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2004-2005 Annual Report

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About Branch County Community Foundation

The Branch County Community Foundation is a non-profit organization created in 1991 by local Rotary clubs and others in the community, to enhance the quality of life for all Branch County and Colon citizens.

The Community Foundation carries out this mission through building a permanent **endowment** for Branch County, **grantmaking**, and serving as a **catalyst and convenor** to the community.

Through endowment development, the Foundation becomes a vehicle for channeling community resources.

Through grantmaking, the Foundation confers grants in support of community development.

By remaining a neutral entity, with only the community's best interest in mind, the Foundation serves as a **catalyst and convenor** to bring people together to discuss, plan, and implement strategies that meet the needs of the community and that take advantage of opportunities available to the community.

Through these various activities, the Community Foundation serves three unique groups: donors, grantees, and the community as a whole.

Here are just some of the advantages of giving to your community through the Community Foundation:

- We build endowment funds that grow and benefit the community forever.
- We help create an individual or family legacy.
- We offer donor involvement in selecting charities; donors can give to various charities through the Community Foundation.
- We are a local organization meeting a broad range of changing local needs and we have extensive networks that allow us to serve as a community knowledge resource.
- We provide a simple way to fulfill multiple charitable interests, with low-cost administration.
- We deliver personalized donor service; we're flexible and responsive.
- We accept a wide variety of assets.
- We offer maximum tax advantages.
- We preserve donor intent even when community needs and organizations change.

Mission

Our mission is to build a permanent endowment by attracting funds from and providing services to a wide range of donors and to grant the income from those funds to serve the community.

Variance Power

The Community Foundation is devoted to building a locally controlled, permanent endowment to meet the charitable needs of the community for this generation and many generations to follow. As our society and circumstances change and the needs of the community evolve over time, the BCCF will change and evolve. This unique quality of the Community Foundation is referred to as the "variance power" of the Board. Under the variance power, the Board reserves the right to redirect distributions from a fund to another beneficiary or charitable purpose without a donor's approval or the approval of the beneficiary organization but only if, in the judgment of the Board, the original charitable purpose of the fund becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community.

Brief History

In 1991, the five Branch County Rotaries met in an historic luncheon to create the Branch County Community Foundation (BCCF). Several people at this luncheon had ties to the Colon community—among them Janet (James) Koss and Barry Case. To get the new organization up and running as quickly as possible the BCCF became a subfund within the existing Colon Foundation (originally started in 1962 by Dr. George Hoekzema) until BCCF could become established as a community foundation.

The Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) played a big part contributing to the growth of the BCCF. Through CMF and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Youth Project, donations to the Community Foundation received a 50% match. The match created a fund for youth activities. The Youth Advisory Council (ages 14-20) was established to oversee the grantmaking process for the Youth Fund and to encourage youth volunteerism and philanthropy. In December of 1992, Elmer and Doris Houghton gave the Foundation a very generous cash gift. This gift, added to the gifts from the local Rotaries, made the W.K. Kellogg Challenge a reality.

Then in 1995, when Mrs. Mildred (Johnson) Fiorell of Colon passed away, she gave about \$364,000 to the Colon Community Schools to be used as an endowment fund for scholarships for Colon graduates. The late Fred Trayling, then president of the Colon Foundation, came up with an idea. Fred realized that the Colon School Board was not in the business of managing endowments. Mr. Trayling proposed the Colon School Board place the money Mrs. Fiorell gave with the Colon Foundation, to create a scholarship endowment fund to benefit the youth of the Colon area. Mr. Trayling then approached the Branch County Community Foundation with the idea of creating the new fund within the Branch County Community Foundation and transferring the Colon Foundation funds. This way these gifts could qualify for the Kellogg Match and create a youth fund for Colon as well! Everyone agreed and with a few signatures the Colon Foundation became a component fund of the Branch County Community Foundation. And Colon's total assets grew from about \$40,000 to well over \$500,000. The Colon area is now served by the Branch County Community Foundation and Colon area funds represent approximately 20% of the assets of the Community Foundation!

In 1997, the Foundation moved its offices to the Southern Michigan Bank & Trust Loan Center. Howard Taylor of Taylor Stationers generously donated office furniture. **Southern Michigan Bank & Trust continues to generously donate office space.**

Letter from the Board President

I am reminded of an old saying, "If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, and the fulfillment of your fall." However much we were tossed about in the market in recent years, your Community Foundation is still intact and strong.

We cannot control the market, but we can be better prepared for the next downturn. The staff and investment committee have been working very hard to prepare us to better weather the next financial downturn by hiring GEM Asset Management, LLC. They will assist us in providing more diversity, closer monitoring of our funds and our financial managers, and hopefully higher returns on our investments. Using this consulting firm will help us keep the public confidence that we take our fiduciary responsibilities very seriously.

This report covers the October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005 fiscal year. As of September 30, 2005, your Community Foundation held permanent assets of \$3,838,526 and temporary assets of \$218,720 with total net assets of \$4,057,246. This figure is up from the 2004 fiscal year when net assets totaled \$3,860,225. In the last fiscal year, we had a return of 5.41%.

From temporary to permanently endowed funds, Branch County Community Foundation (BCCF) continues to offer a variety of ways to give through your Community Foundation. We are proud to report that grants and scholarships totaling \$2,728,581 were awarded this year including a generous grant of \$2,383,654 to Union City Schools gymnasium project through the Max Larsen Education Fund – Max Larsen Trust. The 2005 *Great Grants!* Award went to Beginnings Care for Life for their Earning and Learning parenting program (see page 33).

Our Youth Advisory Council (YAC) continues to play an important role in the Community Foundation by providing funding for programs that address youth needs while teaching youth about leadership, philanthropy, and responsibility. YAC members currently hold two seats on the Community Foundation Board (see page 42).

In addition to building endowments and making grants, the Community Foundation plays a third role by serving as a *catalyst and convenor*. Catalyst/convenor is an umbrella term covering a range of activities and roles a community foundation performs to support local change. In acting as a catalyst, a community foundation may be a convenor, a funder, a finder of other funding, a community organizer, a coalition builder, a grantmaker, a mediator, a staffer, a communicator, or all of the above. BCCF plays a supporting role in many community projects and organizations. See page 41 of this report for more details.

We hope you will join us in some of our upcoming activities in 2006. May 9 we will be hosting a Chamber *After Business Hours* with the Branch County United Way which will highlight the value charities add to their communities---both in terms of the services they perform and in how they enhance the local economy. In October we will be holding the 5th annual *Great Grants!* awards dinner which will give you a chance to see the "best of the best" programs your gifts have helped fund. Look for more information on these events in the coming months. We look forward to another year of serving communities in Branch County and Colon.

On behalf of the Community Foundation it is with greatest pleasure that I present our 2004-2005 annual report.

For good, for ever!



Joe Ganger
President of the Board

Board of Directors & Staff

2005

Officers

Joe Ganger, President
Bruce Bloom, Vice President
Remus Rigg, Treasurer
Nancy Hutchins, Secretary
Ray Bregger, Immediate Past President

Directors

Edward Callahan
Paul Creal
Sandra Davis
Hillary Eley
Klaudia Fisher
Sandra Jackson
Doug Scott
Michael Vozar
Bruce Young

Directors Emeritus

Robert Mayer
Patricia Shoemaker

2006

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Dave Wright
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Robert Mayer
Patricia Shoemaker

Staff

Colleen Knight, Executive Director
Susan Sparrow, Associate Director/Controller

Colon Foundation Fund Board

2005

Art Moyer, President
Joe Ganger, Secretary
Deb Bordner
Roger Davis
James Edgett

Jan Rhoades
Dixie Schumacher
Joseph Smolarz
David C. Tomlinson

2004 – 2005 Gifts & Grants

This is a listing of donors who gave and grants that were paid between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005. We strive to maintain accurate, up-to-date donor and grant information; we apologize for any errors or omissions.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The most flexible funds within the Foundation, unrestricted funds are those for which the donor allows the Foundation discretion in the use of the annual income for a broad range of community projects. This provides the Community Foundation the opportunity to respond to changing community needs.

