



A record-setting night



\$639,300 in scholarships awarded

On May 22, Saginaw Community Foundation awarded 353 students 490 scholarships at our annual Excellence in Education event. A total of \$639,300 was awarded to the recipients. Students, scholarship awards, and the dollar amount were all record-high numbers. This year marked the 30th annual year of Saginaw Community Foundation awarding scholarships.

"The purpose of the annual Excellence in Education event is to recognize, award and inspire students who have earned scholarships from the Saginaw Community Foundation," said LeeAnn Martuch, program officer at the Foundation. "We also honor the donors who have established scholarship funds at the foundation."

Since 1987, the foundation has awarded more than \$5.3 million to students to help them achieve their educational goals.

"Education is vital to the growth and future of every community. Scholarships can help people in our region obtain a degree, certificate



Pictured are students that were able to attend our record-setting 30th annual Excellence in Education event.

or other training that will help further their aspirations and goals," said Reneé Johnston, president and CEO at the Foundation.

The foundation currently administers 190 scholarships that have been established by its donors as well as the Saginaw Promise Zone scholarships.

"People traditionally think scholarships are just for high school seniors," Martuch said. "But the Saginaw Community Foundation

offers scholarships for all sorts of people – from displaced workers to the single mother just returning to school to a student working full-time and attending college part-time. We also offer a variety of scholarships for students seeking vocational training."

Saginaw Community Foundation will begin accepting applications for 2018 scholarships on Nov. 1, 2017. For more information, visit saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships.

Interested in starting a scholarship fund?

Our scholarship funds are made possible because of the generosity of our fund donors, like individuals, families, civic groups or businesses.

We offer our expertise and assistance to help you develop, promote and administer your own scholarship fund from start to finish.

You can create a scholarship as a memorial to someone special, selecting eligibility criteria that exemplify that person's goals and values. Or, you may use it to express the

educational values of yourself, your family or your company. Depending on your preferences, the scholarship you establish can support any area of academic need, including tuition, room and board, and books.

To start your scholarship fund, you can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate or other assets. You also can receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made. Additionally, your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested and will grow over time.

Ready to get started?

We are ready to assist you in fulfilling your philanthropic interests. Contact LeeAnn Martuch at (989) 755-0545 or via email at leeann@saginawfoundation.org. For additional information, visit saginawfoundation.org.

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FROM RENEÉ S. JOHNSTON

Supporting a community

It seems like everyone I speak with comments on how the summer flew by. At Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF), the staff and I always say that the first eight months of the year go by quickly as we are busy coordinating and planning events, fulfilling grants, and processing scholarships.

Since our last Cornerstone newsletter, SCF hosted two large events. In May, we hosted our 30th annual Excellence in Education Scholarship Night at the Horizons Conference Center. **Over 800 people attended the event where we presented 353 students 490 awards totaling \$639,300 – all record high numbers.** Thank you to our amazing donors who make these scholarship awards possible.

Also, in June, the SCF staff and Board of Directors hosted this year's Annual Celebration in Morley Plaza. We had a successful and eventful evening recognizing individuals and groups for their community support, volunteerism and dedication to education. Thanks to our partners from Saginaw County Parks & Recreation for providing our guests with a variety of recreation activities and to our music entertainment for the evening, The Robert Lee Revue Band.

Recently, Dr. Louis and Karen Constan met with the SCF staff to discuss how they could use some of their resources to benefit education, more specifically, the area of science. They established the **Louis and Karen Constan Science Education Fund**, a field of interest fund to be awarded for a creative, science-based solutions for teaching a concept or problem solving. This fund will provide up to \$500 for materials, expenses or equipment to be used for hands-on experiments in or out of the classroom. This grant will be available to any Saginaw County Public School science teacher with a major in a scientific subject. It's encouraging to know that we have supporters like the Constan's who recognize the importance of education and are motivated to do what they can to make a positive impact.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to comment on some unfortunate events from this summer. The beliefs that fueled the actions of white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia are in direct opposition to SCF's work, vision, mission, and aspirations. We know that the events in Charlottesville were



Dr. Louis and Karen Constan recently established a new field of interest fund that will grant dollars to Saginaw County Public School Science Teachers to be used for creative, science-based teaching concepts.

not isolated, but rather a piece of a historical continuum of events, actions, and beliefs that allow gross inequities to persist despite the good intentions and important work of so many. Events like this, I hope, would encourage us as a community to stand firm together.

Recently, there also was disastrous flooding, both locally and in other parts of our nation. We have witnessed devastating losses that many are facing. It is encouraging to see how individuals in those communities and here in our own community have stepped forward to lend a helping hand. Times like these remind us that it truly does take a village.

Reneé S. Johnston, President & CEO



Impactful grantmaking

\$528,236 granted in first two quarters of 2017

It's been a busy and rewarding first two quarters of the year. **Through June 2017, Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) has granted \$528,236 supporting 103 programs and projects** via its administrative and competitive grant processes.

"We strive to grant funds to support programs that will truly make a difference in our communities," said Reneé Johnston, president and CEO of the foundation. "Every person who has supported the foundation – whether through donations, volunteering or

advocacy – has helped us give much needed support to area programs. It's people like you who truly help make an impact in Saginaw and make our community a better place."

Currently, SCF manages 25 unrestricted funds, 67 designated funds and 52 donor advised funds.

