

Dear Community Foundation Friends,

Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” That is absolutely true when it comes to the Hastings Community Foundation. What you, our donors, choose to do today with your charitable giving will impact lives in the future—in ways you’ve probably never even imagined.

This newsletter highlights a variety of donors, grants, accomplishments and facts that we are proud of. Many of them seem small, but when combined together they make a huge impact. In fact, over the years, the Foundation has pooled donations of all sizes to provide over \$15.5M in grants to local nonprofits and scholarships to deserving students.

One of the smaller grants awarded this year provided a meal for those coming to the Special Needs Fall Festival. I had the pleasure of scooping up sloppy joes with other volunteers for a hungry crowd of over 700! That meal fueled a day to remember of fun activities for everyone there, a reminder that “small” grants can make a truly positive impact on the community. This newsletter shares other stories of small grants that made a big difference: camping gear for at-risk teens, costumes for a new cultural dance group, and funding for GED testing. Steve Croyley of the Melon Roaster Car Club put it best when he described HCF’s help in erecting an historical marker in Brickyard Park, “We were so glad to find out about the Community Foundation—when we did it was a lifesaver. **It’s so nice to have a community where things like this are possible.**”

Generous community-minded citizens are having a tremendous impact through partnerships with the Hastings Community Foundation. Donors come from all walks of life, but have one thing in common - their work and generosity are changing lives. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Lockwood
HCF President