Branch County General Fund

*The General Fund is **YOUR** community impact fund because it awards grants to improve the quality of life in Branch County. **Any size gift can have a lasting impact.** A committee of community members reviews these grants.*

Donors

Richadonna Baylis	Dan & Judy Dobson	Ms. Jane Randall
Bruce R. Bloom	Leona P. Ehl	Robert Redmond
Douglas A. & Sharon Duchi Bloom	William & Winifred Newberry	Remus & Ruth Rigg
Ray & Fran Bregger	Herbert & Diana Pankoff	Craig & Rita Sebald
Ed & Nancy Callahan	Dan & Claudia Parker	John & Lois Swanson
Dally Tire Company	John M. & Grace Parshall	Thomas R. Swoish

Grants

\$ 7,195.00

Grantee	Beginnings Care for Life	Program	Sexual Integrity Program
	Beginnings Care for Life		Earning & Learning Parenting Education
	Branch County 4-H Fair		Educational Fishing Demonstrations
	Branch County Commission on Aging		2005 Van Payment
	Kimball Camp YMCA		Dining Experience
	Montgomery Fire and Rescue Department		Opti-Vac
	Women in Transition, Inc.		Educational Materials

Community Foundation Operating Fund

The annual operating budget for the Community Foundation.

Donors

Edward & Nancy Callahan	Colleen Knight	Brendon & Susan Sparrow
Joe & Karen Ganger	Patricia K. Shoemaker	

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

With field of interest funds, the donor specifies a certain program area, such as health, to receive the annual income. The Community Foundation determines the specific grant recipients.

Bike Branch County Fund

This fund promotes family activities and recreation through biking in Branch County.

Donors

Bayer Foundation

Branch County W.K. Kellogg
Youth Project Fund

Preferred Women's Care, P.C.
Sauk River Athletic Club

Branch County W.K. Kellogg Foundation Youth Project Fund

This fund supports the Youth Advisory Council and its grantmaking for youth-oriented projects.

Donors

Communities for Youth on the Edge of Success
Klaudia Fisher

Grants

\$ 12,251.39

Grantee	Bike Branch County Fund	Program	BABA Woolly Bike Rally
	Bronson Community Schools		Bronson Band Project – Phase 2
	Coldwater Community Schools		Coldwater High School Band Uniform Drive
	Kimball Camp YMCA		Canoe Explorers
	St. Paul Lutheran Church		Meet the Masters

Bronson High School Alumni Association Endowment

This fund supports scholarships to Bronson High School graduates and other charitable, scientific, literary, educational, or public projects of the Alumni Association.

Donors

Richard & Doris Kehoe

Coldwater Community Reinvestment Fund

This fund supports civic improvements in Coldwater.

Donors

Robert Huntley
Southern Michigan Bank & Trust

Coldwater Holiday Decoration Endowment Fund

This fund provides for the replacement and maintenance of Coldwater's holiday decorations.

Donors

Branch Insurance Agency
 Greg & Sherry Bruder
 Century Bank & Trust
 Drews Realty Inc.

Ms. Mary L. Guthrie
 People Promises Partnership
 Poch Staffing, Inc.
 Rumsey & Watkins, P.C.

Swick T.V. Inc.
 Wal-Mart Foundation

Colon Foundation Fund

*The Colon Foundation Fund is **YOUR** community impact fund because it awards grants to improve the quality of life in the Colon area. **Any size gift can have a lasting impact.** A committee of community members reviews these grants.*

Donors

Cleon & Joyce Allen & Family
 American Legion Auxiliary #454
 Barbara DeBack
 Barry & Jo Ann Case

Maurice & Margean Cupp
 Mr. & Mrs. Drumhiller
 Bruce & Carol McKercher
 Sandra & Verlan G Miller

Sargent Appliance
 John & Melody Sprowl
 John & Marilyn Truckey
 George & Phyllis Wattles

Colon W.K. Kellogg Foundation Youth Project Fund

This fund supports the Youth Advisory Council and its grantmaking for youth-oriented projects.

Grants

\$ 5,377.00

Grantee	Program
Colon Community Playground	Lots To Do Playground Project
Colon Community Schools	March is Reading Month 2006
Colon Community Schools	Toys for Tots Project
Colon Community Schools	"Orff"estrating Music
St. Joseph County Intermediate School District	Colon Great Start Early Childhood Playgroups

Community Health Watch Fund

This fund was established from the proceeds of the Michigan Tobacco Settlement fund and supports the health of youth and seniors

Grants

\$ 18,664.80

Grantee	Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency	Program	Branch & Hillsdale Tobacco Reduction Action Coalition (TRAC)
	Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency		TRAC Media Campaign

Irv and Kathryn Harris Memorial Fund

This fund supports the needs of children.

There were no gifts or grants this fiscal year.

Homelessness Prevention Fund

This fund supports homelessness prevention services and activities in Branch County.

There were no gifts or grants this fiscal year.

Max Larsen Better Opportunity Fund for 4-H Clubs

This fund supports local 4-H Club group activities in Branch County.

Donors

Max Larsen Trust

Grants

\$ 3,069.06

Grantee	Bronson Pioneers 4-H Club	Program	Bronson Youth Center Improvement
	Bronson Pioneers 4-H Club		Livestock Scholarship Fund
	Country Friends 4-H Club		Scholarship Raffle/Fund
	Four Seasons 4-H Club		Enrichment of 4-H Experiences
	Ghost Riders 4-H Club		Livestock Camp
	Michigan State University Extension Office		Michigan 4-H Livestock Camp Scholarships
	Michigan State University Extension Office		Branch County 4-H Exchange Club

Max Larsen Better Opportunity Scouting Fund for Boys

This fund supports local activities for Boy Scout groups in Colon, Sturgis, and Branch County.

Donors

Max Larsen Trust

Grants

\$ 2,095.00

Grantee		Program	
	Cub Scout Pack 443		Pinewood Derby Track
	Boy Scout Troop 433		New Troop Equipment

Max Larsen Better Opportunity Scouting Fund for Girls

This fund supports local activities for Girl Scout and Campfire groups in Branch County.

There were no gifts or grants this fiscal year.

Max Larsen Better Opportunity Fund for Children's Activities at Tibbits Opera House

Donors

Max Larsen Trust

Grants

\$ 8,000.00

Max Larsen Community Education Fund

This fund supports projects which directly provide educational activities for youth in Branch County.

Donors

Max Larsen Trust

Grants

\$ 2,425,685.65

Grantee		Program	
	Bronson Community Schools		Bronson Middle School Science & Health Textbooks
	Bronson Community Schools		Bronson Band Project – Phase 2
	Coldwater Community Schools		Jefferson Elementary School Playground Project
	Coldwater Community Schools		Landscaping for Max Larsen Elementary School
	Union City Community Schools		Union City Community Schools Gymnasium

Quincy Rotary Projects Fund

This fund supports scientific, literary, education, or public projects of the Quincy Rotary.

