



Michigan Gateway

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2022-2023 Annual Report

Fostering a community of
philanthropy,
for good, forever.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

With great pleasure I am happy to present to the community our annual report reflecting on the year's successes. Continued growth and looking towards the future have allowed the foundation to provide everlasting impact through endowment. That success is not ours alone, rather it reflects on the contributions of invested citizens like yourself. That "investment" looks different for everyone.

Some citizens choose to give by donating to one of our many funds and campaigns. Others choose to donate their time by serving on one of our geographical boards, scholarship committees, Kickstart to Career and/or Buchanan Promise. Some community members simply support our work through the sharing of our story with others. Whichever way you support our organization we want to ensure that you know that it is appreciated, and we are honored by your continued trust. Our hope is that as you review the work of our previous year that you will also acknowledge that these successes are yours as well.

Since 1978, the community foundation has strived to create a strong, vibrant, caring community. We do this by addressing three buckets: Education, Healthcare and Culture. We accomplish our work in a variety of ways and only by the gracious generosity of the donors we work with. We exist to serve you and the community with care – anchoring, investing, and collaborating to improve the quality of life for all local residents.

How can you help?

You can further advance these three buckets and support our great work with a gift to this year's appeal. A contribution is your opportunity to share what is important to you and invest in our community's future.

Enclosed you will find our annual report that outlines our work from our previous fiscal year. You will also find a list of all the foundation's funds. These funds represent scholarships, granting funds for your local community, and even funds that directly support your favorite nonprofit. Endowed Funds are a way to make your gift last in perpetuity, as they have a spending policy that keeps their principle intact forever. Please visit mgcf.org or reach out directly to our office if you would like to discuss your gift in more detail.

With your support, we can make our community a better place to live, work, and play for everyone!

Sincerely,

Michael P. Rowland
President & CEO



Michael Rowland | President & CEO

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Vision Statement: Creating a strong, vibrant, caring community.

Mission Statement: Fostering a community of philanthropy, for good, forever.

IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION, THE FOUNDATION SEEKS TO:

- Responsibly and wisely manage the Foundation's resources by attracting and holding permanent endowments from a wide range of donors.
- Anticipate and address community needs by effectively distributing Foundation resources.
- Serve all donors through a variety of giving opportunities. Bring together diverse interests in search of common solutions.
- Dedicate the Foundation to fairness, objectivity, and responsiveness to all those seeking its philanthropic services.

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Senior Program Officer
YAC & Kickstart To
Career



Nicole Mireles
Program Officer
Buchanan Promise &
Scholarships



Caitlyn Tucker
Administrative Assistant

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

We invite you to contact us to obtain any further information that may be useful to you. The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is fully accountable to the donors and citizens of the community. Our records, with the exception of specific donor gift information, are public. An independent financial audit is completed annually and is available upon request. The Foundation will also make our Form 990 (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return) available for public review. The Foundation's Board of Trustees is responsible for the investment oversight on our portfolio. Investment information and fees charged (administrative fees) are available to the public upon request.

Since the creation of voluntary compliance with National Standards in 2006, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation has been confirmed each year to be in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, as evaluated by the Council of Foundations, Washington, D.C.

Additional information can be found on the web, at www.guidestar.org



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
ASSETS		
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	592,754	513,521
Administrative fee receivable	27,692	29,327
Investments	23,874,435	26,211,729
In-kind inventory	159	159
Prepaid expenses	7,497	7,597
Property and equipment, net	46,982	52,478
Total Assets	24,549,519	26,814,811
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	671	671
Payroll taxes and employee benefits payable	495	255
Administrative fee payable	27,911	29,327
Annuities payable	720	720
Funds held as agency endowments	1,332,957	1,475,384
Total Liabilities	1,367,713	1,506,357
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	300,805	300,633
Designated	23,218,873	24,025,731
Donor-advised	(649,108)	687,844
With donor restrictions		
Restricted by purpose or time	311,236	294,246
Total Net Assets	23,181,806	25,308,454
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	24,549,519	26,814,811

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2022)

