to be the best they can be?

As the Foundation continues to grow we will be ever mindful of our founders' mission to promote excellence in education within our schools.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Marie Stech GLCSF Chairperson



Youth Depression Education and Suicide Prevention Initiative

Gull Lake Community Schools and the University of Michigan Depression Center formed an exciting new partnership in 2008. Through a generous donation from local residents Peter and Susan Ordway, the University of Michigan developed a pilot program to educate our community on youth depression and suicide prevention.

"The generosity of Peter and Susan Ordway has made it possible for opportunity to meet need. Our students and staff now have additional resources on depression and suicide which include classroom sessions, faculty training, support groups, and community education. This initiative between the University of Michigan Depression Center and Gull Lake Schools has complemented programs that were in place and added many more levels of care for our entire community." — Joni Knapper, Nurse, Gull Lake Community Schools

2007-2008 Accomplishments

We're building a bright future. With smart investments today.

This year has seen the Foundation set new records in almost every category:

- Increased annual contributions by 27% reaching \$217,000
- Awarded 45 grants, providing much needed support to teachers and students
- Created a Distinguished Speaker Series, with an inaugural event featuring New York Times bestselling author, John Grogan
- · Launched an all new GLCSF website
- Initiated a new Gull Lake Alumni Association affiliated with the Foundation
- Presented Living History programs on American Indian Dance and Ernie Pyle's World War II broadcasting experiences
- Presented 21 scholarships to graduating seniors
- Recognized 23 Distinguished Academic Scholars
- · Purchased much needed books and academic supplies
- Provided unique learning opportunities through guest speakers, field trips, overnight camp, and participation in special events
- · Provided funding for programs in jeopardy due to budget cuts
- Supported students at every age level, in every building throughout the district
- · Supported new programs that make Gull Lake Community Schools second to none









Thank You



A special thank you to all of the individuals who made the inaugural Distinguished Speaker Series event "Marley In May" a huge success.

John Grogan, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Marley & Me*, spent his day and evening with Gull Lake students, teachers, parents, and patrons discussing the saga of his lovable, neurotic dog, Marley.



Each year, the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation offers students, teachers, and administrators the funds they need to enhance the educational experience in our district. This year, we were pleased to award 45 grants to meet a range of needs.



Kellogg Elementary

Heinemann Books: Comprehensive Toolkit Bundle Lauri Bowersox | \$200.00

MAHPERD Conference

Tim Bell | \$200.00

Book Collection
Becky Klein | \$250.00

Binoculars and Field Guides
Bev Brown | \$290.00

Guided Reading Books
Jennifer Scalpone | \$370.00

Reading Resources
Becky Klein | \$400.00

Alert Program
Chauntelle Boot | \$500.00

Disc Seat Cushions Amie McCaw | \$540.00

Outreach Program, Kalamazoo Nature Center Program, Grades K-3

Bev Brown | \$1,000.00

Richland Elementary

Wee Deliver Postal Program Fran Bean | \$320.00

Author Visit PTO | \$400.00

Classroom Mailboxes Fran Bean | \$615.00

Richland Writers Book
All Students | \$1,000.00

Classroom Geography Mats Debi Linden | \$1,800.00

Library BooksFaith Fiordalis | \$2,725.00

Read at Home Club
Karen Koets/Peggy Kendrick | \$3,325.00

Ryan Intermediate

Maps of Michigan Sharron Ansell | \$150.00

Girls on the Run Laurie Klok | \$200.00

Digital Portable Recorder Nancy Husk | \$660.00

Character Building at the Ladies Library Carmen Maring | \$750.00

Laminated Desk Maps and Almanacs Kim Wisser | \$850.00

Author Jonathon Rand Nancy Hess | \$1,000.00

Election 2008 Skills Book Audra Misner | \$1,400.00

Love and Logic Parent Program Beth Frisinger | \$1,800.00

Bullying/Behavior Seminars Carmen Maring | \$2,800.00

Aesthetic Education

Dee Stamats | \$4,000.00 5th Grade Camp

All 5th Grade Students | \$25,000.001

Middle School

Book in Every Hand PTO | \$400.00

African Drums Donna Willoughby | \$2,100.00

Cardiovascular Equipment

Kelly Armstrong | \$8,000.00 **Sherman Lake YMCA**

Character Building Program Kathy Schacher | \$20,320.002

High School

Model UN Program Gary Sprague | \$400.00

Impressions Literary Magazine Lindsey Kamen | \$700.00

Digital Camera Cheryl Jolin | \$730.00

Special Ed Curriculum Kathy Boyer | \$1,600.00

Marching Band Equipment Floy Latham | \$2,000.00

Story Teller Len Cabral Robin Nott | \$2,200.00

Marching Band Sousaphone Floy Latham | \$4,400.00

District

Youth Depression Education & Suicide Prevention Initiative Students | \$50,000.003

Readiness Program Making Connections Bev Hundley | \$3,000.00

Destination Imagination Sue Krob | \$1,000.00

Outdoor Classroom Deb Kilmartin | \$1,700.00

Student

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Richland Elementary Student | \$200.00

National Youth Leadership Forum High School Student | \$250.00

Summer Writing Program High School Student | \$500.00



E.B. Foundation Grant

² Granted by Russ & LouAnn Mawby Restricted Fund

³ Peter and Susan Ordway Grant



Scholarship Recipients

As you might expect, the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation plays a critical role in helping our district's graduating seniors pursue their college degrees. Each year, by supporting students whose needs and achievements set them apart, we open the door to a future of great possibilities.