Donors

Dr. P.C. Baldwin
 Ray & Fran Bregger
 Daniel W. Dobson, CLU, CHFC
 Patricia Johnson Gooldy
 Mark & Rebecca Harwell

Frances I. Johnson
 James & Janet Johnson
 Raymond & Mary Jo Kranz
 Joseph & Lisa Lopez
 Michael & Mary Kay Roggow

Nancy Smith
 Robert & Keli Smith
 Phyllis L. Wagar

Annual Allocation

\$ 2,046.00

Silent Observer Program Fund

This fund supports the Silent Observer program in Branch County.

There were no gifts or grants this fiscal year.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated funds are funds in which a donor has specified the charitable recipient of the income at the time the fund is established.

Branch Interfaith Hospitality Network Endowment

Donors

Pete Barone

Bronson Community Endowment Fund

Donors

Daniel & Marie Hemker
Dale N. & Roberta J. Norton

Kenneth & Jane Norton

Kenneth Youngquist

Bronson Community Schools Endowment

Donors

Robert & Bridget Mayer

Annual Allocation

\$ 2,770.00

Bronson Library Fund

Annual Allocation

\$ 599.00

Bronson United Methodist Church Fund

Annual Allocation

\$ 4,497.00

Coldwater Community Schools Foundation Fund

Donors

Laura Ash
 Nancy Barrett
 Michael & Margaret Beckwith
 Ruth Brown
 William & Patricia Carlson
 Dr. Bosco & Lynda Chan
 Paul & Lisa Dove
 Janet Fuller
 Penny Geishert
 Barbara Hapner
 Thomas & Diane Harmon
 Marjorie Harris
 Mary Haupt

Joe & Marita Hirt
 Holicki Eye Centers, P.C.
 Robin Iveson
 James & Patsy Karbon
 Marcelyn LaBelle Knight
 Walton & Janet Lane
 Kathryn Love
 Marcie & Mike Love
 Robert & Anne Marso
 Max Larsen Elementary
 Marilyn Miller
 Barb Mullally
 Amy Nowicki

Beverly Ohm
 Ron & Ruth Patch
 Gerald Peregord
 Mike & Lisa Renshaw
 James & Sandra Rice
 Clyde & Claire Smeltzer
 Ronald & Susan Smith
 Robert Swick
 Diane VandenHout
 Lois Voss
 David & Patricia Watson

Grants

\$ 2,500.00

Grantee	Coldwater High School	Program	Calculus Model Sets
	Jefferson Elementary School		Bully Proofing Project
	Jefferson Elementary School		Physical Science Curriculum
	Lakeland Elementary School		Webcams
	Legg Middle School		Kiln Furniture
	Lincoln Elementary School		English as a Second Language (ESL) Materials
	Max Larsen Elementary School		"Max Larsen Anthology of Poems"
	Max Larsen Elementary School		Third Grade Science
	Max Larsen Elementary School		"Future Problem Solving" and "Interact"

Colon Community Historical Society Endowment

Donors

David & Marilyn Farrell

Joe & Karen Ganger

Jack E. & Iona H. Robbins

Colon Township Library Endowment Fund

Donors

Maxitrol Employees
 Rosemary & David Ross

Mr. & Mrs Elmer Stuth

William Van Someren

Community Unlimited Endowment

Donors

James & Georgia Hayden

Mike & Connie Kennedy

Dr. Charles & Susan Morton

Elmer S. Houghton Administrative Endowment

Elmer S. Houghton was a well-known entrepreneur and philanthropist. Elmer and his wife, Doris, were both well known for their generosity and benevolence over the years, generously supporting a great many projects in the Bronson area, where they resided, as well as Branch County. One example of Elmer's and the Houghton family's generosity can be seen in the Community Health Center of Branch County's Houghton Family Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy Center. His interest in promoting health was also shown in his years of financial support for Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio around the world.

Elmer was not just a philanthropist. He was a Visionary. His vision helped establish the Community Foundation, and his vision helped assure its future. Elmer was one of the Community Foundation's founders and original board members. He and his wife, Doris, donated \$25,000 per year for three years to the fledgling organization's operating budget so that there was money to cover start up expenses. And Elmer, along with other Community Foundation founders, started the Administrative Endowment to assure continuing income for Community Foundation.

We were saddened by Elmer's death in January 2005. We have lost a strong and generous community supporter. **In honor of Elmer Houghton's contribution to his community and to the Community Foundation, the Board of Directors is pleased to rename this fund the Elmer S. Houghton Administrative Endowment.**

Donors

Ray & Fran Bregger

Paul Creal

Brian & Hillary Eley

Randall & Arbutus Heller

Paul & Barbara Helm

Doris Houghton

Colleen Knight

Brendon & Susan Sparrow

Leo & Mabel Jane Kimble Fund

This fund supports the Branch County Literacy Council for 5 years; then becomes part of the Elmer S. Houghton Administrative Endowment.

First Allocation

\$ 540.00

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor advised funds allow the donor to actively participate in the grantmaking process by recommending to the Community Foundation the purpose and organizations that receive grants. Some donors specify a particular field of interest for the fund they create. Grants can be made to wide variety of organizations including religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, or governmental organizations. Recommendations are referred to the Community Foundation's Board of Directors for approval. Many advised funds become unrestricted on the death of the donor or at the end of a specified period. Donors can create an advised fund with a gift of \$1,000 or more.

Dr. & Mrs. P.C. Baldwin Fund

Donors

Dr. P.C. Baldwin

Grants

During 2004-2005, the Dr. & Mrs. P.C. Baldwin Fund made grants totaling \$1,470.00 to the following organizations:

ALS of Western Michigan
Alzheimer's Association
American Cancer Society
American Diabetes Association
Branch County 4-H Foundation

Branch County Coalition Against
Domestic Violence
Branch County Habitat for Humanity
Branch County Historical Society
Branch County Hospice

Heifer Project International, Inc.
Michiana Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Salvation Army
Special Olympics Michigan,
Area 18

Scott Brayton Memorial Fund

There were no gifts or grants this fiscal year.

Coldwater Rotary Endowment Fund

Donors

Barry & Jo Ann Case
Coldwater Rotary Club

Grants

\$ 2,855.00

During 2004-2005, the Coldwater Rotary Endowment Fund made grants to support Coldwater Boys Basketball and the Coldwater Presbyterian Free Health Clinic.

F. Harold & Lillian Creal Endowment

Grants

\$ 88,606.00

Grantee		Program	
	Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary Foundation		AYSO Soccer Complex
	Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary Foundation		Paul Harris Award Program
	Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary Foundation		Video History of Sunrise Rotary Club

Dan & Judy Dobson Fund

Donors

Dan & Judy Dobson

Grants

During 2004-2005, the Dan & Judy Dobson Fund made grants totaling \$1,700.00 to the following organizations:

Branch County Community Foundation – Branch County General Fund
Tibbits Opera Foundation

Elmer Dobson Memorial Fund

Donors

Steve & Mary Ann Dobson

Stanley G. Godfrey Endowment Fund for the Arts

This fund awards grants to the finest artistic endeavors of high integrity in Branch County.

Donors

Darla Allen
B's Shop & Fly
Andrew & Susan Creal-Bracy
Ray & Fran Bregger
Stan & Judy Bushouse
Coldwater United Methodist
Church Music Minis

F. Harold & Lillian Creal
Diane E. Godfrey
Brian & Karen Hargreave
Terry & Nancy Hutchins
Richard & Doris Kehoe
Walton & Janet Lane
Amy Luke

John M. & Grace A. Parshall
Robert Pluister
David Renshaw
Clyde & Claire Smeltzer
Rev. Betty A. Smith
Dr. John Thorp
Walden II Animal Clinic

Grants

\$ 400.00

Grantee	Branch County Community Band	Program	Community Band Spring Concert
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Milvayeti Rice Fund for Understanding (new fund)

This fund awards grants in support of multi-cultural and scientific understanding and education.