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES				
PUBLIC SUPPORT				
Contributions	360,741	100,042	460,783	398,718
Total Public Support	360,741	100,042	460,783	398,718
REVENUES				
Administrative fee revenue	323,846		323,846	355,740
Interfund and grant refunds	165,555		165,555	31,367
Special project and grant income	—		—	5,500
Dividend and interest income	652,995	1,333	654,328	626,387
Realized gains	200,592		200,592	812,894
Unrealized appreciation (appreciation)	(2,381,119)		(2,381,119)	147,119
Other income				
Total revenues	(1,038,131)	1,333	(1,036,798)	1,979,007
Net assets released from restrictions	84,385	(84,385)		
Public support and revenues attributable to funds held as agency endowments	81,222		81,222	(128,387)
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES	(511,783)	16,990	(494,793)	2,249,338
EXPENDITURES				
Program services	1,504,041		1,504,041	1,300,851
Management and general	125,178		125,178	136,003
Fundraising	63,841		63,841	66,960
Total expenses before expenses attributable to funds held as agency endowments	1,693,060		1,693,060	1,503,814
Expenses attributable to funds held as agency endowments	(61,205)		(61,205)	(65,559)
Total Expenditures	1,631,855		1,631,855	1,438,255
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(2,143,638)	16,990	(2,126,648)	811,083
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	25,014,208	294,246	25,308,454	24,497,371
NET ASSETS, end of year	22,870,570	311,236	23,181,806	25,308,454

To our Service Community Members:

As I conclude my second year as the Chairman for The Board of Trustees with the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, I am proud of the work we have accomplished and our focus on future endeavors. Having the opportunity to encourage and promote efforts that improve the lives of people within our communities fills my heart with joy. However, this exciting work is not completed by our organization alone. We actualize our success through the efforts of the hard-working volunteers and nonprofit partners we support. For that, we thank YOU.

Our goal is to focus on three areas of impact – Education, Healthcare & Culture. We are pleased that we were able to accomplish great improvements in these three areas through the distribution of grant and scholarship awards. These awards provided significant opportunities for our member communities of Buchanan, Niles, Dowagiac, Cassopolis, Berrien Springs, Edwardsburg and Marcellus. We enhanced our on-going partnerships with exceptional organizations like the Buchanan Preservation Society, Fernwood Botanical Gardens and Cass County Council on Aging. Our work with each of them represents a collaboration where our work has made a forever difference.

It was the hope of community leaders forty-six years ago that our organization could fill the gap between private and public spending for causes beyond their capacity. We continue to deliver on that promise of creating strong, vibrant, caring communities. With your unwavering support, we look forward to fulfilling projects and supporting our communities for good, forever.

On behalf of the Michigan Gateway Foundation Trustees and Community Board Members, I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely yours,
Karin Falkenstein
Chairman, Board of Trustees



**Karin Falkenstein | Chairman,
Board of Trustees**



NEW FUNDS ADDED IN 2022-2023

Bill Weaver Memorial Scholarship
Buchanan Community Schools Bond
Committee Fund
Buchanan Garden Club Fund
Detgen Music Enrichment Fund
Dowagiac Area History Foundation Fund
First Presbyterian Church Improvement
Fund
IN-MI Trail Be Healthy Berrien
Sandstrom/Falkenstein Family Fund
Spurgetis Family Fund

LEGACY SOCIETY

Often, caring people remember Michigan Gateway Community Foundation in their wills, but are not recognized for their gifts to their favorite charitable cause until they pass away. The Legacy Society was created to acknowledge people who have made a bequest and give their permission to the Foundation to use their names to encourage others to act charitably during their lifetimes.

Building on the foresight of our founding members, these people have made endowment gifts totaling more than \$10,000, or have notified the Foundation of a planned gift through their estate, or via a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, or similar planned gift vehicle.

Thank you for including Michigan Gateway Community Foundation in your charitable gift plan!

