

Erica has been with the Community Foundation since 2016. Erica received her bachelor's degree in 2011 from Western Michigan University focusing on International and Comparative Politics. Erica has always had a passion for creating stronger communities. During her undergraduate studies she had an internship at the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, and she also tutored children in English while living in Burgos, Spain. After she received her degree she moved to Denver, Colorado where she worked in the grant department of a Latin American museum. She also spent some time volunteering at a legal services office in Denver. When Erica started working at the Community Foundation she felt at home and was excited to expand her knowledge. Erica holds a Certificate of Excellence in Nonprofit Management and Leadership and a Fellow in Charitable Estate Planning from the Charitable Estate Planning Institute. Erica has a profound love for Branch County where she was born and raised. She happily returned to Coldwater in 2014. She is committed to community philanthropy and is a Board Member of the Branch County Great Start Collaborative, Commissioner for the Coldwater Housing Commission, Board Member for Coldwater Housing Members, member of the Young Professionals of Branch County and Altrusa. Erica and her husband have two daughters. You can find her being active outside, drinking lots of coffee, keeping up with current events, and attempting to watercolor paint.