ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

BLUE DEVIL

Greetings

Welcome to the GLCSF 2008 – 2009 Annual Report. I think you will definitely enjoy reading about our year. In the midst of the worst economic downturn in recent history, the generosity of the Gull Lake community continues to amaze me. This past year saw the Foundation reach a record level in both contributions received and grants awarded. These results are only made possible because of individuals like you, who value our youth and believe in the critical importance of education.

Our report reveals the community's support for our students, teachers and schools. It also reflects the GLCSF board's commitment to be responsible stewards of the Foundation's resources. In an effort to keep our expenses in check, you will notice that we have scaled back this year's report. As in previous years, 100% of your donation goes directly to our grants, scholarships and achievement recognition.

My most sincere thanks,

Marie Stech,
GLCSF 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 continue promoting excellence in education within Gull Lake Community Schools.

The Foundation is a great way to help your local school district and the children of our community. Support of the Foundation fuels recognition and reward for outstanding academic and community performance. The Foundation has been able to provide college scholarships to graduating seniors, incentive grants for creative teaching and new programming at all levels in the district.

In reading this annual report, you will find the wonderful collaborative spirit of this community outlined in the actions of the Foundation…actions made possible because of community support. Thank you for your commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Rundle,
Executive Director

This year the Foundation realized some outstanding results. With the Michigan economy experiencing a depressing downturn, the support and generosity of the Gull Lake community continues to rise!

Here are some of the highlights:

- Reached a record level of $343,000 in contributions
- Assisted students with $50,300 in scholarships for continued education
- Awarded 43 grants in excess of $180,000
- Recognized 24 outstanding students as "Foundation Scholars"
- Purchased academic supplies, books, calculators, DVDs, CDs, band uniforms, science supplies, a piano keyboard, cardiovascular and teaching equipment
- Improved communications with the addition of teacher liaisons to the board
- Provided unique experiences for students including a leadership conference, dialogue club, character building, overnight camp, field trips, guest speakers, CPR training, and depression / suicide prevention training
- Integrated the Distinguished Speaker Series into the curriculum through a collaborative effort with the district's teachers
- Developed new grant standards and procedures

Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation…providing a sound foundation for the students, teachers and schools in our community.

GRANTS

This year we were pleased to award 43 grants to our students, teachers and administrators. These funds enrich our students' educational experience, building a sound foundation for the future.

RICHLAND ELEMENTARY

Reading A-Z Online Resource *$1,260*
National Geographic, Ranger Rick, Kids Discover *$300*
Nonfiction Books on CD *$445*
Workstation Management Kits for Literacy *$1,775*
United States Geography Rug *$375*
Dairy Farm Study and Field Trip *$400*
Principal Discretionary Grant *$300*

KELLOGG ELEMENTARY

Work Station Management Kits for Literacy *$300*
138 New Library Books for Six-Trait Writing Process *$1,500*
Song Books for New Learning Techniques *$500*
Math, Reading and Spelling DVDs and CDs *$200*
Principal Discretionary Grant *$300*

RYAN INTERMEDIATE

Lincoln Center Institute for the Arts Education Program *$4,600*
Dialogue Club to Help Shape Positive Attitudes and Behaviors *$600*
Girls on the Run Character Building Program *$200*
Principal Discretionary Grant *$300*

GULL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cardiovascular Equipment Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles *$2,000*
YMCA Character Building Program and Field Trip *$3,800*
Poetry Presentation and Published Anthology *$1,525*
I-Clickers Hand Held Communication Devices *$1,525*
Principal Discretionary Grant *$300*

GULL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Native American Professional Presentation *$200*
30 TI-83 Plus Calculators for the TI Navigator System *$2,275*
100 Keyboard Wrist Pads *$1,000*
New Marching Band Uniforms *$16,000*
Outdoor Classroom Science Supplies *$400*
CMH Summer Program for At Risk Students *$650*
Overhead Demonstrator Mirror for Food and Nutrition Class *$515*
Principal Discretionary Grant *$300*

DISTRICT

Special Ed, Cheff Center Therapeutic Riding Program *$2,360*
K-12 Outdoor Classroom to Establish Michigan Prairie *$2,575*
Stride for Pride Completion Grant *$5,000* *
Making Connections Readiness Program *$4,000*
Professional Story Teller Program and Master Class *$580*

STUDENT

2009 Rose Bowl Bands of America Participant, High School Band Student *$500*
Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference in Washington, DC, High School Student *$500*
KIA Art Camp, Elementary Student *$110*

TEACHER

Funding for First Grade Teachers to Attend Teacher Conference in Lansing *$1,380*

RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED GRANTS

RICHLAND ELEMENTARY

Knapper Restricted Grant: Piano Keyboard and Dolly *$1,250*

RYAN INTERMEDIATE

E.B. Foundation Designated Grant: Fifth Grade Camp Experience *$20,000*

DISTRICT

Peter & Susan Ordway Designated Grant: U of M Depression Suicide Prevention *$97,000*

Warrior Fund Designated Grant: CPR Training *$900*

Russ & LouAnn Mawby Designated Grant: Stride for Pride *$10,000*

* *GLCSF pledges to provide the final $5000 of funding for Stride For Pride after the successful completion of the SFP campaign goal.*

Sharing Three Cups of Tea

*With Our **Students.***
*With Our **Community.***

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation is delighted to be hosting Greg Mortenson October 29, 2009, as part of its Distinguished Speaker Series. Mortenson is an author, philanthropist and mountaineer whose book, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace*, has been on the New York Times bestseller list for more than two years. A young reader's edition of *Three Cups of Tea* and a picture book, *Listen to the Wind*, were introduced in January 2009.

Mortenson is co-founder of the Central Asia Institute, which has built more than 70 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He draws thousands to his speaking events throughout the country, and has been featured widely in the media, including the New York Times, USA Today and ABC News.

In addition to an evening community event, Mortenson also will spend the day with students in Gull Lake Community Schools, speaking about his work and about education in other parts of the world.

The Foundation's Distinguished Speaker Series was introduced in 2008 to bring to our community people who can have an impact on students' lives and their perspective on the world. A unique education program, the Distinguished Speaker Series gives Gull Lake students a rare opportunity to hear from and meet respected, high-profile leaders in many different fields. The broader Kalamazoo community also is invited to community events with the speakers.

LEARN CPR. SAVE A LIFE.

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation funded a free, community-wide CPR training class in November 2008, thanks to generous contributors to the CPR Warrior Fund.

More than 75 people from throughout the community attended the program, which covered adult, child, infant CPR and defibrillator training. Families and friends were able to get together in the evening and learn important life-saving skills. Recommended techniques have also changed over the years, so for those who already had taken a CPR class, it provided a valuable refresher as well.

Plans are to offer the class again in 2009.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

As in past years, the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation hosted an evening to celebrate the achievements of those seniors who earned a 3.9 or higher grade point average for at least seven semesters. Parents of these exceptional students were honored as well as an influential teacher of the student's choosing.

scholar *teacher*				
David Archer Kristi Cushman	**Emma Conner** Deb Kuch	**Galen George** Roger Cornelius	**Matthew Maiers** Gary Sprague	**Emma Short** Julie Jones
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SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2009, we awarded $50,300 in scholarships to graduating seniors, 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.

Joan Split Scholarship
Jordan Kifer, *$1,000*

Rotary Scholarship
Jessica Williams, *$500*

Lee Kermit Scholarship
Tyler Fisher, *$300*

Ladies of the Lake Scholarship
Whitney Feltner, *$2,000*

Parker Hannifin Scholarship
Zachary Mutual, *$1,000*

Class of 2008 Scholarship
Kristen Smith, *$1,000*

GLEA Scholarship
Allison Schwoebel, *$500*

GLEA - Pekkarinen Scholarship
Melissa Woodward, *$500*

Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers, Men's Group Scholarship
Greg Bergland, *$1,000*

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Marie Tysman, *$1,000*

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Chelsea Gawel, *$1,000*

Jim Field Memorial Scholarship
Corinne Mitrzyk, *$750*

Coca Cola Scholarship
Brett Anderson, *$1,000*

Melanie Noel Chojnowski Scholarship
Chole M. Rice, *$250*

Benjamin Baker Scholarship
Jason Johnson, *$1,000*

Michael Bailey Scholarship
Matt Vosters, *$4,000*

James R Ryan Scholarship
Daniel Mitchell, *$32,000*

Glenn Zylstra Scholarship
Eric Butcher, *$250*

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Emily Garrett, *$250*

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
$50,300

We would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation. Your support and commitment is critical to future success for our students.