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2022–2023 GRANTS

Arts, Culture, Humanities

Buchanan Art Center, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$4,739
City of Buchanan, Hannah Roberts Mural.....	\$5,000
MMC Dance Team Inc, Holiday Showcase.....	\$3,200

Community Improvement/Capacity Building

Buchanan Preservation Society, Distribution from Designated Fund.....	\$875
EnFocus, Inc., Expansion into SW Michigan.....	\$5,000
Hudson Memorial Building, Distribution from Designated Fund.....	\$6,860

Education/Instruction

Berrien County Math & Science Center, New Microwave & Griddle.....	\$160
Brandywine Community Schools, MS Academic Success and Celebration.....	\$300
Brandywine Community Schools, D+D Club.....	\$200
Brandywine Community Schools, Music Program.....	\$1,014.98
Buchanan Community Schools, Special Ed Teacher Tuition Reimbursement.....	\$3,563
Buchanan Community Schools, 100 Year Celebration & Signage.....	\$14,000
Buchanan Community Schools, NHS Food Pantry Sponsorship At Buchanan Church of Nazaren.....	\$250
Buchanan District Library, Tutoring & Campaign Building.....	\$15,000
Cass District Library, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$102
City of Buchanan, One Buchanan.....	\$2,500
Edwardsburg Public Schools, Flexible Seating Arrangement.....	\$488.59
Lewis Cass Intermediate School District, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$1,292
Marcellus Community Schools, Community Garden.....	\$500
Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library, Distribution from Designated Fund.....	\$6,860
Michigan College Access Network, Advise MI at Buchanan High School.....	\$6,300
Niles Community Schools, GaGa Ball Pit at Eastside Elementary.....	\$250
Niles Community Schools, Blankets for Beacon.....	\$500
Niles District Library, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$2,034
Therapeutic Equine Center, Therapeutic Horse Riding.....	\$4,800
United Way of Southwest Michigan, Dolly Parton Imagination Library.....	\$7,500

Environmental Quality, Protection & Beautification

City of Buchanan, McCoy Creek Trail.....	\$1,763
City of Buchanan, McCoy Creek Trail.....	\$10,000
City of Buchanan, Buchanan Tree Friends.....	\$3,500
City of Niles, Santa River Documentary.....	\$1,500
Fernwood Botanical Garden, Distribution from Designated Fund.....	\$2,773
Fernwood Botanical Garden, Distribution from Designated Fund for Kathy's Garden.....	\$2,715
Fernwood Botanical Garden, PA System Pledge.....	\$7,937.50

Food, Nutrition, Agriculture

Christ's Temple, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$1,680
CUMC, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$2,064
Diamond Cove Missionary Church, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$1,440
Harding's #366, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$1,503.66
Harding's #366, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$1,751.21

Penn Friends Community Church, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$1,936
St. Ann Parish, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$1,880
St. Paul Lutheran Church/Open Arms CDC, Annual Agency Grant....	\$961
The Salvation Army Niles, Feeding His Sheep.....	\$10,303.41
United Methodist Church of Cassopolis, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$672.95
United Presbyterian Church, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$2,184
Word of Life Family Worship, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$1,290
Word of Life Family Worship, Sam Adams Backpack Program.....	\$984

Health, General & Rehabilitative

Berrien County Cancer Service, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$1,004
LifeCare Ambulance Service, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$580
Spectrum Health, Dr. Carrier Pledge.....	\$20,000
Spectrum Health, Bariatric & Heart Center Niles Pledge.....	\$8,333.33
Spectrum-Lakeland Healthcare Auxillary, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$1,569

Housing, Shelter

City of Niles, Home Repairs for Income Qualified Homeowners.....	\$20,000
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Human Service-Multipurpose/Other

Buchanan Area Senior Center, Building Addition.....	\$5,000
Cass County Council on Aging, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$9,653
Ferry Street Resources, Building Bridges to Opportunity & Sustainability Project.....	\$15,000
Greater Niles Senior Center, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$1,341
Redbud Area Ministries, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$20,459
Ronald McDonald House, New Washers & Dryers for Laundry Room.....	\$3,000
United Way of Southwest Michigan, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$9,290

Philanthropy, Voluntarism & Grant Making Foundations

Council of Michigan Foundations, CMF Membership Dues.....	\$5,900
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Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness/Relief

