



community foundation  
of St. Clair County

## Important Dates

Pull up your  
Outlook Calendar  
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important dates:

- **February 15**  
Downtown Summit (part 2)
- **February 20**  
Education Task Force  
Meeting
- **February 23**  
Studio 1219  
Anniversary Party
- **February 26**  
Dr. Daggett  
Presentation at SC4
- **March 5**  
Grants Committee  
Meeting
- **March 28**  
Nonprofit Investment  
Workshop
- **June 12**  
Foundation  
Annual Dinner

# Philanthropy & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

## 2007 Foundation Impact Estimated at 70,127

According to a review of all grants made in 2007, the Community Foundation estimates that it had a direct impact on 70,127 people in 2007 with an indirect impact on another 75,066.

"We're reaching more people than we anticipated," said Chuck Kelly, the Foundation's Chairman. "Through our grant programs as well as the programs and projects we control directly, like Back to School, the diversity of our donor's interests allows us to support a broad spectrum of programs and projects."

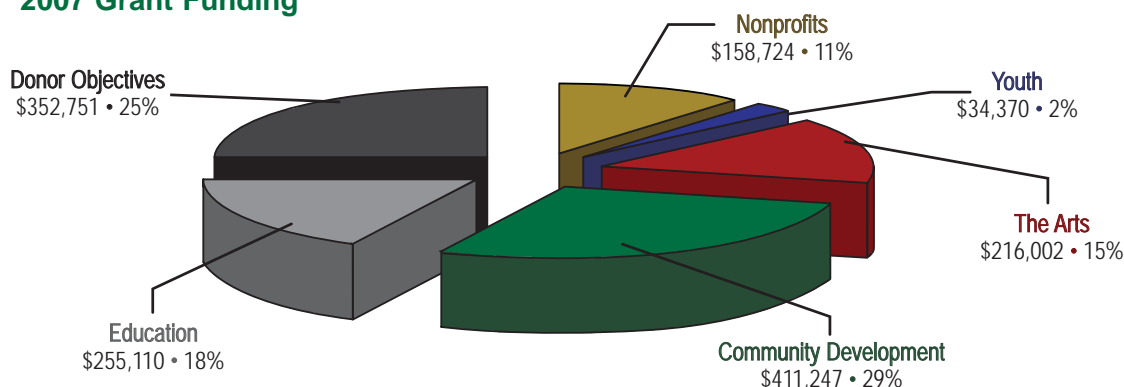
In 2007 the Foundation made 132 individual grants and awards totaling over \$1.4 million which was a 9.1% increase over 2006 funding (excluding three large special distributions from non-endowed funds for capital campaigns). The Foundation's 2007 funding is summarized by program area in the pie chart below.

The Foundation's ongoing support of the Mobile Food Pantry program is estimated to have provided food and personal items to over 26,000 St. Clair County residents last year, topping all other grant programs in terms of the number of people directly impacted. The annual program is provided by the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in partnership with Mid-City Nutrition.



Kevin Muneio, Social Studies Teacher at St. Mary's School in St. Clair, was the 2007 recipient of the \$5,000 YAC C.A.R.E. award grant for implementing community service and volunteerism in his classroom curriculum.

### 2007 Grant Funding



## Scholarship Funding Increases in 2007

With increasing donor interest and support for scholarship funds, the Community Foundation's total scholarship program increased its funding by 48% from 2006 to 2007. In 2007 the Foundation awarded \$162,444 in total scholarships, which was up from \$110,047 in 2006. According to Tara Russel, the Foundation's program officer in charge of scholarships, the projected scholarship budget in 2008 will continue to increase with a forecasted amount of \$214,285.

"We continue to see strong interest from our donors in giving back to help students," said Russel. She added that the John and Rose Marie Wismer Fund topped all scholarship endowments last year by providing \$40,000 in awards. The Foundation has 33 scholarship funds and new named funds can be created with a minimum balance of \$25,000. A complete list of all scholarship funds and their giving criteria are available on the Foundation's web site. The 2008 scholarship application deadline is March 15th.