Donors

James & Sandra Rice

Grants

During 2004-2005, the Milvayeti Rice Fund for Understanding made a grant to the Family Services Network to support the Multicultural Festival.

Patricia Klein Shoemaker Endowment

Donors

Jeanine Klein
Patricia K. Shoemaker

Grants

During 2004-2005, the Patricia Klein Shoemaker Fund made a grant to Tibbits Opera Foundation to purchase Popcorn Theatre tickets for Summer Head Start students.

Howard M. & Marian W. Teeter Endowment

There were no gifts or grants this fiscal year.

Greg Thomas Memorial Endowment

This fund awards grants in support of Coldwater Community Schools athletics programs and/or related purposes.

There were no gifts or grants this fiscal year.

Bruce G. & Ruth A. Young Endowment

Donors

Bruce & Ruth Young

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

These funds provide a vehicle for donors wishing to set aside funds for education awards to assist those who pursue higher education. The donor may identify an area of study, educational institutions, or other criteria.

Altrusa International of Branch County G. Louise Wallace Memorial Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Branch County women who have previously graduated high school and wish to pursue a higher education.

Donors

Altrusa International of Branch County

Scholarships

\$ 1,000.00

Student	Karla Pitts	College	Kellogg Community College
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Asama/Gokoh Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships for Branch County graduates pursuing high education. The scholarship may also be awarded to a non-traditional student (for example, one who has previously graduated high school).

Donors

Asama Coldwater Manufacturing

Scholarships

\$ 2,000.00

Student	Sarah Batterson	College	Eastern Michigan University
	Leah Sawvel		Ferris State University

Lyndsay Sharp Bingaman Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Colon High School graduates pursuing a higher education with nursing as a career goal.

Donors

Robert & Marjorie Tardiff

Gordon Bowerman Agricultural Endowment Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Quincy High School graduates actively involved in agri-science during high school.

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Branch Area Careers Center Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships for higher education to graduating Branch County resident seniors who attended the Careers Center.

Donors

Paula AcMoody
Paul & Kathy Bair
Deborah Balowski
Michael & Margaret Beckwith
Leo D. Bischoff
Branch Area Careers Center
Branch Interm. School District
Vicki Brockway
Kattia M. Cabrera
Alan M. Carpenter
Karen Casey
Helyn Castle
Mary Ann Catron
Coldwater Car Show/Swap Meet
Mrs. Barbara A. Colvin
Aaron Cummings
Damiron Truck Center
Sharon Demeester
Kristen Dogan

Kathy Dunn
Bill Earl
Patricia Earl
Beth Ferguson
Jeryn Frederick
Patricia Furney
Rick Furney
Julie Gibson
Rachel Hard
Ricka L. Hice
Michael Hoffner
Mary Jo Johnson
Joy Kent
Mark Knaack
Annette Lobdell
Larry Loviska
James Marolt
Betty McLatcher
Catherine A. Parshall

Ruth & Ron Patch
Janice Raymond
Robert Redmond
David & Janice Sattler
Michelle Sheppard
Lisa Shimp
Cynthia S. Smith
Karen Sobeske
Susan Sobeske
Randy Sowles
Shelby Stanley
Roberta Stemaly
Marjorie Sturtz
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Taylor
Carol Tinervia
Barbara Vainner
Tonia Vorce
Duane Wagner
Denise Williams

Annual Allocation

\$ 1,500.00

Evelyn Jean Broker Memorial Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Colon High School graduates pursuing higher education who participated in at least two school-sponsored extra curricular activities and/or clubs; payable upon completion of first semester of each year of two years of schooling if the high school principal receives a grad report or transcript with at least a 2.75 GPA.

Scholarships

\$ 500.00

Student	Kelly Babbs	College	The Savannah College of Art & Design
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Orla and Cholie Burke Memorial Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduating seniors at Colon High School for higher education.

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Shawn R. Cockrell Wrestling Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduating seniors at Quincy High School who have actively wrestled their entire senior year at Quincy High School.

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Coldwater Community Schools Scholarship Fund

This fund supports a scholarship program administered by Coldwater Community Schools.

Donors

Mrs. Helen Luce

Annual Allocation

\$ 1,757.00

Coldwater Jaycees Endowment

This fund supports the Coldwater Jaycees' scholarship program.

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Coldwater Noon Exchange Club Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduates of Branch County schools who will attend an accredited college or university and who plan to specialize in finance and/or banking.

Donors

David Rumsey
Donald H. Thrasher

Scholarships

\$ 1,000.00

Student	Chantell Paul	College	Kellogg Community College
	Johnathon Voss		Kellogg Community College

Colon Kiwanis Club Educational Fund

This fund awards scholarships to graduates of Colon High School who participated in at least one sponsored extra curricular activity or club (excluding sports).

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Robert Corson Memorial Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduating seniors of Bronson High School pursuing a course of study in journalism, or if there are no candidates pursuing that course of study, then someone pursuing a course of study leading to public school teaching.

Scholarships

\$ 1,000.00

Student	Hanna Bloss	College	Tri State University
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Dart Family Memorial Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Coldwater High School students pursuing a higher education with an accounting or business-related career goal.

Donors

Sheryl A. Dart

Scholarships

\$ 2,000.00

Student	Corey Donner	College	Tri State University
	Alicia Flint		Western Michigan University

Early Bird Exchange Club Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Branch County High School students pursuing a higher education.

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Fiorell/Johnson Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Colon High School graduates.

Scholarships

\$ 11,000.00

Student	Rachel Bennett	College	New Tribes Bible Institute
	Meagan Burke		Grand Valley State
	Amber Norris		Western Michigan University
	Tricia Oldenberg		Kalamazoo Valley Community College
	Joli Schlabach		Olivet College
	Heather Schoiber		Kellogg Community College
	Courtney Sharp		Michigan State University
	Katelin Sharp		Grand Valley State
	Meghan Sharp		University of Michigan
	Aaron Stauffer		Davenport University
	Taylor Thornton		University of Michigan

Velma & Chancy French Memorial Scholarship

This fund supports a scholarship program administered by the Union City Alumni.

Annual Allocation

\$ 1,382.00

Mildred G. Hutchins Loan Fund

This fund awards student loans to Branch County residents pursuing a registered nurse or medical doctor career goal.

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Blanche Marie Jones Garn/Glema E. Jones Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Bronson High School graduates pursuing a higher education with an elementary education career goal.

Scholarships

\$ 1,000.00

Student	Hanna Bloss	College	Tri State University
	Kayla Gregory		Kellogg Community College

W. H. Judd Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Colon High School graduates pursuing a higher education.

Scholarships

\$ 1,100.00

Student	Heather Schoiber	College	Kellogg Community College
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John and Marguerite Kenyon Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduates of Coldwater High School pursuing a higher education.

Scholarships

\$ 698.00

Student		College	
	Erin Hansen		Michigan State University
	Daniel Lombardo		Central Michigan University

E. John Klein Memorial Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Coldwater High School graduates pursuing a higher education with a hospital or business administration, nursing, or teaching career goal.

Donors

Jeanine Klein
Patricia K. Shoemaker

Scholarships

\$ 3,000.00

Student		College	
	Corey Donner		Tri State University
	Daniel Lombardo		Central Michigan University
	Sara Sickels		Western Michigan University

Blaque and Arlouine Knirk Education Fund

This fund awards scholarship/loans to Quincy High School seniors pursuing a 4-year degree. Fifty percent of the payment is repayable 30 months after graduation.