Marcellus Area Emergency Services Assoc., Distribution from Designated Fund.....	\$7,330
Newberg Fire & EMS Association, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$6,860

Recreation, Leisure & Sports, Athletics

Cass County Fair Association, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$1,882
Diamond Lake Yacht Club, Purchase of Safety Boat.....	\$1,811.35
Michigan Nature Association, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$200
Southwestern Michigan College Foundation, Intercollegiate Athletic Facilities.....	\$10,000
YMCA of Greater Michiana, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$27,598
YMCA of Greater Michiana, Sam Adams Swim Camp.....	\$465.88
YMCA of Greater Michiana, Sam Adams Swim Camp.....	\$5,562.22

Youth Development

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michigan, STEM Initiative for Berrien County.....	\$2,500
Buchanan Kickstart to Careers, Open New Kindergarten Accounts.....	\$5,250
Lake Michigan Steamworks, Workshop Classroom.....	\$10,000
Niles S.T.E.A.M. Room LLC, Annual Agency Grant.....	\$516
United Way of Southwest Michigan, Cass County School Supply Spectacular.....	\$3,500

2022–2023 SCHOLARSHIPS



\$88,836

2022–23 total awarded for
new & renewal scholarships

to **54** students



at **22** educational institutions



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

Adrian College
Bowling Green State University
Cornell University
Cornerstone University
Eastern Michigan University
Glen Oaks Community College
Grand Valley State University
Hope College
IUPUI
Ivy Tech Community College
Lake Michigan College
Michigan State University
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Queens University of Charlotte
Saginaw Valley State University
Southwestern Michigan College
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Western Governors University
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BRANDYWINE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Class of 1967 Memorial Scholarship
Carol Thurston Scholarship
Jay & Cecile McCombs Scholarship
Ralph & Margaret Vosburgh Family
Scholarship
Ann Coulston Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1973 Alumni Scholarship

BUCHANAN AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

Hike for Higher Education Scholarship
Ellis Family Scholarship
Ida Hacking Memorial Scholarship
Buchanan–Galien Lions Club Scholarship
Mary Ella Powell Memorial Scholarship
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CASSOPOLIS AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

Cass School Foundation Scholarship
Marabeth Wright Memorial Scholarship
Caryl Beck–Miller Pets Alive Scholarship

NILES AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

Terrill Alan Powell Music Education
Scholarship
George & Margaret Contois Scholarship
Jeanne Griffin Memorial Scholarship
Niles Historical Scholarship
Stephen Tyler Memorial Scholarship

OTHER AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

Jane Davis Health Careers Scholarship
Fay Frazee Nursing Scholarship
Niles–Buchanan Rotary Scholarship
Lloyd Bywaters Memorial Scholarship
Helen & Dale Cropsey Educational
Scholarship
Semper Fi Company/Cpl. Ian Stewart,
U.S.M.C. Memorial Scholarship
Joseph Norton Sheteron Memorial
Scholarship
Lee Auble Memorial Scholarship
Bill Weaver Memorial Scholarship

BUCHANAN PROMISE

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\$396,397

2022-23 total awarded for new
& renewal scholarships



to **198** students

at **54** educational institutions



Albion College
Alma College
Arizona State University
Ashworth College
Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC
Bethel College
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Cornerstone University
Eastern Michigan University
Edgewater Automation, LLC
Ferris State University
Glen Oaks Community College
Gogebic Community College
Grand Valley State University
Great Lakes Christian College
Heartland Horseshoeing School
Hope College
Int'l Courses at the Univ. of Salamanca