Kim Thomas, Wismer recipient, 1st year 2007/2008

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## Foundation Adds & Promotes Staff

To help meet the needs of a growing base of donors, the Foundation recently added and promoted staff. Karen Lee, who joined the Foundation in 1995 and is its longest serving employee, has been promoted to director of finance. She was formerly the Foundation's controller and provides oversight for all of the Foundation's financial functions.



*Karen Lee*

Lynn Borg has been added as the Foundation's vice president. She formerly worked for the University of Michigan in major gifts. Lynn will be responsible for major and endowed gifts here at the Community Foundation. She and her family will be moving into St. Clair.



*Lynn Borg*

Lindsay Redlawsk has been promoted to program associate. Lindsay joined the Foundation in 2005 as a program coordinator and is responsible for coordinating the activities of the Community Resource Center. In her new role she will also work with the Foundation's Youth Advisory Council.



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## 2008 Executive Committee

The Foundation's Executive Committee added three new members for 2008. Newly elected were Cathy Wilkinson, Doug Touma and Dan Lockwood. Dan Lockwood was the only new addition to the Foundation Board for 2008, replacing Lynne Secory who retired after six years on the Board. Led by Chuck Kelly, who returns for his 2nd year as Chairman of the Board, the rest of the Executive Committee roster is:

- Chuck Kelly, Chairman
- Don Fletcher, Vice Chair
- Donna Niester, Secretary
- Dan Lockwood, Treasurer
- Marsh Campbell, At Large
- Doug Touma, At large
- Cathy Wilkinson, At Large

## Studio 1219 Enters 3rd Year

Studio 1219, the largest public art gallery and studio in the region has entered its third full year. Originally created as an incubator space for emerging artists, the Studio has grown and evolved since it first opened in October of 2005.

Although total income was lower than in 2006, the Studio posted a 40% increase in sales and a 44% increase in classes and workshops, which are its core sources of income. The Studio paid out almost \$41,000 in artist commissions and instructor fees, which was 38% more than 2006.

Studio 1219 was created through a partnership between the Port Huron Downtown Development Authority and the Community Foundation. Major funding came from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the James C. Acheson Foundation. To learn more about Studio 1219 visit their web site at [www.studio1219.com](http://www.studio1219.com)



## Honoring Those We Love

Honoring people we love, care about and respect has become a popular way for our donors to support their favorite charities while also giving someone a gift that truly gives back. From honoring someone's birthday, to an anniversary or graduation, the Community Foundation received numerous gifts in 2007 to honor the following individuals and couples.

- Dr. Victor & Susan Amato
- Stephanie Armstrong-Helton
- Bill & Ruth Bier
- Hon. Robert H. & Paula M. Cleland
- Norma Cortese
- Janiah Monet Curry
- Ben & Sharon Davey
- Ann-Patrice Egan on her Retirement from Algonac Community Schools
- Mike & Joyce Emrick
- Linda Finnegan
- Betty Fitzgerald
- Marilyn Hebner
- Jim & Shirley Hyatt's 60th Wedding Anniversary
- Bob & Marilyn Meeker's 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Memphis High School Class of "1962"
- Frederick & Lezlynne Moore
- Carman Nemecek
- Donna Niester
- Ashley Perkins's Graduation
- Martha Rodriguez
- Ian Sasseen's Graduation
- Howard & Doris Silk's 60th Wedding Anniversary
- Ryan Simmons
- Dana Smith
- St. Clair Library Staff
- Veronica J. Stanley-Rumford
- Shawn Starkey
- Jason Stier's Graduation
- Donna Tallmadge
- Rose Touma's 85th Birthday
- Dr. Jonathan Uhr's Birthday
- Penny Van Tiem's Graduation
- Paul & Helen Vincent's Anniversary
- Lauri Wessel
- Janice Whipple
- Betsy White
- Charles & Dorothy Winn
- Betty Winslow

## Photo Highlights



*The new Marine City Amphitheater.*



*A happy face from the Family Read Night at Cleveland Elementary.*



*Holland Woods Middle School students enjoy their new Disc Golf Course, funded by the Youth Advisory Council.*