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“The Great Give” Sets Record Supporting Local Nonprofits

HILLSDALE County residents came together at the Hillsdale County Community Foundation’s Great Give to make it the best Giving Tuesday yet. As a community, donors demonstrated the importance of generosity through acts of giving. Together, The Great Give brought in \$222,217, including public donations of \$197,217 and bonus pool funds from the Community Foundation totaling \$25,000.



The 2019 Great Give participants celebrate a successful day of giving.

On December 3rd, The HCCF hosted The Great Give on Giving Tuesday, a globally recognized day that aims to celebrate the spirit of philanthropy through giving. Families, individuals, and businesses came together to make a difference in Hillsdale County.

Throughout the day, eight local nonprofits had the opportunity to collect donations and connect with each other. In addition to public donations, each year the Community Foundation comes up with ways for participating agencies to earn bonus funds. New this year, HCCF provided incentives for the most board member participation at The Great Give and for the most likes on Facebook.

During the day, the participating non-profits could receive donations from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Online gifts were welcomed using the HCCF website, www.abouthccf.org, the HCCF **CONTINUED ON 2**

HCCF Hosts 13th Annual Hillsdale County College Fair

THE HILLSDALE County Community Foundation’s 13th annual Hillsdale County College Fair took place on Monday, October 14th at the Margot V. Biermann Athletic Center on the campus of Hillsdale College.

The event included 36 colleges and universities from the tri-state area and representatives from the armed forces, I Challenge U, the Health Department, CHBW and County National Bank, who provided financial and loan information. While at the college fair, students from the Hillsdale County area had the opportunity to speak with and receive information from the attending **CONTINUED ON 3**



Hillsdale County high school students talk with admissions representatives at the Margot V. Biermann Center.

HCCF Welcomes New Board Members

THE HILLSDALE County Community Foundation is honored to have four dedicated community leaders join the organization as the newest members of our Board of Trustees. The Community Foundation is pleased to welcome Kym Blythe, Joe Draper, Laura Nevins and Stacy Feltz on board.



Kym Blythe



Joe Draper



Laura Nevins



Stacy Feltz

Kym Blythe joins the board from Reading. Blythe currently serves as the City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Reading. She has been involved in Municipal Government since March of 1993, giving her 26 years of experience. Kym also serves on six different boards and commissions where she is the Vice President of the Reading Community Library Board and the current Treasurer for the Reading Area Chamber of Commerce. She has been married to Randy Blythe for 29 years and has two children, Samuel and Zoe.

Joe Draper comes from Pittsford to fill the Agriculture seat on the board. He is a life-long Hillsdale County resident and has been involved with agriculture his entire life. Joe is part of the third generation family farm in Osseo, where he grew up helping with the dairy farm. Draper attended Michigan State University and then returned to the area he loves with his wife, Angela, and their four children. He is looking forward to the many opportunities that the Community Foundation offers and working with the other board members

to further the mission of HCCF.

Laura Nevins is joining the board from Mosherville. Laura has been with CHBW & Co., P.C. since June of 2015 and became a licensed Enrolled Agent on October 22, 2019. Nevins is a graduate of Baker College with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree emphasizing Accounting and a graduate of Spring Arbor University with a Master's in Business Administration. She has extensive experience with payroll services and business advisory services, in addition to compilations and reviews of various industries.

Stacy Feltz comes from Hillsdale to serve on the board and currently works at Hillsdale Hospital as the Vice President of Human Resources and Corporate Compliance. Feltz received her Master's in Management and Organizational Leadership and has had 27 years of experience in the human resources field. Stacy is also a Healthcare Leadership Academy Graduate of MSU and a Strengthening Leadership Excellence Graduate from Disney Business Institute.

College Application Month: Laptop Winner



From L to R: Chuck North, Superintendent, Katie Pratt, and Mitch Hubbard, Guidance Counselor

MICHIGAN College Application Month encourages all students to take a significant step towards college by providing assistance and creating excitement during the application process for post-secondary education. Several Hillsdale County schools recently took part in the statewide College Application Month by working to guide high school seniors through the application process. The Hillsdale County Community Foundation provided a laptop computer for a prize for those seniors who were filling out applications. Senior Katie Pratt from Reading High School was this year's winner.

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Facebook page, and walk-in gifts were accepted at the HCCF office throughout the day. In total, 854 contributions were received throughout the day.

The following agencies participated in The Great Give: Alpha Omega Care Center, CAPA, CASA, Domestic Harmony, The Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Hillsdale County Senior Services Center, Hospice of Hillsdale County, and St. Peter's Free Clinic. The Hillsdale County Community Foundation sincerely thanks everyone who aided in furthering the mission of participating organizations while maximizing the impact of their contributions during the Great Give event.