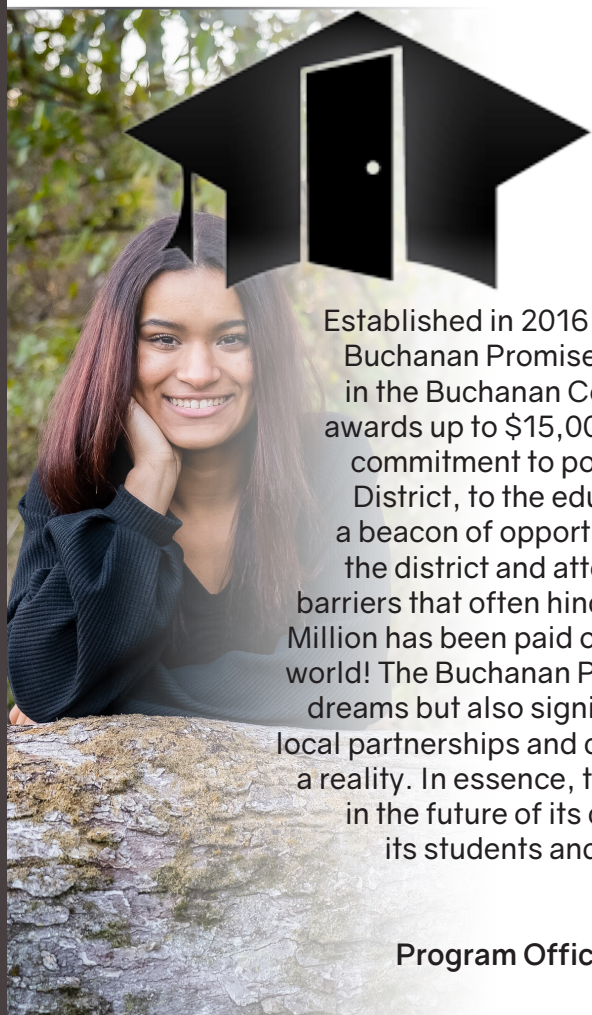
International Sports Sciences Assoc.
IU South Bend
Ivy Tech Community College
JATC-172
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Lake Michigan College
Lansing Community College
Lowe's
Loyola University Chicago
Manchester University
Michiana Beauty College
Michiana Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.
Michigan State University
Michigan Tech University
Midland Technical College
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Joseph University
Muskegon Community College

Northern Michigan University
Northwestern University
Oklahoma State University
Olivet Nazarene University
Purdue Boiler Express Account
Purdue University Global
Rated Next Barber Stylist School
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saginaw Valley State University
Southwestern Michigan College
Studio K Microblading
University of Akron
University of Denver
University of Michigan
University of Northwestern Ohio
Western Michigan University



In 2018, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation implemented a new program in Buchanan, called The Buchanan Promise Children's Saving Account Kickstart To Career or (BK2C). The BK2C Program is one of only 17 Children's Saving Account Programs in Michigan and we are lucky to have it here in Buchanan. Every school year, Buchanan Kindergarten students are issued a \$50 savings account at Honor Credit Union. These are deposit only accounts intended for post-secondary education expenses. The foundation and its donors will add incentive deposits over the years and students and their families are encouraged to make deposits as well. The program also consists of financial literacy and career readiness taught to the students. This wonderful program is a partnership with Buchanan Community Schools, Honor Credit Union and the Buchanan Promise and I am thrilled to watch it grow!

Jennifer Popielski
Senior Program Officer, Kickstart To Career



B U C H A N A N P R O M I S E

Established in 2016 through an Endowment Fund set up by Walter E. Schirmer Jr., the Buchanan Promise is an initiative designed to provide financial support for students in the Buchanan Community School District. This place-based scholarship program awards up to \$15,000 per student and is a remarkable endeavor that underscores the commitment to post-secondary opportunities for the Buchanan Community School District, to the educational aspirations of its local students. This program stands as a beacon of opportunity, offering scholarships to eligible students who reside within the district and attend Buchanan High School. By doing so, it alleviates the financial barriers that often hinder access to post-secondary education. To date, more than \$1.5 Million has been paid out to students pursuing post-secondary opportunities across the world! The Buchanan Promise not only empowers its youth to reach for their educational dreams but also signifies a strong sense of community support and collaboration, with local partnerships and community members playing a crucial role in making this initiative a reality. In essence, the Buchanan Promise Program represents a powerful investment in the future of its community, fostering a brighter future for its students and the region as a whole.

Nicole Mireles
Program Officer, Buchanan Promise



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