Scholarship/Loans

\$ 9,000.00

Student	Adam Bell	College	Michigan State University
	Shelby Bollwahn		Michigan State University
	Danielle Curtis		Kellogg Community College
	Linsey Grove		Central Michigan University
	Kelsey Hard		Kellogg Community College
	Lindsey Loveberry		Kellogg Community College
	Emily Lubaway		Michigan State University
	Lydia Mitchell		University of Michigan
	Kory Oliver		Lake Superior State University

Gerald & Marcelyn LaBelle Athletic Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships for higher education to Branch County graduates actively involved in athletics during high school.

Donors

M. Marie Bettinger
Marcelyn LaBelle Knight

Scholarships

\$ 250.00

Student	Megan Scott	College	Asbury College
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Joseph & Ethel Linteau Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduates of Coldwater High School pursuing a 4-year degree with physical or biological sciences with preference given to those entering the field of chemical engineering, nursing, medicine, and health care.

Donors

Mr. & Mrs. Curt R. Proctor

Marie Green McMahan Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Branch County residents entering the health field.

Scholarships

\$ 350.00

Student	Danielle Curtis	College	Kellogg Community College
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Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Scholarship Fund

This fund supports the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel scholarship program.

Annual Allocation

\$ 2,500.00

May E. and John Losey Moore Family Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships for higher education to Union City students with a record of good citizenship and participation in community affairs.

Scholarships

\$ 1,000.00

Student	Ryan Nighswander	College	Kettering University
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President's Student Service Scholarship

This fund awards savings bonds to one or more eligible students of Colon High School who participate in various community service projects.

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Rhoades Memorial Teachers Grant

This fund supports continuing education assistance to eligible teachers in the Colon Community School system.

Scholarships

During 2004-2005, the Rhoades Memorial Teachers Grant awarded a scholarship of \$1,000 to Colon teacher Mrs. Shannon Reed.

Kenny Ryan Memorial Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships for higher education for Colon High School senior girls' basketball players who exemplify the best team playing spirit and enthusiasm.

Donors

Larry & Carol Campbell

James L. & Janice N. Outman

Michael K. & Joyce A. Ryan

Philip and Jeanette Sattler Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Quincy High School students pursuing a career in industrial electronics repair and troubleshooting; if no senior qualifies, a Quincy High School graduate already attending college or trade school and studying in this area may be considered. If no students qualify, any high school seniors pursuing a career in industrial computer programming and repair may be considered.

Donors

Pete Barone

Emory L. Sechrist Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduates of Coldwater High School pursuing a higher education.

Scholarships

\$ 400.00

Student	Stacy Corless	College	Ball State University
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Melissa Semmelroth Legg Middle School Math Award

This fund supported math education at Legg Middle School.

Final Allocation

\$ 4,684.09

Southern Michigan Bank & Trust Lester Wise Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships for graduates of Branch County Schools pursuing a higher education with a finance and/or banking career goal.

Scholarships

\$ 1,200.00

Student	Alicia Flint	College	Western Michigan University
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Janette Molby Stephens Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduates of Coldwater Community Schools pursuing a higher education.

Donors

Southern Michigan Bank & Trust

Scholarships

\$ 4,000.00

Student	Erin Hansen	College	Michigan State University
	Ashleigh Sanford		Lansing Community College

Weston, McCurley, Gerth Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to Branch County residents pursuing a higher education who can document attendance at a Head Start program for at least one year.

While there were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year the fund did hold a scrapbooking fundraiser.

James F. York Memorial Scholarship

This fund awards scholarships to graduating Branch County seniors who have actively participated in church activities with a personal resume stating their personal faith in Jesus Christ and how it applies to their career goal.

Scholarships

\$ 500.00

Student	Adrianna Neuenschwander	College	Great Lakes Christian College
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SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

Special Project funds are temporary and are held for a limited length of time (typically two years or less).

Colon Township Library Building Fund

Donors

Morris L.V. French Ph.D. &
Kristin A. French

McKeough Land Company, Inc.
Ruby L. Prestly

Richard A. Smith
Joe & Paige Smolarz

Community Unlimited Youth Program Fund

This fund supports the activities of the Community Unlimited youth board.

There were no gifts this fiscal year.

Covered Bridge Days Festival Fund (new fund)

Donors

Consumers Energy

Edgett – Godfrey Community Center Building Fund

Donors

Richard C. & Elizabeth A. Bower
Dr. Donald & Eileen Bradley
John & Betty Brock
Citizens Bank
Colon Deli
Mike & Sandy Davis
Roger H. Davis
Larry, Cheryl, John, & Elizabeth
Engle
James & Anne Freiburger
Wilbur & Allie Hostetler
Connie Jackson
Sandi Jackson

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kime
Kiwanis Club of Colon
Keith Lamberg
Wallace & Jean Maybee
Bruce & Carol McKercher
Richard & Betty Meyer
Michigan Milk Producers
Association
Kevin & Patti Miller
Meryl & Marilyn Miller
Wilfred A. & Norma J. Miller
Kim & Pat Morgan
Arthur L. & Donna J. Moyer

Gary & Doreen Pinney
Sam's Club Foundation
Mr. Ted Schipper
The Schipper Family
Michael Schultz
Tom & Christine Tenney
Joseph Toups
Jason & Lisa Wagner
George & Phyllis Wattles
Tracy & Beverly Weinberg
Jim & Peggy Wilson

NBAA Youth Anglers Fund

This fund supports recreational fishing activities and events for youth under age 17, and their families.

There were no gifts this fiscal year.

MEMORIAL FUNDS

Memorial funds are temporary and are held for a limited length of time (typically two years or less)

Rae Ann Archer Aker & Thomas Archer Memorial Fund

There were no gifts this fiscal year.

Steven Carter Scholarship

Donors

Buck Acre Farms
Carol A. Carter

Annette Marie Clarke – Diaz Scholarship

Donors

David & Sharon Bates
Carol Thomas

William Hacker & Robert Mumby Agriculture Education Fund

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Alice C. Schafer Memorial Fund

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

AGENCY FUNDS

Other nonprofit organizations often place their endowment funds within the Community Foundation for management and investment purposes. The Community Foundation regularly distributes the annual income back to these agencies for their general charitable purposes.

Charles A. Ryan Quincy Student Loan Foundation Fund

This fund provides loans for higher education to Quincy High School graduates.

There were no gifts or scholarships this fiscal year.

Great Grants! 2005



Jane Ford, right, accepts 2005 *Great Grants!* Award

This year's *Great Grants!* dinner, held October 17 at the Dearth Center in Coldwater, showcased four outstanding programs that received support from the Community Foundation. The semi-finalists were Beginnings Care for Life – Parenting Education Program; Colon Elementary School – “Orff”estrating Music; Montgomery Fire & Rescue Department - Opti-Vac; and St. Joseph County Intermediate School District – Colon Great Start Playgroups. Representatives from the organizations made presentations about their programs, and then donors voted on which project best met the selection criteria.

Great Grants! Award recipients successfully carry out projects that are proactive or preventative, have a long-term or broad impact on the community, provide solutions that are sustainable, and demonstrate collaboration with other organizations.

