

Chairperson's Letter

We are having a great year in Allendale and it is an honor to be the Chair of the Allendale Community Foundation.

This spring we awarded scholarships to six area high school seniors heading to GVSU, MSU, Hope College, Baker College, and the University of Rhode Island. Inside this newsletter are stories of grants that we've awarded to the Allendale Fire Department and Allendale Christian School. Both of these organizations continue to do good work in our community and we are grateful for them.

Eleven local, dedicated volunteers serve on our Advisory Board, and together we have been making a difference in Allendale for 17 years. Please join us in welcoming Kellen Brusveen to the board.

We recently launched a new website—see the back cover for more information and the new web address. We'd love for you to see it! We also share stories and news on Facebook, so be sure to "Like" our page so you do not miss anything.

We would be honored to have your support. Allendale's future is directly improved by your contributions. All contributions are tax deductible and you can be assured that all support will stay right here in our community.

We are here for good, for ever, for Allendale!



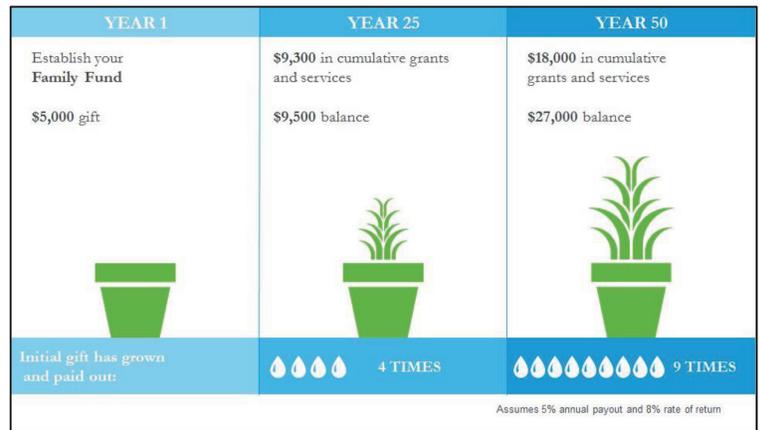
*Gwen VanTimmeren, Chair
Allendale Community Foundation*

How to Open a New Fund

Establishing a fund at the Allendale Community Foundation is an easy and effective way to invest in your community. From Greatest Needs Funds – our most flexible fund to meet the changing needs of our community – to Donor Advised Funds – which allow you to recommend grants to causes that you care about – we're here to work with you.

Contrary to what many think, you don't have to be a millionaire to open a fund. It just takes \$5000 today and that can continue to grow and make a difference in our community.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Chris Riker at criker@ghacf.org or 616-842-6378.



Foundation Awards Scholarships to Area Youth

Scholarships are awarded to Allendale students to help them further their educational experiences. Thank you to the many donors who have established Funds that support our local students. If you are interested in learning more about how our Scholarship Funds work, please call Chris Riker at 616-842-6378.



Jasmine Wells

Lindsey Bakale Memorial Scholarship

Established in loving memory of Lindsey Bakale. The 2017 recipient is **Jasmine Wells**, who is attending Grand Valley State University.

Detter Family Foundation Education Scholarship

Awarded to a current graduate of Allendale Public Schools planning to attend a Michigan College to pursue a career in education. The 2017 recipient is **Bridget Levandar**, who is attending Baker College.

Detter Family Foundation Leaders in Mathematics & Science Scholarship

Awarded to a current graduate of Allendale Public Schools planning to attend a Michigan College to pursue a career in science or mathematics. The 2017 recipient is **Colton Kloote**, who is attending Hope College.

Alyssa Olafson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by friends and family who loved Alyssa. Awarded to a female graduate of Allendale High School who is pursuing a degree in Health and Human Services. The 2017 recipient of this scholarship is **Grace Wiersema**, who is attending University of Rhode Island.

Herman J. Wyngarden Memorial Scholarship

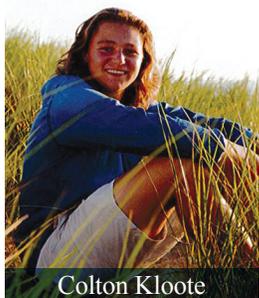
Established in memory of Herman J. Wyngarden and awarded to deserving students to further their education beyond high school. The 2017 recipient is **Brooklyn Deemter**, who is attending Grand Valley State University.

West Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association Scholarship

Established by the West Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association in 2001, this scholarship was designed to assist students from Ottawa, Oceana, Newago, Muskegon, or Allegan counties who desire to pursue a career in horticulture or the green industry. The 2017 recipient is **Eric Bauder**, who is attending Michigan State University.



Bridget Levandar



Colton Kloote



Grace Wiersema



Brooklyn Deemter



Eric Bauder



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Greatest Needs Fund

The Greatest Needs Fund is our most important fund because it allows us to invest in our community in a flexible and impactful way. When you establish or add to an existing Greatest Needs Fund, your gift addresses a broad range of critical needs, including future needs that cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made.

When you are making your giving decisions this year, please consider a gift to this important Allendale fund.

ghacf.org/allendale/donation

Allendale Fire Department

The Allendale community is growing and the **Allendale Fire Department** is tasked with responding to an increase in calls with limited resources. The Allendale Community Foundation recently awarded the AFD \$1,000 towards the purchase of an automated CPR device that would augment the response to cardiac arrest events in the Allendale area.

This automated CPR device is intended to help supplement emergency first responders at cardiac events. A typical cardiac arrest response requires at least three responders and can take up to six to deliver quality CPR.



Welcome New Advisor

Your Foundation is able to grow because of the dedicated leadership of many community citizens. We are pleased to welcome **Kellen Brusveen** to our Advisory Board.

Kellen has been a Chiropractic Physician since 2008, serving West Michigan and the surrounding communities. He is blessed to have a loving wife, Lacey, and two boys Karter and Karson. Faith, family, and friends are priorities of his so you will often find him at the beach or pool with his family, or on a local golf course with his friends. Kellen is a member of the Allendale Rotary Club and Allendale Chamber of Commerce.

He brings compassion for our community and a dedication to see our Community Foundation thrive.

Thank you for serving, Kellen!



Allendale Christian School Outdoor Classroom

Allendale Christian School received \$2,000 to help fund the cost of equipment and labor needed to build an outdoor classroom. The Enrichment Kindergarten class has taken this project on with the goal of providing young children with the opportunity to experience hands on, outdoor imaginative play. The school hopes that the benefits for the students will be more than education, but also social and health related – giving students the chance to invent and innovate.

While this space will be used by children ages 3 to 7 at the school, the intent is that this outdoor classroom be available for all in the Allendale community to use as well.



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Our Website Has a New Look!



Your community foundation has a new online look, as well as a new domain:

allendale-cf.org

From easier access to the donor and grant portals, to quick and easy ways to find the right person to help you, to a brand new blog where we can share all the wonderful ways you help make this community great, we hope the new website is a place you'll come back to again and again.



From all of us at the Allendale Community Foundation, thank you! It's our donors who ensure the community gets the care it needs. We appreciate each and every one of you.

2017-2018 Advisory Board

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- Rob Bristow, Vice Chair
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