Benjamin R. Baker Memorial Scholarship Elizabeth Haan | \$1,000.00

Coca-Cola Healthy Lifestyle Scholarship

Nicholas Perri | \$1,000.00

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Irene Ripley | \$1,000.00

Glenn Zylstra Scholarship Sindose Fadel | \$250.00

Glenn Zylstra Scholarship Jessica Brininstool | \$250.00

Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers—Men's Group* Caitlin Clancy | \$1,000.00

Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers—Men's Group* Gabrielle O'Brien | \$1,000.00

Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers—Women's Group Elizabeth Knapper | \$1,000.00

Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Scholarship Christopher Reece | \$500.00

Gull Lake Education Association Pekkarinen Scholarship* Rachel Bergland | \$500.00 Gull Lake Education Association Scholarship*

Shelby Crookston | \$500.00

Jim Field Memorial Scholarship Jessica Capron | \$750.00

Joan Split Scholarship Gabrielle O'Brien | \$1,000.00

Ladies of the Lake Scholarship Nate Bauer | \$1,500.00

Lee Kermit Scholarship* Jamie Smith | \$300.00

Lewis L. Harnden Scholarship Eric Bornhorst | \$1,000.00

Melanie Noel Chojnowski Scholarship Lindsay Asaro | \$250.00

Michael Bailey Memorial Scholarship Courtney Frye | \$4,000.00

Michael C. Mellema Memorial Scholarship Andrew Gabriel | \$10,000.00

Parker Hannifin
Engineering Scholarship
Tim Stadt | \$1,000.00

James Raymond Ryan Family Foundation Courtney Mast | \$20,000.00

* Non-Foundation scholarship





Distinguished Academic Scholars

As is our tradition, the Foundation this year hosted a special evening to honor seniors who had earned a 3.9 or higher grade point average for at least seven semesters. We saluted not just these exceptional students, but also their parents and a teacher of each student's choice.



Scholar	Teacher	Scholar	Teacher
Tyler Ankney	Brad Portis	Jillian Maguire	Jaimy Gordon
Rachel Bergland	Marjorie Howe	Gabrielle O'Brien	Steve Frank
Joshua Bostwick	William Blakely	Michelle Olin	Anna Deming
Andrew Chen	Jack Gregory	Nicholas Perri	Beth Rhodes
Samuel Cox	Pat Pearson	Kate Petty	Scott Minehart
Kerry Harrison	Eric Belz	Adam Picard	Phyllis Pelletier
Abigail Higdon	Kevin Moore	Christopher Reece	Matt Munson
Alexandra Higdon	Julie Jones	Irene Ripley	Brad Portis
Zachary Hoffman	Renee Callies	Kyle Schau	Mike Balcom
Aidan Klobuchar	Brad Portis	Nicholas Speeter	Reggie Walters
Stephanie Krajnik	Susan Brooks	Tim Stadt	Phyllis Pelletier
Benjamin Labbe	Mary Jane Vavra	Ashley Woodward	Julie Jones

We are proud to thank and recognize the members of our community who have invested in our schools—and in our community's future.

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Consolidated Financial Statement

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30	2008		2007
Unrestricted Funds	2000		2001
Contributions \$	80,070.76	\$	55,717.43
Investment and Other Income	7,701.77	•	8,316.97
Kalamazoo Community Foundation – income/gain transferred in	3,114.82		2,977.28
Grants and Program Services – current year	(37,444.90)		(29,384.04)
Grants and Program Services – prior year	(2,880.00)		(5,217.81)
Transfer to Designated Funds	(25,022.43)		0.00
Transfer from Designated Funds	3,921.02		0.00
Operating Expenses	(15,089.84)		(9,602.37)
Net Increase in Unrestricted Funds	14,371.20		22,807.46
Unrestricted Funds at Beginning of the Year	98,424.29		75,616.83
Unrestricted Funds at the End of the Year	112,795.49		98,424.29
Designated Funds			
Contributions	137,226.00		95,481.38
Investment and Other Income	1,489.26		1,939.40
Kalamazoo Community Foundation – investment gains (losses)	(11,737.02)		4,312.86
Grants	(125,029.18)		(56,755.62)
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	25,022.43		0.00
Transfer to Unrestricted Funds	(3,921.02)		0.00
Net Increase in Designated Funds	23,050.47		44,978.02
Designated Funds at Beginning of the Year	347,607.72		302,629.70
Designated Funds at End of the Year	370,658.19		347,607.72
Assets at the End of the Period \$	483,453.68	\$	446,032.01
Allocation of Assets			
Unrestricted Funds	112,795.49		98,424.29
Designated Funds	47,894.84		27,098.60
Endowment – donor designated	5,090.00		5,090.00
Endowment – board designated	37,331.55		37,331.55
Endowment – Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF	65,970.48		72,677.90
Scholarship Funds	132,099.16		118,107.91
Scholarship Funds – Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF	82,272.16		87,301.76
Assets at the End of the Period \$	483,453.68	\$	446,032.01







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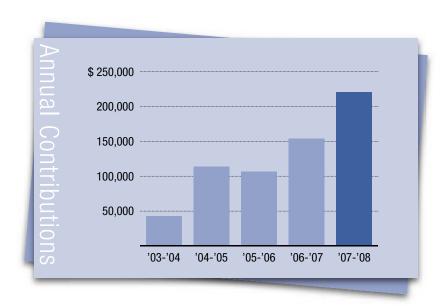
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