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Straits Area Community Foundation Awards Over \$10,500 in New Grants

CHEBOYGAN—The Straits Area Community Foundation (SACF) recently awarded a new round of community grants covering Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City. The Board of Trustees approved 13 new grants totaling \$10,502. Of that amount, \$5,277 was awarded in Community Impact Grants and \$2,225 was awarded in grants from the Straits Area Youth Advisory Council (SAYAC). Grants were approved on February 6, 2019.

New Community Impact Grants are:

1. Indian River Area Library - \$1,000 for library renovations;
2. Michigan Works! Northeast Michigan Consortium - \$1,000 to support the “Reduce Barriers to Employment” project;
3. Evangelical Covenant Church - \$800 for the Covenant Kids Childcare Center;
4. Cheboygan County United Way - \$777 for two grants, including the 2019 Walk for Warmth and Cheboygan County Project Connect;
5. Straits Area Services - \$500 for the Comprehensive Opportunity Assistance program;
6. Industrial Arts Institute - \$500 to support the purchase of a precision TIG Welder for the welding instruction program;
7. Indian River United Methodist Church - \$400 for the G.L.O.W. Community Center; and
8. Cheboygan Carnegie - \$300 toward stabilization expenses for the Cheboygan Carnegie Historic Building.

Community Impact Grants are awarded once a year. Funding for grants during this cycle comes from SACF’s Community Needs Fund and the Straits Area Tobacco Settlement Fund.

Also approved on February 6 were the following grants recommended by the Straits Area Youth Advisory Council, which is made up of young people from across the SACF service area, and provides funding for programs and projects benefitting youth in Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City.

1. Cheboygan County United Way - \$775 for the “Stuff the Bus” back-to-school program;
2. Cheboygan County Junior Golf Academy Foundation, Inc. - \$600 to support youth golfers in the Cheboygan County Junior Golf Academy program;
3. Wolverine Community Schools - \$550 to support the Wolverine High School trip to Chicago, Ill.
4. Thunder Bay Community Health Services, Inc. - \$300 to support the 2016 School-Based Health Center Back-to-School Festival.

The next opportunity for submitting grant applications through the Straits Area Community Foundation is through the Straits Area Youth Advisory Council’s second grant cycle of the year. The application deadline is March 15. Applications are available at www.sacf.net.

The Straits Area Community Foundation serves Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City. SACF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM), which holds combined assets of over \$45 million. CFNEM serves as the administrative arm for its affiliate foundations. SACF is led by a volunteer board of local citizens committed to providing people who care about the future of the region and its communities with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come. The foundation oversees a group of permanently endowed funds from a wide range of donors. Gifts of all sizes from individuals, families, businesses and agencies are invested in a balanced, well-managed portfolio to build endowments, enabling support for local community nonprofits now and forever. To make a donation or learn more about how community foundations work, visit www.sacf.net or call 989-354-6881; toll-free: 877-354-6881.

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