

# Branch County Community Foundation Community Funds

## 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 Endowment**

Of all the funds the community foundation holds, the General Fund has the broadest impact on the community because it awards grants for any project or program that improves the quality of life in Branch County. Because your gift is never spent, you can make a difference with a gift of any size. A committee of community members reviews applications for this fund.

### **Community Foundation Operating Fund \***

This fund supports the annual operating budget for the Community Foundation.

## Field-Of-Interest Funds

*With field-of-interest funds, the donor directs the Community Foundation to utilize the annual income in a certain program area. The Community Foundation determines the specific grant recipients. Educational scholarships may be awarded from field-of-interest funds. An educational field-of-interest fund can be used for scholarships, but can also be used for other types of educational support.*

### **Bike Branch County Fund \***

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

### **Branch County Area Chamber of Commerce Fund**

This fund supports projects that (a) promote a strong local economy; (b) develop leadership with a dynamic and innovative vision of the future; (c) link the business community in partnerships with educational, governmental, and non-profit organizations; and (d) serve as a vehicle for research, planning, and community education to anticipate and communicate the challenges of the future.

### **Branch County HomeTown Competitiveness Fund**

This fund supports community and economic development in Coldwater.

### **Branch County Projects Fund**

This fund supports county betterment projects approved by the Board of Commissioners which are not mandated and for which there is insufficient funding allocated in the budget.

### **Youth Project Fund**

These funds support the Youth Advisory Council and their grantmaking for youth-oriented projects.

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**Coldwater Holiday Decoration Endowment**

This fund supports civic improvement through the replacement and maintenance of Coldwater’s holiday decorations.

**Colon Foundation Fund**

The Colon Foundation Fund awards grants to improve the quality of life in the Colon area. **Any size gift makes a lasting impact.** A committee of community members reviews these grants.

**Colon Youth Project Fund**

See Branch County & Colon Youth Project Funds.

**Early Childhood Investment Fund**

The Branch County Community Foundation created this fund to support early childhood development and childcare initiatives.

**Irv & Kathryn Harris Memorial Fund**

This fund supports the needs of children.

**Healthy Senior & Healthy Youth Funds**

The funds support programs that promote healthy youth and healthy seniors.

**Homelessness Prevention Fund**

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



**Silent Observer Program Fund \***

This fund supports the Silent Observer program in Branch County.

**Special Project Funds**

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

**Brandon Martin “Give Something Back” Initiative \***

This fund supports the activities of the FJC Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Institute.

**Colon Area Community Park \***

This fund provides for the building of a community park in Colon, Michigan. Current plans include an amphitheatre and pavilion.

**Colon Township Library Building Fund \***

This fund supports activities relating to the building renovations at Colon Township Library.

**Community Unlimited Youth Program Fund \***

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

\* Gifts to funds with asterisks do not qualify for Michigan tax credits. Federal deductibility still applies.

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**Rachel's Challenge Fund \***

This fund supports activities of the Friends of Rachel program within Coldwater Community Schools.

**Memorial Funds**

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

**Lonnie Avra Memorial Fund \***

**Creative Health Institute Fund \***

**Catherine Russell Educational Fund**

**Organizational and Designated 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 to help them accomplish their charitable purposes. Designated funds are funds in which a donor has specified the charitable recipient, or recipients, of the income at the time the fund is established. Distributions from these funds are made to the specified organization (or purpose).*

**Altrusa International of Branch County G. Louise Wallace Scholarship**

This fund supports awarding of scholarships by the Altrusa International of Branch County.

**Gordon Bowerman Agricultural Scholarship**

This fund supports awarding of the Gordon Bowerman Agricultural Scholarship.

**Branch Area Careers Center Scholarship**

This fund supports awarding of scholarships to students in programs in the Branch Area Careers Center.

**Branch County 2-1-1 Fund**

This fund supports ongoing 2-1-1 service to Branch County. 211 is a national program that operates as a three digit number similar to 911. Branch County residents can dial the number from any location in the county, via land line or cell phone, and reach a local operator 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and be connected with local information. Information available ranges from places to volunteer, to where to seek utility assistance, to learning the location and the time of community events, to finding a location to donate used furniture.

