Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation
The future begins here.
Greetings,

The trustees of the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation welcome you to our 2009-2010 annual report. Even in the midst of an economic downturn, the Gull Lake Community Schools and its Foundation work to maintain an enriched and vibrant learning environment for our students and teachers. It is because of the generous spirit of our community that the Foundation continues to grow and respond to the ever-increasing needs in our schools.

Your support has allowed the Foundation to accomplish many things. We provide recognition for outstanding academic performance. We provide scholarships to graduating seniors. We offer grants for creative teaching. We purchase equipment, supplies, books. We fund staff attendance at conferences and workshops. We make possible new learning experiences for students both inside and outside the classroom.

By working together, we can continue to fill the financial gap between public support and our district’s needs. Please join me in making a contribution to help us continue our work going forward.

The future begins here. And the future begins with you.

Sincerely,

Courtenay VanderMolen
Board of Trustees Chairperson

Dear Friends,

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.

We know the future begins here. The Foundation creates an important, vibrant connection between students, our schools and our community. This partnership fuels recognition and reward for outstanding academic and community performance. With your support, the Foundation has been able to provide college scholarships to graduating seniors, incentive grants for inspired teaching and support for unique and creative new programming.

As you read this report, consider the achievements of our students, faculty and staff. We could not accomplish so much without you. The spirit of this community’s generosity is reflected in these pages. Thank you again for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Rundle
Executive Director

“The take-home learning backpacks really enrich the skills that we teach during the first half of the school year. I love that parents and kids will be working together at home. We are very appreciative for this wonderful gift!”

- Kari Freling, 1st grade teacher, Kellogg Elementary
Thank you to our contributors for once again supporting the students in our community and generously contributing more than $266,000 to the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation. With your help, during the 2009-2010 school year we were able to make a difference in our students' lives in many ways:

GRANTS
• Continued character education at Gull Lake Middle School, thanks to a $12,000 restricted grant allowing this important program to be financially viable for years to come
• Introduced multi-year grants, allowing the establishment of significant programs over time
• Awarded more than 40 grants totaling $72,000, benefiting students and staff in buildings throughout the district
• Offered students special experiences including visits by authors and storytellers, trips to a historical museum and nature center, and participation in arts programs, among others
• Purchased academic supplies, books, speech and literacy support materials, software, video and media equipment, and various other learning aids

SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECOGNITION
• Recognized 19 top graduating students as Foundation Scholars
• Assisted high school students with $50,000 in scholarships for continued education
• Announced not one, but two, recipients of the James R. Ryan Family Foundation Scholarship, each totaling $32,000
• Established three new scholarships, bringing the total number of scholarships administered by the Foundation to 18

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES
• Provided students of all ages a chance to see presentations from featured author and philanthropist Greg Mortenson as part of the second annual Distinguished Speaker Series
• Showcased our high school, students, staff, volunteers and community spirit by selling more than 2,000 tickets to the Speaker Series event and raising more than $40,000 to continue and build this program in future years

Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity. The future begins here.

“Greg Mortenson was an inspiring, motivating Distinguished Speaker. We were honored to have him at our schools. He captured the hearts of our students and our community.”
– Kara Wittenberg, Co-Chair, 2009 Distinguished Speaker Series
This year we were pleased to award more than 40 grants to our students, teachers and administrators. These funds enrich our students’ educational experience and promote excellence within Gull Lake schools.

