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Community Foundations Receive Pinnacle of Partnership Award

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) and the Community Foundation of the Holland Zeeland Area (CFHZ) received the Pinnacle of Partnership Award from the Greater Ottawa County United Way. The recipient of the award “exemplifies a commitment to improve the quality of life for Ottawa County residents through leadership in service and education, as well as a year-round partnership with Greater Ottawa County United Way.” The award was presented at the United Way’s annual celebration Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Spring Lake Country Club.

“Our mission is to improve the lives of every person who lives, works, and plays in our community,” said Holly Johnson, President of the GHACF. “Tough issues like workforce housing require partnering with other organizations to really have an impact. We’re honored to be recognized for our work alongside our regional partners.”

The GHACF and CFHZ have worked together with the United Way to form Housing Next, a cross-sector collaborative initiative involving nonprofit, government, and business partners that strives to create and promote a strong economic case for additional workforce housing units in the greater Ottawa County region of Michigan.

“The core motivation for our efforts on workforce housing is a desire for all individuals in our community to be financially stable,” said Mike Goorhouse, President of the CFHZ. “GHACF and the United Way share that vision with us which has greatly strengthened our community’s

ability to make progress on this very important topic. We are grateful to have such dedicated partners and to highlight our collaboration together.”

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a public, charitable organization serving the Northwest Ottawa County community since 1971. GHACF is regularly recognized as a top 100 Community Foundation in the nation and is the 7th largest community foundation in the State of Michigan. It encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, corporations, and organizations, and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to awarding grants, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits, convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector. For more information visit ghacf.org.

The Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area has been making grants for 67 years. Established in 1951, CFHZ is dedicated to creating lasting positive change by building a permanent community endowment that supports high impact charitable projects, helping donors achieve their charitable goals and leading and partnering in community level initiatives. Learn more at cfhz.org

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