**Branch Interfaith Hospitality Network Endowment**

This fund supports Branch Interfaith Hospitality Network services to homeless families.

**Bronson Community Endowment Fund**

This fund supports the Bronson Community Foundation, a civic foundation for the betterment of the Bronson community.

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**Bronson Community Schools Endowment** – Supports Bronson Community Schools athletics programming

**Bronson High School Alumni Association Endowment** – Supports the charitable activities of the Bronson High School Alumni Association

**Bronson Library Fund** – Supports the Bronson Library



**Bronson United Methodist Church Fund** – Supports the Bronson United Methodist Church

**Coldwater Community Schools Foundation Fund** – Supports extended learning projects submitted by classroom teachers

**Coldwater Community Schools Scholarship** – Supports awarding of scholarships to graduating seniors at Coldwater Community Schools

**Coldwater Jaycees Endowment** – Supports the charitable activities of the Coldwater Jaycees

**Coldwater Noon Exchange Club Scholarship** – Supports awarding of scholarships by the Coldwater Noon Exchange Club

**Colon Community Historical Society Endowment** – Support the Colon Community Historical Society

**Colon Kiwanis Club Educational Fund** – Kiwanis Club of Colon

**Colon Township Library Endowment** – Colon Township Library

**Community Health Center Foundation** – Community Health Center of Branch County

**Community Unlimited Endowment** – Community Unlimited of Union City

**Early Bird Exchange Club Scholarship** – Early Bird Exchange Club

**Velma & Chauncey French Memorial Scholarship** – Union City Alumni Association

**Elmer S. Houghton Administrative Endowment** – Branch County Community Foundation’s organizational fund is name after Elmer S. Houghton, a well-known entrepreneur and philanthropist. Elmer’s vision helped establish the Community Foundation, and helped assure its future. Elmer & other founders, started an administrative endowment to assure continuing income for the Community Foundation. In honor of Elmer Houghton’s contribution to his community and to the Community Foundation, the Board of Directors renamed this fund the Elmer S. Houghton Administrative Endowment upon his death in January 2005.

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**Leo & Mabel Jane Kimble Fund** – Five years to Branch County Literacy Council, then reverts to Houghton Administrative Fund.

**Gerald LaBelle Memorial H & C Burnside Foundation Fund** – H & C Burnside (Senior Center) Foundation

**Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Scholarship Fund** – Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel

**Presbyterian Health Clinic of Branch County Fund** – Presbyterian Health Clinic of Branch County

**Quincy Rotary Projects Fund** – Quincy Rotary Club for community projects

**Refurbished Pets of Southern Michigan Endowment** – Refurbished Pets of Southern Michigan

**Ruth Rigg Memorial Fund** - for First Baptist Church Early Childhood Development

**Rosenberg Family Endowment Fund** – Branch District Library and Coldwater High School Athletic & Band Departments

**Charles A. Ryan Quincy Student Loan Foundation Fund** – Charles A. Ryan Quincy Student Loan Foundation

**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 a 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.*

**Dr. & Mrs. P.C. Baldwin Fund \***

**Richard L. & M. Marie Bettinger Family Endowment Fund**

**Scott Brayton Memorial Fund**

**Coldwater Rotary Endowment Fund**

**F. Harold & Lillian Creal Endowment**

**Dan & Judy Dobson Fund \***

**Elmer Dobson Memorial Fund**



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### Faith Based Initiatives Fund

“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” ~ Galatians 6:10 ~

This fund supports faith-based projects that will benefit communities in Branch County and, projects that benefit communities outside Branch County but are supported by a local Protestant church.

### Stanley G. Godfrey Endowment Fund for the Arts

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

### Milvayeti Rice Fund for Understanding

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

### Patricia Klein Shoemaker Endowment

This fund focuses on the needs of women and children.

### Howard M. & Marian W. Teeter Endowment

### Greg Thomas Memorial Endowment

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



### Bruce G. & Ruth A. Young Endowment

## 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.*



**Asama/Gokoh Scholarship** – A scholarship for Branch County residents who wishes to obtain a degree in the fields of Manufacturing, Technology, Engineering, or Business.

**Lyndsay Sharp Bingaman Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduates or graduating seniors of St. Joseph County schools wishing to obtain a nursing certificate.