HCCF YOUTH Shop for Christmas Gifts

THE HILLSDALE COUNTY Community Foundation Y.O.U.T.H. (Youth Opportunities Unlimited Throughout Hillsdale) took part in a Christmas project this December to provide Christmas gifts for children within the court system. The YOUTH were able to purchase gifts for 32 children and deliver them to District Court wrapped and ready for Christmas morning. Gifts were delivered December 16 and were displayed in the court room for the day. HCCF was excited to see the YOUTH reach their mission of meeting the needs of young people in Hillsdale County.

Welcome New YOUTH Members

EIGHT NEW members have joined the HCCF YOUTH committee this year. They include:

- Emma Draheim, Camden-Frontier
- Keturah Neukom, Hillsdale Academy
- Jena Fellabaum, Waldron
- Keegan Oxley, Hillsdale Middle School
- Hallie James, Jonesville Middle School
- Damion Scharer, Jonesville
- Maria Mandrelle, Jonseville Middle School
- Emily Toner, Jonesville Middle School

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Hillsdale College GOAL Program Receives Awards



The Hillsdale College GOAL Programs receive grants for the 2019-2020 school year.

THE HILLSDALE County Community Foundation was pleased to award the Hillsdale College G.O.A.L. (The Great Opportunities for Assistance and Leadership) Program with a \$16,000 grant this fall. The G.O.A.L. program coordinates opportunities between members of the student body and various non-profit organizations in Hillsdale County.

HCCF works with the G.O.A.L. program to educate program leaders about Hillsdale County statistics, grant writing and the grant process. Twenty-one program leaders submitted grant applications for their respective non-profit organizations that they serve. This is the second year that HCCF has collaborated with the Hillsdale College G.O.A.L. program to

complete a grant process.

The impact that the G.O.A.L. program makes in Hillsdale County is significant. Each year, students put in thousands of hours to serve various non-profit organizations in the county to make an impact in many ways. Because of the program, each child at the Community Action Agency Preschool were able to receive new shoes, Hillsdale High Rise had pizza parties and fellowship to look forward to every Wednesday and Domestic Harmony received blankets for 50 children, to name a few.

The Foundation is proud to continue this collaboration with Hillsdale College and looks forward to seeing the measurable impact that is made in Hillsdale County!

HCCF Recognizes Previous Board Members



From L to R: Jay Williams, Jason Wade (Chair), JJ Hodshire, Pat Dillon

The Hillsdale County Community Foundation would like to thank Jay Williams, Pat Dillon and JJ Hodshire for their commitment and dedication with service on our Board of Trustees. Your time and efforts are appreciated!

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representatives from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

In addition to speaking with college representatives, the fair was the first opportunity for those interested in scholarships administered by the Foundation to receive the 2020 Scholarship Book and application information. The Scholarship Book outlines all available scholarships and eligibility requirements. The Foundation currently holds over 120 scholarship funds from which students can apply for assistance. In 2019, the Foundation awarded scholarships valued at \$214,130 to area students to assist with their educational endeavors.

Along with the Foundation, this event was sponsored by CHBW & Co., Gem Asset Management, Hillsdale College, and County National Bank.

The deadline for scholarship applications is March 2nd. If scholarship applicants have any questions, they may contact the HCCF at 517-439-5101 or visit the office, located at 2 South Howell Street in downtown Hillsdale. Information is also available online at www.abouthccf.org.



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HCCF ANNUAL REPORT CORRECTION — FOLLOWING the publication of the 2019 HCCF annual report, it was discovered that the calendar dates for December 24 and the dates for the Hillsdale County Fair are incorrect. Please accept our sincerest apologies for this oversight.

MEET THE STAFF

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We invite you to share your thoughts about the Foundation with any of our knowledgeable and helpful staff. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time!

You count.

Did you know 40% of Michigan's funding comes from the federal government?

The amount of money Michigan receives depends on the Census—a survey conducted every 10 years to determine the number of people living in the United States. An accurate count is vital to obtain funding and distribute resources throughout our community.

EDUCATION



- Pell Grant
- Special education programs
- Head Start
- Title 1
- IDEA grants

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- Public transportation and roads
- Public Water System Supervision Program
- Highway planning
- Community development grants

HOUSING



- Shelters
- Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

POLITICAL/GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION



- Number of seats in US House of Representatives
- Number of electoral votes
- Redistricting

FOOD



- WIC
- Bridge Card
- SNAP
- National School Lunch Program

SOCIAL SERVICES



- Emergency services
- Child welfare funding
- Foster care
- Child Care and Development Fund

PUBLIC HEALTH



- Medicaid
- Medicare
- MICHild
- Medi-Cal
- CHIP
- Medical Assistance Program

Census 2020 Fast Facts

- Confidential – answers will not be shared with ICE, police, IRS, FBI, landlords or Child Protective Services
- Offered in dozens of languages
- For every uncouned person, Michigan will lose \$1,800 per person per year
- Asks for less personal information than most social media profiles
- Takes 10 minutes

Look for a Census invitation in the mail in March 2020 with instructions on how to respond online, in the mail or on the phone.



Be Counted

CENSUS 2020

Hillsdale County Counts