The 2005 *Great Grants!* Award went to **Beginnings Care for Life Center**. Beginnings Care purchased a packaged *Parenting Education Program* curriculum for their Earning & Learning Program. This package included videos, written information and worksheets, covering a variety of parenting topics. Beginnings offered classes and offered the program on an individual basis. The program is open to all parents and parents-to-be who are interested in learning about a variety of topics, including: pre-natal and post-natal care, infant temperament and crying, safety issues with babies and children, communication and emergency first aid. After their personalized curriculum has been determined (via an assessment appointment), they are welcome to make appointments to complete the modules at their convenience.

Colon Elementary School received a grant to purchase seven "Orff" instruments to add to their collection, enabling more students to play at one time. Students are introduced to music by using these instruments to create improvisational songs as well as their own musical pieces---using their knowledge of layered music from the basic level, the drone, building each ostinato pattern, until they have created a full-scale orchestration. This basic musical skill allows students to transfer their knowledge to other instruments, such as the piano and guitar.



Montgomery Fire & Rescue Department purchased an Opti-Vac which helps rescuers perform oral, nasal, and tracheal suction applications for infants through adults and stabilize patients for an ambulance service to transport to the hospital for further treatment. Montgomery Fire & Rescue is the First Responding Unit that covers all of the Southeast corner of Branch County and the Southwest corner of Hillsdale County.

Now in its fifth year of operation, Great Start Playgroups of St. Joseph County Intermediate School District continues to grow and increase its outreach and activities to all families with children birth to 5 years of age. The program is committed to the goal of ensuring that all 4,400 birth to five year olds are healthy, safe, and ready to succeed in school. Special emphasis is placed on developing literacy skills and parent education.



Standards & Accountability

During 2005 we adopted the Council on Foundation's National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations and began the confirmation process. In September 2005 we submitted our application and National Standards record book. The record book consists of a 38 document review covering all phases of community foundation operations from governance to gift acknowledgement; financial and investment policies to samples of our annual report and other communications documents.

As of December 2005, we received notice from Council on Foundations (COF) that we have moved from the initial screening for completeness to the next stage---review for compliance with standards. If our documentation is in compliance, we will receive an official seal from COF.

In addition to assuring that Community Foundation practices meet and exceed the National Standards, we offer our donors:

- information on asset investment;
- newsletters, annual reports, and other informational mailings;
- listing in annual reports and other publications (unless the donor requests anonymity);
- information about changes in policies or operating procedures;
- confidentiality regarding the size/nature of gifts;
- assurances that gifts are used as donors' intend;
- our most recent tax Form 990 for review (requests can be made by mail or by visiting the Foundation office).

In addition, donors who establish funds can:

- select the name of the fund;
- receive an annual financial statement showing the fund's balance and other activities;
- recommend grants from the fund or be part of an advisory committee that is created to recommend distributions from the fund;
- have staff work with them to assure that there is no conflict of interest in the composition of the committee or grants made from the fund.

Investment Information

At present, the Community Foundation's total endowed (permanent) assets are just over \$3.9 million. (Total assets are \$4.2 million.)

The Community Foundation primarily uses local investment managers. Most of these institutions were active in bringing donors to the Community Foundation during its formative years, helping us grow from an initial gift of \$50,000 to over \$3 million in just seven years. Most continue to recommend gifts to the Community Foundation to their clients. During the 2004-2005 fiscal year, we held investment accounts at Century Bank & Trust, Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, Hilliard Lyons, Edward Jones, Sturgis Bank & Trust-Oakleaf Financial Services, Charles Schwab, Firstrate, State Farm, and Vanguard. The Community Foundation's investment committee actively managed the Firstrate, Sturgis Bank & Trust, Edward Jones, and Vanguard accounts.

The Community Foundation's investment managers are charged with investing dollars based on investment policies approved by the governing board. These policies describe asset allocation parameters (i.e. parameters for different types of assets, such as equities, cash, fixed income, etc.), measures used to evaluate investment performance, guidelines for diversification (i.e. parameters regarding the percentage of the investment portfolio that can be invested in a particular company, issuer of bonds, etc.), who reviews investment performance and managers, and the frequency and regularity of review.

The Community Foundation's investment objectives are

- to preserve the inflation-adjusted value of the principal;
- assure the investments will generate income for maximum distributions back to the community; and
- assure enough growth to keep pace with inflation¹.

The Community Foundation assumes a level of risk consistent with prudent investment practices to achieve our income goals. In addition to minimizing risk, we preserve the principal of our endowments by limiting the amount of income distribution each year to 6% (1-2% Community Foundation administrative fee plus 4-5% for annual grants). Several studies have shown that spending more than 6% income can lead to depletion of the principal of the endowment.

The average rate of return on Community Foundation investments since 1993 is 6.33% (net institutional management fees and investment-related charges).

Year	Rate of Return
1993	29.56%
1994	(0.98)%
1994-1995	1.24%
1995-1996	7.66%
1996-1997	8.98%
1997-1998	8.20%
1998-1999	20.62%
1999-2000	11.94%
2000-2001	(29.76)%
2001-2002	(12.73)%
2002-2003	22.25%
2003-2004	9.94%
2004-2005	5.41%

¹ The rate of inflation is taken from US Government Consumers Price Index figures.

As you can see the Community Foundation saw its greatest losses in the 2001 and 2002 fiscal years. Based on this experience, the Investment Committee has made several changes in the way the investment portfolio is managed--including our policies regarding the percentage of the investment portfolio that can be invested in a particular company and when to sell stocks to lock in a profit (or minimize a loss). The investment committee worked closely with our investment managers to communicate our overall investment holdings and to ensure all of our managers maintain an investment style that meets the long-term goals we have set.

Overall, the Community Foundation did experience a net increase in investment income for the last three consecutive years. Even with the diligent efforts of our investment committee, we believe we can do better. As such, we are pleased to announce an addition to our investment team.

Over the past two years the BCCF Board has worked with two consulting firms and the portfolio has undergone four separate analyses. The Board received recommendations for improvement. Based on those recommendations, the Board has engaged the investment consulting firm GEM Asset Management (www.gemasset.net).

In addition to working with our local investment firms to find the best-in-class asset managers, GEM Asset Management will assist the Board with the following:

- defining asset allocation parameters (percentages and ranges for different types of assets, such as equities, cash, fixed income, etc.);
- setting measures used to evaluate investment performance;
- creating guidelines for diversification (i.e. parameters regarding the percentage of the investment portfolio that can be invested in a particular company, issuer of bonds, etc.); and
- reviewing investment performance and investment managers (i.e. determining if managers are following set guidelines with regard to risk and diversification).

GEM is an independent financial planning and investment advisory firm with a cumulative total of 27 years in the financial planning industry (12 years in investment advisory). GEM provides consulting services to other foundations as well as 401(k) plans and individuals from its offices in Plymouth, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois.

GEM provides the Board of Directors with monthly investment performance reports and quarterly financial recommendations for changes to our holdings.

Availability of Financial and Investment Information

The prudent investment of assets is a primary fiduciary duty of the Branch County Community Foundation Board of Directors. The Foundation invests in a varied portfolio, which results in our annual investment returns. The financial information contained in this Annual Report has been prepared using information contained in the Foundation's annual audit and IRS Form 990 for the year ended September 30, 2005. The complete audit, along with the IRS Form 990 tax return for the Branch County Community Foundation, are available for public inspection at the Community Foundation office in Coldwater, Michigan. Contact the Foundation office to request a copy of either or both of these documents. Both reports are available in electronic form. A small fee may be charged for copying and mailing.