**Branch County Student Ambassador Scholarship\*** – A scholarship for students attending the People to People Student Ambassador Program.

**Evelyn Jean Broker Memorial Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduates or graduating seniors of Colon High School wishing to obtain a degree in the field of Music or Art.

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**Orla & Cholie Burke Memorial Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduates or graduating seniors of Colon High School.

**Lucile Burnside Scholarship** – A scholarship for Bronson or Coldwater graduates or graduating seniors from those districts who desires to be a teacher or educator, or to pursue an education in the health field.

**Annette Marie Clarke-Diaz Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduating Coldwater seniors who have dealt with a documented learning disability or a struggle with learning.

**Shawn R. Cockrell Wrestling Scholarship** – A scholarship for Quincy High School district residents and graduates or graduating seniors of Quincy High School who participated on the wrestling team during their senior year.

**Robert Corson Memorial Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduating Bronson seniors wishing to pursue a 4-year degree in journalism.

**Dart Family Memorial Scholarship \*** – A scholarship for Bronson, Coldwater, or Quincy graduates or graduating seniors wishing to pursue a 4-year degree in business.

**Kenneth Michael Daugherty Scholarship** – A scholarship for current active or family members of Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan.

**Irma L. English Memorial Music Scholarship** – A scholarship for Branch County High School student wishing to attend Interlochen summer music camp.



**Fiorell/Johnson Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduating Colon High School seniors.

**Jason Gentz Memorial Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduates or graduating seniors of St. Joseph County schools.

**Jeri L. Holt Memorial Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduates or graduating seniors of Branch County Schools.

**Mildred G. Hutchins Loan Fund** – A scholarship for Branch County residents and graduates or graduating seniors of Branch County Schools enrolled in nursing school towards becoming a registered nurse or an individual applying to medical school to become a medical doctor.

**Blanche Marie Jones Garn/Glema E. Jones Scholarship** – A scholarship for Bronson graduates or graduating seniors planning to attend a 2-year community college or 4-year college or university to obtain a degree in Elementary Education.

**W.H. Judd Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduating Colon High School seniors planning to attend a 2-year community college or 4-year college or university.

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**John & Marguerite Kenyon Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduates or graduating seniors of Coldwater Schools.

**E. John Klein Memorial Scholarship** – A scholarship for Coldwater High School graduates or graduating seniors wishing to attend a 4-year college or university to obtain a degree in business, nursing, or teaching.

**Blaque & Arlouine Knirk Educational Fund** – A scholarship for Quincy High School graduates or graduating seniors wishing to obtain a 4-year degree.

**Joseph & Ethel Linteau Scholarship** – A scholarship for Coldwater High School graduates or graduating seniors wishing to obtain a 4-year degree in Physical or Biological Science.

**Marie Green McMahan Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduates or graduating seniors of Branch County schools interested in obtaining education in the Health field.



**May E. & John Losey Moore Family Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduating Union City High School seniors who will be pursuing either a two-year or four-year college degree.

**President's Student Service Scholarship** – Supports awards for student service in Colon Community Schools.

**Rhoades Memorial Teacher's Grant** – Supports a scholarship award to Colon High School teachers wishing to continue their education.

**Kenny Ryan Memorial Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduating Colon High School seniors who played girls basketball.

**Philip & Jeanette Sattler Scholarship** – A scholarship for Quincy High School graduates or graduating seniors wishing to enter the Electronics & Computers fields.

**Alice C. Shafer Memorial Fund** – A scholarship for graduating Bronson High School seniors wishing to pursue a career in the field of Art.

**Emory L. Sechrist Scholarship Fund** – A scholarship for graduating Coldwater High School seniors.

**Southern Michigan Bank & Trust Lester Wise Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduates or graduating seniors of Branch County schools planning to obtain a degree in business.

**Janette Molby Stephens Scholarship \*** – A scholarship Coldwater High School graduates or graduating seniors.

**Weston, McCurley, Gerth Scholarship** – A scholarship for graduating seniors of Branch County schools who attended a Head Start program.

**Ralph & Gene Widener Memorial Fund** – A scholarship for graduating Bronson High School seniors who was involved in FFA.

**James F. York Memorial Scholarship** – A scholarship for Branch County residents who has actively participated in church activities.