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Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Ranks Among Top in Nation

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) has once again been ranked among the top community foundations in the nation, according to the 2016 CF Insights survey. The survey compiled data from participating community foundations across the nation and acts as “the annual census of the community foundation field.”

Of the four survey categories, GHACF ranked:

- **5th in the nation for Gifts Per Capita**, which is calculated by dividing the foundation’s total gifts by the population of the foundation’s service area.
- **15th in nation in Distribution Rate**, which is the amount of assets granted to nonprofits, and is calculated by dividing the foundation’s total grants by total assets at the end of the foundation’s fiscal year.
- **93rd in nation for Number of Transactions**, which is the number of gifts and grants processed annually.

The GHACF is the only community foundation in Michigan to rank in the top 10 for Gifts Per Capita. The Community Foundation of Greater Flint and Kalamazoo Community Foundation are ranked 22nd and 26th, respectively.

“These national results reflect the extremely generous spirit of our local community,” said Holly Johnson, President of the GHACF. “The good work that we do is made possible by our donors, a network of health and human service providers, and many more who partner to create strong,

safe, healthy and vibrant communities. Being recognized again on a national level reinforces the trust our community and donors have in us to continue serving their best interests."

"We remain committed to raising resources, investing gifts wisely, and providing diverse funding to help make our community the best community possible," said Johnson. "We know it's important to listen intently so we can build strong and strategic partnerships while offering guidance and providing a variety of funding opportunities. Our board and team are prepared to make the necessary decisions to care for our community forever."

CF Insights is a national organization that compiles and distributes data and information on finances, operations, and best practices for community foundations nationwide. It was established by FSG, which consults with foundations on how to accelerate their social impact, and the Council on Foundations.

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a public, charitable organization serving the Northwest Ottawa County community since 1971. It encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, companies, and organizations, and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to grants, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits, convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and engages in advocacy work with nonprofits primarily focused on the needs of the most vulnerable members of the Northwest Ottawa County community. For more information, or to give a tax-deductible gift to the Greatest Needs Fund at the Foundation, visit ghacf.org or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/grandhavenareacommunityfoundation.

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