Financial Statements

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Modified Cash Basis

September 30

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 442,625	\$ 152,054
Investments	3,620,240	3,932,821
Loan Receivable	37,461	49,844
Equipment	<u>2,532</u>	<u>3,847</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,102,858</u>	<u>\$ 4,138,566</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Taxes other than income	\$ 321	\$ 545
Due to other agencies	<u>45,291</u>	<u>52,349</u>
Total Liabilities	45,612	52,894
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	3,977,552	3,720,926
Temporarily Restricted	23,681	327,139
Permanently Restricted	<u>56,013</u>	<u>37,607</u>
Total net assets	\$ 4,057,246	\$ 4,085,672
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 4,102,858	\$ 4,138,566

Osbourne, March, & Condon, P.C., has issued an unqualified opinion on the Financial Statements for the Branch County Community Foundation. The Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities presented in this annual report are derived from the audited financial statements for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2005. A copy of the audited financial statements is available for public inspection at the Community Foundation office in Coldwater, Michigan or you may request an electronic copy by email. The Community Foundation's IRS Form 990 is also available at the Community Foundation office in Coldwater, Michigan or electronically via email.

Statement of Activities
Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Asset
Modified Cash Basis

	2005			2004	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total
Revenue and Other Support					
Contributions	\$ 2,714,104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,714,104	\$ 461,044
Investment Income	106,341	3,231	-	109,572	94,057
Net realized & unrealized gains (losses)	100,152	-	-	100,152	247,489
Administrative management fees	49,542	-	-	49,542	46,523
Special events	8,162	-	-	8,162	2,500
Net assets released from restrictions	20,122	(20,122)	-	-	-
	<u>2,998,423</u>	<u>(16,891)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,981,532</u>	<u>851,613</u>
Total revenue and other support					
	2,998,423	(16,891)	-	2,981,532	851,613
Expenses					
Program:					
Grants & scholarships	2,728,581	-	-	2,728,581	395,538
Special projects	50,460	-	-	50,460	20,038
Investment & administrative management fees	69,384	-	-	69,384	-
Other	32,435	-	-	32,435	34,717
Administrative expenses	51,561	-	-	51,561	100,639
Fundraising	32,537	-	-	32,537	26,452
	<u>2,964,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,964,958</u>	<u>577,384</u>
Total Expenses					
	2,964,958	-	-	2,964,958	577,384
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>33,465</u>	<u>(16,891)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,574</u>	<u>274,229</u>
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	3,720,926	327,139	37,607	4,085,672	3,811,443
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>223,161</u>	<u>(286,567)</u>	<u>18,406</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets – Beginning of Year, Restated	3,944,087	40,572	56,013	4,040,672	3,811,443
Net Assets – End of Year	<u>\$ 3,977,552</u>	<u>\$ 23,681</u>	<u>\$ 56,013</u>	<u>\$ 4,057,246</u>	<u>\$ 4,085,672</u>

Honorary & Memorial Gifts

IN MEMORY of

Linda Bechtloff

John & Betty Brock
Mike & Sandy Davis
Richard & Betty Meyer

Carol Davis

Roger Davis
David & Marilyn Farrell

Roger Davis

Cleon & Joyce Allen
American Legion Auxiliary #454
Richard & Elizabeth Bower
Dr. Donald & Eileen Bradley
Maurice & Margean Cupp
Barbara DeBack
Mr. & Mrs. Drumhiller
David & Marilyn Farrell
James & Anne R. Freiburger
Wilbur & Allie Hostetler
Kiwanis Club of Colon
Bruce & Carol McKercher
Michigan Milk Producers Association
Sandra & Verlan Miller
Wilfred & Norma Miller
Arthur & Donna Moyer
Ruby Prestly
Jack & Iona Robbins
Sargent Appliance
Mr. Ted Schipper
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John & Melody Sprowl
John and Marilyn Truckey
George & Phyllis Wattles
Tracy Weinberg
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Dorothy Dobson

Joseph & Lisa Lopez

Elmer Houghton

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Cindy Johnson

Ruby Prestly

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Craig & Mary Dally
Tod & Debbie Dally
Ms. Jane Randall

Robert W. Ross

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Gladys Schaurer

Arthur & Donna Moyer

Mary Lou Shackleton

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Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Stuth

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Karen Smith

Richard A. Smith

Richard Tomlinson

Mike & Sandy Davis

Juanita Ware

Bruce & Carol McKercher
Richard & Betty Meyer

Mrs. Robert (Natalie) Yingling

Ms. Jane Randall

IN HONOR & MEMORY of:

Richard Bahlman

Helen C. Brown

Dorothy Evert

Delores Spooner

Donald Tassie

Elwyn Thayer

Dr. Charles & Susan Morton

IN HONOR & MEMORY of:

Catherine B. & Donald French

Virginia B. & Lloyd B. Decker

Barbara E. & Lorren B. Lewis

The Class of 1953

Morris L.V. French Ph.D. & Kristin A. French

Donors' Circle

This is a listing of donors who gave and grants that were paid between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005. We strive to maintain accurate, up-to-date donor and grant information; we apologize for any errors or omissions.

Founders (\$100,000 +)

Max Larsen Trust

Leaders (\$10,000 +)

Communities for Youth on the Edge of Success Patricia K. Shoemaker Southern Michigan Bank & Trust

Benefactor (\$5,000 +)

Branch Area Careers Center Morris L.V. French Ph.D. & Marcie & Mike Love
Dan & Judy Dobson Kristin A. French James & Sandra Rice

Patron (\$2,500 +)

Asama Coldwater Manufacturing Dr. P.C. Baldwin

Partner (\$1,000 +)

Greg & Sherry Bruder	Sheryl A. Dart	Dr. Charles & Susan Morton
Edward & Nancy Callahan	Holicki Eye Centers, P.C.	Poch Staffing, Inc.
Citizens Bank	Doris Houghton	Tom & Christine Tenney
Coldwater Rotary Club	Kiwanis Club of Colon	
Damiron Truck Center	Robert & Anna Marso	

Associate (\$500 +)

B's Shop & Fly	Joe & Karen Ganger	Richard A. Smith
Bayer Foundation	Joe & Marita Hirt	Jason & Lisa Wagner
Branch Intermediate School District	Raymond & Mary Jo Kranz	Wal-Mart Foundation
Helyn Castle	Kim & Pat Morgan	David & Patricia Watson
Dr. Bosco & Lynda Chan	Rumsey & Watkins, P.C.	
Coldwater Car Show/Swap Meet	Sam's Club Foundation	

Friend (\$200 +)

Paul & Kathy Bair	Jeryn Frederick	Dan & Claudia Parker
Pete Barone	Brian & Karen Hargreave	Ron & Ruth Patch
David & Sharon Bates	Mark & Rebecca Harwell	Gerald Peregord
Richadonna Baylis	Randall & Arbutus Heller	Gary & Doreen Pinney
Michael & Margaret Beckwith	Paul & Barbara Helm	Preferred Women's Care, P.C.
M. Marie Bettinger	Daniel & Marie Hemker	Mr. & Mrs. Curt R. Proctor
Bruce R. Bloom	Connie Jackson	Robert Redmond
Douglas A. & Sharon Duchi Bloom	Frances I. Johnson	Remus & Ruth Rigg
Andrew & Susan Creal-Bracy	James & Janet Johnson	Jack E. & Iona H. Robbins
Ray & Fran Bregger	Richard & Doris Kehoe	Michael & Mary Kay Roggow
Buck Acre Farms	Mike and Connie Kennedy	David Rumsey
Larry & Carol Campbell	Mark Knaack	Craig & Rita Sebald
M. Alan Carpenter	Marcelyn LaBelle Knight	Nancy Smith
Barry & Jo Ann Case	Kathryn Love	Robert & Keli Smith
Daniel W. Dobson, CLU, CHFC	Larry Loviska	Shelby Stanley
Steve & Mary Ann Dobson	Mrs. Helen Luce	Thomas R. Swoish
Paul & Lisa Dove	Robert & Bridget Mayer	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Taylor
Bill Earl	William & Winifred Newberry	Donald H. Thrasher
Leona P. Ehl	Dale N. & Roberta J. Norton	Dr. John Thorp
Larry, Cheryl, John, & Elizabeth	Kenneth & Jane Norton	Phyllis L. Wagar
Engle	Herbert and Diana Pankoff	Bruce & Ruth Young

Serving the Community

One of our fundamental beliefs is that in strengthening local nonprofits, we help to strengthen the entire community. In order to do this, BCCF created a listserv, nonprofit management series, and a common volunteer application and serves as a volunteer clearinghouse to assist nonprofits in the work they do. We also created special project funds to assist start up nonprofit and grassroots groups in their fundraising efforts. We assist nonprofits with printing and advertising costs; last year, *in addition to grants*, we donated over \$500 in advertising support and we have given over \$6,500 in advertising dollars over the past five years.