VISIONARIES ($10,000+)

E-B Foundation

Russell Mawby *In memory of Ralph Shumaker and Jack Weber*

Katharine Miller *In honor of Kay Gross*

Peter and Susan Ordway

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Thomas and Martha VanderMolen
In gratitude for all of the loving support of the Gull Lake community this year

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Grad Bash 2008

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June 30

	2009	2008
Unrestricted Funds		
Contributions	$ 103,060.93	$ 80,070.76
Investment and Other Income	1,820.39	7,701.77
Kalamazoo Community Foundation - income/gain transfered in	2,379.04	3,114.82
Grants and Program Services - current	(45,848.54)	(37,444.90)
Grants and Program Services - prior year	(28,592.84)	(2,880.00)
Transfer to Designated Funds	0.00	(25,022.43)
Transfer from Designated Funds	0.00	3,921.02
Operating Expenses	(10,932.93)	(15,089.84)
Net Increase in Unrestricted Funds	**21,886.05**	**14,371.20**
Unrestricted Funds at Beginning of Year	**112,795.49**	**98,424.29**
Unrestricted Funds at End of Year	**134,681.54**	**112,795.49**
Designated Funds		
Contributions	240,122.50	137,226.00
Investment and Other Income	210.40	1,489.26
Kalamazoo Community Foundation - investment gains (losses)	(30,729.47)	(11,737.02)
Grants	(158,796.91)	(125,029.18)
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	0.00	25,022.43
Transfer to Unrestricted Funds	0.00	(3,921.02)
Net Increase in Designated Funds	**50,806.52**	**23,050.47**
Designated Funds at Beginning of Year	**370,658.19**	**347,607.72**
Designated Funds at End of Year	**421,464.71**	**370,658.19**
Assets at the End of the Period	**$ 556,146.25**	**$ 483,453.68**
Allocation of Assets		
Unrestricted Funds	134,681.54	112,795.49
Designated Funds	44,005.42	47,894.84
Endowment - donor designated	5,090.00	5,090.00
Endowment - board designated	37,331.55	37,331.55
Endowment - Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF	43,655.97	65,970.48
Scholarship Funds	234,437.55	132,099.16
Scholarship Funds - Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF	56,944.22	82,272.16
Assets at the End of the Period	**$ 556,146.25**	**$ 483,453.68**

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An Opportunity For You.

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, 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, and with 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 the 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).

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- Planned gifts in a will or a bequest

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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 Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation relies on unrestricted contributions to continually improve the quality of education in our district – from funding classroom or school building activities to encouraging teacher enrichment and supporting student endeavors.

The trustees of the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation carefully evaluate ongoing requests for grants and determine how best to designate the funds in a responsible, prudent way.

For further information about making an unrestricted gift to the Foundation, visit www.glcsf.org or contact the Foundation at 269/488-5000.

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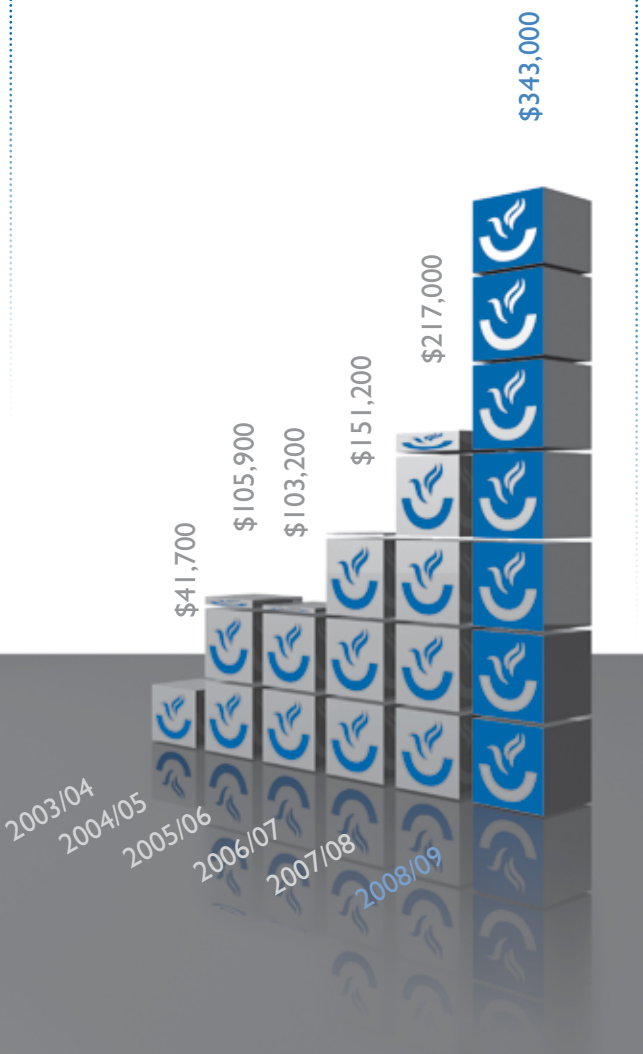

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- Marie Stech, GLCSF Chairperson

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