Application deadline

The next competitive grant deadline is Nov. 1. Organizations interested in applying for a grant through SCF can learn more by contacting Kendra Kempf, program officer, at (989) 755-0545 or via email kendra@saginawfoundation.org or by visiting saginawfoundation.org/site/grants.

Teachers: Let your imagination run wild

The Grants for Excellence program provides funding to Saginaw County schools for creative educational initiatives and projects not currently supported by school budgets. The maximum grant award is \$2,500.

The program is designed to enhance student experiences and curriculum activities, develop projects to facilitate different learning styles, motivate student curiosity and learning, supplement additional funding sources, purchase educational materials and/or bring non-traditional resources to the classroom, develop and share innovative methods and tools for teaching and inspire professional development and growth.

All Saginaw County Pre-K-12 teachers and instructional staff are eligible to apply. While more than one application may be submitted, only one grant will be awarded per individual, per year. The project must be implemented between Jan. 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018.

How to apply

The deadline to apply for a Grants for Excellence Teacher Mini-Grant is Nov. 1. Additional information and an application form can be found at saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/grant-programs/grants-for-excellence/.



GRANT AMOUNTS UP TO \$2,500

Grants for Excellence Mini-Grants are available to teachers and staff to provide funding for creative educational initiatives and projects not currently supported by school budgets. Let your imagination run wild. Enrich minds. Dream the big dream.

APPLY BY NOVEMBER 1

COMPETITIVE GRANT Programs

Saginaw Community Foundation General Grants

Application deadlines:
Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 1
saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/scf/

Dow Corning Donor Advised Grants

Application deadlines:
Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 1
saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/dow-corning-foundation-donor-advised-funds/

The Dow Chemical Company Community Donor Advised Grants

Application deadlines:
Mar. 15, Sept. 15
saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/dow-community-donor-advised-grant/

Nexteer Automotive Steering the Future Grants

Application deadlines:
Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1
saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/grant-programs/nexteer-steering-the-future-fund/

Community Improvement Initiative Grants

Application deadline:
Apr. 1
saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/grant-programs/community-improvement-initiative/

Grants for Excellence Teacher Mini-Grants

Application deadline:
Nov. 1
saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/grant-programs/grants-for-excellence/

NEW Louis and Karen Constan Science Education Fund Grants

Application deadline:
Nov. 1
saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/grant-programs/louis-and-karen-constan-science-education-fund/

The Dow Chemical Company Dow Community Gives Youth Grants

Applications accepted on an open/ongoing basis
saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/grant-programs/dow-community-gives/

Unrestricted funds

Meeting ever-changing community needs

When you establish an unrestricted fund, your gift addresses a broad range of local needs – including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made.

Because you set no restrictions on the use of your gift, it enables our experienced program staff and board to do what they do best – assess community needs and respond by awarding grants to the nonprofit organizations that undertake our community's most critical work.

We evaluate all aspects of community well-being: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization and more.

Unrestricted funds help SCF support:

- long-term solutions
- respond quickly to emergencies
- meet changing social, cultural, educational, or environmental needs in Saginaw County

To start your fund, you can make a bequest or give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate or other assets. The field of interest fund can be set up in your name, in the name of your family, or in honor of any person or organization you choose.

You'll receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made and you can add to the field of interest fund you establish at any time – and so can others who share your interests in community.

Your fund will be endowed at SCF, serving as a source of community capital. Earnings gained through investments will be used to make grants that address needs in Saginaw County.

The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables your community foundation's program experts to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

Giving is personal

Many people come to a point in their lives where they feel inclined to give back.



They do so for a number of reasons, all very personal to them.

There are as many ways to give as there are motivations. The key to a rewarding giving experience is finding the best fit for your charitable priorities, financial goals and personal preferences.

Saginaw Community Foundation is here to help you determine a custom giving solution that's right for you.

Ready to get started?

For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor, contact Saginaw Community Foundation at (989) 755-0545, or visit saginawfoundation.org/site/for-donors.

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it takes a village

Last year we introduced why we believe “it takes a village” to make our community great during our annual Cornerstone Campaign. In our 2016 Annual Report, we shared stories from our “village” of some amazing activities and people dedicated to improving the lives of everyone in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

But there is still work to be done.

Later this November, be on the lookout for our ***It Takes a Village 2017 Cornerstone Campaign*** materials arriving in your mailbox. It will be your opportunity to commit your support to your community foundation. *Why?* Because it truly does take a village — all of us — to make great things happen.



Notable Dates

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarship applications due

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SCF Scholarship Application opens online

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Application deadline for SCF General Grants

Application deadline for Dow Corning Donor Advised Grant

NOV
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Application deadline for Grants for Excellence

DEC
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Application deadline for Nexteer Steering the Future Fund Grants

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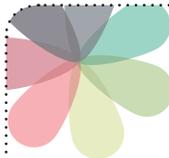
APPLY BY OCT. 31

MLK Regional Scholarship

Applications for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarship are now available. This scholarship is for Bay, Midland and Saginaw County high school seniors, regardless of ethnicity, who actively embrace Dr. King's dream of improving racial harmony and social justice.

Scholarships are \$1,000 and nonrenewable. The awards will be presented at the annual Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration program to be held on Jan. 24, 2018 at Saginaw Valley State University.

Applications must be completed online at scf.spectrumportal.net and are due by Oct. 31, 2017.



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