BCCF also works very closely with United Way in seeking to meet needs as well as identify ways to support organizations we both work with.

BCCF Services

- **BCCF Website:** We maintain a website to keep the community informed about our activities.
- **Volunteer Clearinghouse:** Central contact for NPOs needing volunteers and community members seeking volunteer positions; information on volunteer management; “market value” of volunteers, benefits of volunteering; and more
- **CompassPoint:** Moderate listserv for area nonprofits providing information dissemination and exchange, networking, and group problem-solving assistance. To read archived messages go to <http://www.topica.com/lists/compasspoint@igc.topica.com/read>. To subscribe send an e-mail to colleen@brcofoundation.org. To post send an e-mail to compasspoint@igc.topica.com.
- **Grantwriting & Fundraising Resource:** Serve as resource for grants from other foundations; grantwriting tips; other fundraising information
- **Homelessness Prevention Resources:** update and provide community resource/prevention brochure, coordinated community response provider booklets
- **Nonprofit Management Series:** sponsor sessions on marketing, human resources management, board development, etc.

Projects & Sponsorships

- Community Resource Center
- Chamber’s Scholastic Breakfast
- United Way Kick-Off Event
- Nonprofit Promotion: help nonprofits buy ads, print brochures, and a variety of other marketing and promotional activities.

Memberships

Barry-Branch-Calhoun Workforce Development Board
Branch County Area Chamber of Commerce
Branch County Employment & Training Council (ETC)
Branch-Hillsdale TRAC/Regional Tobacco Reduction Plan Committee (RTRP)
Calhoun Co. Estate Planners Council
Council of Michigan Foundations
Family Services Network (FSN)
Michigan Nonprofit Association
Partnership of Community Foundations Serving Southwest Michigan

Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

BCCF sponsors two Youth Advisory Councils---one in Colon and one in Branch County. The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of young people, organized through the Branch County Community Foundation, dedicated to effective grantmaking, endowment building, and community service. YAC identifies and addresses youth issues in their communities.

The YAC was developed under the Council of Michigan's (CMF) Michigan Community Foundations' Youth Project (MCFYP). The goals included the creation of permanent youth endowment funds to help address youth issues in the community and to involve youth 14 - 20 as grantmakers overseeing the distribution of income from the youth funds. Another goal was to have YAC members partly responsible for raising funds which would receive a 50% match from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

For more on YAC see www.youthgrantmakers.org

Community Assessment

The YAC is committed to making meaningful grants toward youth issues. YAC uses their own surveys and the results of community assessments---such as the results of the Search Institute's asset survey---in the grantmaking process. (See www.search-institute.org for more information on the Search Institute, the 40 Developmental Assets, and the asset survey.) Those applications which address the YAC grantmaking goals receive priority.

Community Grantmaking

Members of YAC review proposals submitted to the Youth Fund and make funding recommendations to the BCCF Board.

Community Service

Youth Advisory Council members typically choose an annual county-wide community service project. YAC members learn leadership and teamwork skills in completing community service projects and in the grantmaking process.

Community Involvement

Participating in the Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to make a difference, learn leadership and teamwork skills, and have fun doing it.

Service on BCCF Board of Directors

Up to two YAC members over 16 years of age serve as voting members of the Board. All YAC members are invited to attend meetings and serve in an advisory capacity.

Current Members

Branch YAC

Kelsey Arver (Bronson)
Erik Batterson (Bronson)
Ashley Burnside (Bronson)
Lori Gunthorp (Bronson)
Anthony Hammond (Union City)
Kaitlyn Hard (Quincy)
Trent Herman (Bronson)
Buster Ludwick (Bronson)
Bryan Shirk (Coldwater)

Jackson Bartlett (Member Emeritus)

Colon YAC

Terri Ackerman
Jessica Albright
April Barnes
Tiera Bernheisel
Stacey Carr
Casee Earl
Luke Easterday
Jennifer Eberhard
Lace Gilger
Brianna Hyder
Kayla Jackson
Megan Klein
Tasha Kotz
Amanda McCartney
Laurel McCarty
Cheyenne McDougall
Kelsey Norton
Truston Sempf
Rebekah Spragg
Jared Thornton
Danelle Walkup
Gabbe Wilson

How to Apply for Grants

The BCCF grant application process usually begins with a pre-application consultation. The purpose of this meeting is to help staff understand the applicant's proposal and determine whether it qualifies for a BCCF grant. The consultation also is meant to assist the grantee in understanding the Community Foundation's grantmaking process and application requirements. After meeting with staff and determining that applying for a BCCF grant is appropriate, the applicant is given an application packet to complete and submit.

General Grant Criteria

In general grants are made to projects that will benefit Branch County and/or Colon, Michigan.

In making grants, the Community Foundation attempts to understand both the specific objectives of each grant request and the long-term benefits that the community will receive from the initiative. All grant applications are carefully considered by review committees whose membership includes a broad representation of the community.

The Community Foundation gives high priority to projects which reach a broad segment of the community, meet needs which are not being met by existing services, meet emerging needs, are innovative and have a high probability of leading to new solutions to community challenges, promote cooperation among organizations within the organization's service area, and/or encourage matching funds or additional funding.

Grants to Faith-Based Organizations

Grants from **donor-advised funds** at the Community Foundation are distributed according to their individual fund agreements, with recommendations from the donor-advisors, and final approval of the Community Foundation Board of Directors. Many of these funds award grants for religious purposes.

Grants from **community-based funds** will not be made, nor funds utilized, for sectarian religious programs. However, grants may be made to faith-based organizations for non-sectarian programs which are offered to the broader community.

Following are examples of characteristics of faith-based programs eligible for grants from **community-based funds**:

- Programs may be located in a house of worship if religious programs are separated from non-religious programs;
- Programs are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation;
- Programs do not require statements of belief from participants; and
- Program providers (including volunteers) abstain from religious worship, instruction, or proselytizing (attempts at religious recruitment)

The above list is intended to serve as an example only and should not be considered all-inclusive.

Grants to Tax-Funded Entities

The Community Foundation will consider grant proposals from units of government, schools, and other tax-funded entities. Grants from **community-based funds** will generally be made for programs, goods, or services that would not be considered essential and therefore not typically funded through taxpayer dollars. These would normally be special, non-recurring projects that usually play no part in normal governmental funding.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Community Foundation prohibits grants to organizations that engage in illegal discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, gender, or national origin.

Complete application guidelines appear on our website at www.brcofoundation.org.