**RICHLAND ELEMENTARY**
- Follett Library System $1,300
- Reading A-Z Online Resource $1,190
- Lincoln Center Institute for the Arts Education Program $900
- Whisper Phone Reading Devices $1,550
- Principal Discretionary Grant $300

**KELLOGG ELEMENTARY**
- K-3 Reading Rewards $580
- Character Building Incentives $250
- Parenting Program Toolkit $400
- Educational Calendar Rugs $900
- Library Books $1,400
- Take Home Learning Packs $1,810
- Pre-K Computer Software $1,470
- Principal Discretionary Grant $300

**RYAN INTERMEDIATE**
- Lincoln Center Institute for the Arts Education Program $2,020
- Nature Center Native American Program $1,400
- Greenfield Village Historical Visit $5,400
- Michigan Authors Visit and Elder’s Project $1,850 *
- I-Clickers Hand Held Communications Devices $3,400
- Dialogue Club to Help Shape Positive Attitudes and Behaviors $650
- Video Making Equipment $840 *
- Principal Discretionary Grant $300

**GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- MiBLSi Behavior and Literacy Support Materials $1,650
- Michigan Authors Visit and Elder’s Project $1,850 *
- Video Making Equipment $840 *
- Character Education and Field Trip $3,550 **
- Principal Discretionary Grant $300

**GULL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL**
- Digital Media Equipment $720
- ELA Field Trip to Chenery Auditorium $660
- Professional Storytelling Program and Master Class $1,590
- Principal Discretionary Grant $300

**DISTRICT**
- Destination ImagiNation Problem Solving Program $1,100
- Pre K Speech Pathology Materials $1,450
- 2010 Schools and Community Health and Wellness Fair $1,150
- Girls On The Run Character Building Program $200
- Principal Discretionary Grant $300

**TEACHER**
- NCTE Annual Convention, featuring GLCS Presenter and Session Attendee $780
- First Grade Reading, Math and Classroom Management Conference $1,590
- Trouble-Free Playground Workshop $830

**MULTI-YEAR INNOVATION GRANT**
- Read and Ride Summer Program at Cheff Center, Year 1. An innovative, thematic literacy program to improve oral reading fluency scores and general attitudes toward reading for at-risk students $3,460

**RESTRICTED GRANTS, DISTRICT**
- Warrior Fund Designated Grant $8,200

* Funds from these two grants were shared between Ryan Intermediate and Gull Lake Middle School
** Funds for this grant made possible through the Amesby-Mawby Fund
Each year the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation honors its top students as part of the organization’s Foundation Scholars program. This program acknowledges the best of our best -- seniors who have earned a 3.9 or higher grade point average for at least seven semesters.

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. This year, the students and teachers honored included:

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“Through Destination Imagination, I found my hidden desire for performing and story writing. I can’t wait for DI to start up again this year, and for the crazy ideas my team and I will come up with to make the audience laugh.”

– Juli Ginn on participating in Destination Imagination
In 2010, we awarded $50,000 in scholarships to high school students whose needs and achievements set them apart. Our investment in these students offsets the costs of their education as they take the next steps to build their future.

Michael Bailey Scholarship
Emily Geren (11th grade), $4,000

Benjamin Baker Scholarship
Andrew Wilson, $1,000

Laurie Makin Cartwright Scholarship
Matthew Vosters, $500

Melanie Noel Chojnowski Scholarship
Brianna Wynsma, $250

Coca Cola Healthy Living Scholarship
Emily Owen, $1,000

Gull Lake Community Volunteers, Men’s Group Scholarship
Colleen Clancy, $1,000

Gull Lake Community Volunteers, Women’s Group Scholarship
Tyler Olsen, $1,000

Gull Lake Area Rotary Scholarship
Nicholas Reece, $500

Class of 2008 Scholarship
Kendall Jennings, $900

Gull Lake Education Association Scholarship
David Erbach, $500

GLEA Pekkarinen Scholarship
Haley Gerlofs, $500

Jim Field Memorial Scholarship
Landon Koldyke, $750

Parker Hannifin Scholarship
Ross Perigo, $1,000

Ladies of the Lake Scholarship
Matthew Vosters, $2,000

Clare Shoemaker Scholarship
Benjamin Hoeksema, $500

Joan Split Scholarship
Natalie Patterson, $1,000

Jack Weber Scholarship
Haley Gerlofs, $500

Glenn Zylstra Scholarship
Rod Sherin, $250

Glenn Zylstra Scholarship
Evan Poll, $250

James R. Ryan Family Foundation Scholarship
Ariel Stanton (12th grade), $32,000

James R. Ryan Family Foundation Scholarship
Sarah Langejans (8th grade), $32,000

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

Ryan Family Scholarship Names Two Recipients

The James R. Ryan Family Foundation selected not one—but two—recipients this year 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 eighth grader who has demonstrated potential for academic success in preparation for college. The applicants must demonstrate financial need. This year, the James R. Ryan Family Foundation generously awarded the scholarship to Sarah Langejans and Seth Haase.

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. Thank you to the Ryan family for its generosity and continued support of Gull Lake students.
Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation. Your support and commitment is critical to future success for our students.

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The Foundation does such a wonderful job ensuring teachers and students are taken care of. I really appreciate their efforts.” – Amy Kramer, Math teacher, Gull Lake Middle School

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, all of the Foundation’s administrative costs and expenses for general grant-making and scholarship funds administration were covered by:
• investment income
• cash contributions from Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation board members
• in-kind contributions from Foundation board members and/or local businesses or professionals

That means 100% of your tax-deductible contribution will benefit Gull Lake Community Schools.

You can make a contribution in cash or by check (payable to Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation). You may also make a donation to our endowment fund through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation (such donations qualify for the Michigan Community Foundations Tax Credit).

We also accept online donations as well. The GLCSF uses one of the most trusted providers to collect donations online. Visit our website, www.glcsf.org and while you’re there, please consider making a contribution today.

### THE VALUE OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are just that: monies that are donated without restriction and can be used to meet the ever-changing needs within Gull Lake Community Schools. The Foundation relies on these unrestricted contributions to continually seek creative ways to improve the quality of education in our district – from encouraging student endeavors, funding classroom or building activities to supporting teacher enrichment and much more.

For further information about making an unrestricted gift to the Foundation, visit www.glcsf.org or contact the Foundation at 269/488-5014.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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### RESTRICTED FUNDS

| Contributions          | $199,957.55 | $240,122.50 |
| Investment and Other Income | 14.62 | 210.40 |
| Kalamazoo Community Foundation - investment gains (losses) | 23,598.78 | (30,729.47) |
| Grants | (65,556.07) | (158,796.91) |
| Transfer from Unrestricted Funds | 13.00 | 0.00 |
| Transfer to Unrestricted Funds | (80.31) | 0.00 |
| Net Increase in Restricted Funds | $157,947.57 | $50,806.52 |
| Restricted Funds at Beginning of Year | $421,464.71 | $370,658.19 |
| Restricted Funds at End of Year | $579,412.28 | $421,464.71 |

### Assets at the End of the Period

| $728,006.40 | $556,146.25 |

### ALLOCATION OF ASSETS

| Unrestricted Funds | 148,594.12 | 134,681.54 |
| Designated Funds | 101,366.59 | 44,005.42 |
| Endowment - donor designated | 5,090.00 | 5,090.00 |
| Endowment - board designated | 37,331.55 | 37,331.55 |
| Endowment - Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF | 61,674.88 | 43,655.97 |
| Scholarship Funds | 311,425.17 | 234,437.55 |
| Scholarship Funds - Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF | 62,524.09 | 56,944.22 |

### Assets at the End of the Period

| $728,006.40 | $556,146.25 |

*Detailed financial statement available upon request.*
“Girls on the Run has taught us to keep our bodies healthy and that what you are as a girl, is what you will be as a woman.”
– Andrea Zielke and Abby Branstetter

“I learned that elders are more useful than we thought and I enjoyed listening to the elders talk about what they did.”
– Coty Brower on the GLCSF/Gull Lake Area Rotary-sponsored Elder’s Project

“I in the future I want to be a teacher here to fill in for Mrs. Perry!”
– Brooke Gamble

“It’s a privilege to be part of such a generous school community!”
– Karen Koets, 1st grade teacher, Richland Elementary

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