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Again this summer, local gift shops in Cheboygan County will be selling note cards, post cards and prints of area lighthouses and landmarks to assist the Foundation with its mission. Please consider buying these fine images as gifts for friends and relatives.



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Economic Development Continues to Move Forward in Cheboygan County

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It's What You Do That Matters

If you look at social media pages about Cheboygan County, you quickly notice there are a lot of people who would like to see us improve. The theme centers on stronger educational opportunities, more business, more tourists, more jobs, and a stronger local economy. Sometimes businesses, individuals, and organizations, who are in a position to bring this improvement, need a little help. As a community, we can't expect nor should we expect the financial institutions, government, and entrepreneurs to be able to foot the bill for all of this progress. Here is where the Cheboygan County Community Foundation joins the fight.



2016 - 2018 CCCF President Joanne Welihan and 2019 CCCF President David Butts

When community heroes make donations to the Foundation, it puts us in a position to be right there when someone's efforts to improve our community need a little push to get them over the top. Whether it is helping with the port, or a local college, or a small business gain a new manufacturing capability, we can be there...and we have. When community supporters lead with their financial gifts, it improves educational opportunities, creates jobs, and makes Cheboygan a more desirable place to live, work, and play.

When manufacturers look for well-trained welders, they notice that Cheboygan County has some of the best welders in the state thanks in part to a grant from the Foundation to the Industrial Arts Institute to improve and increase the opportunities that exist in this county to learn that trade.

When small business entrepreneurs needed a little help purchasing unique equipment that would allow them to compete in a new line of business, the Foundation has been there with a grant to buy it. As a result, more jobs have come to Cheboygan.

When our baseball fields cannot attract tournaments to the community because their facilities need improvement, the Foundation responded to their grant request and improved the diamonds. Now the fields are filled with tournaments. Those hundreds of people fill our restaurants, businesses, and motels. That certainly helps with jobs and with making us a great summer destination.

When a local college needed funds to establish a special program to train telephone service representatives for jobs that pay well, the Foundation was there with a grant to help purchase equipment needed for their training.

When the Foundation is there, YOU are there. When business owners look for good communities to locate in and when families look for a good, caring community to move to, YOUR gifts to the Cheboygan County Community Foundation go a long way towards making those wishes come true. We are a better community because of YOU.

The Foundation's job is to give YOU a vehicle that allows your gifts to be combined with others to make this a better community. Our job is to provide you with a tax-deductible way to exercise your charitable desires. Our job is to review many grant requests and select those that best serve your dreams for this community.

YOUR job is to continue to support these efforts. Without YOUR donations, we cannot create educational opportunities. We cannot work towards bringing jobs to Cheboygan County. It takes an entire county to make this a better place in which to live and work. We will do our part if YOU will continue to do yours.

Please continue to provide your financial support. Help our community continue to build the kind of momentum that will make us the great place to live, work, and play that we want it to be.

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2018/2019 Grant Dispersal

Since 2011 CCF has disbursed nearly \$100,000 in grants to Cheboygan County organizations. This can only be done because of the generosity of our donors.

This past year the Foundation has refocused its efforts on grants whose purpose is economic benefit including those that benefit tourism, new businesses and businesses seeking to expand. Included in 2018's grants were \$5,000 to



Cheboygan Softball player Amber Gahn at bat in front of new fencing

the Cheboygan Little League for fencing for the girls softball field. The new fencing was necessary to satisfy league rules for tournaments. Tournaments bring in hundreds of participants, parents and spectators, many of whom frequent area restaurants, gas stations, motels, and retail shops.

CCF provided \$2,500 to Nautical North Family Adventures, a new glass bottom boat business in

Cheboygan, which has and will continue to bring tourists to the area, be an employer, and provide a great water experience for local residents.

The \$8,000 grant to the Cheboygan Carnegie provided its building with a much needed heating system to make sure its visitors are comfortable while enjoying the Sunday free musical concerts which the Carnegie hosts along with many other events. The Carnegie, the Cheboygan Opera House

and the planned Lark Theatre will make Cheboygan the place to be for live performances. The Lark Theatre is part of Project 221 which will convert two vacant buildings on Main Street to include a small theatre, chocolate shop, a Stormy Kromer retail shop, and apartments. The Foundation, this year, made a grant of \$5,000 to this project with the stipulation the grant will help pay the local contractors who will be engaged to work on the project. Employment is of utmost importance to the Foundation.

To this end was the reason for another grant made in 2018, \$5,000 to the Industrial Arts Institute in Onaway to outfit a new welding booth. The institute, under the guidance of its executive director Mark Dombroski (former superintendent of Cheboygan Area Schools) and founder Tom Moran, has been preparing students for welding careers for several years. The Center's students include a number of young people from Cheboygan County.

A grant to Liebner Enterprises assisted this local ski pole business to expand into the cane business, which increased the number of its employees.

Recently the Foundation made a \$3,000 grant to the Friends of Ottawa Park to assist with its Art Vision Plan. Part of the grant will be used to hire an art director to facilitate a community wide effort to create an "Art Walk-About" experience in Cheboygan with installation of sculptures in various locations.

These are but a few of the grants the Foundation has made over the years. With the support of our donors grants will continue to assist Cheboygan County. Applications are welcomed from any location the County.

For details on our application procedure see our website at <https://www.cheboyganfoundation.org> which includes our grant cycle dates and application form.

The Cheboygan County Community Foundation Awards \$5,000 to help support the Cheboygan Area Pure Michigan Campaign



Cheboygan County Community Foundation Board member Jim Conboy recently presented Scott Herczeg & Scott Beard from the Cheboygan Area Visitors Bureau a check for \$5,000 to help promote and fund the Cheboygan Area Pure Michigan campaign.

In November, the Cheboygan County Community Foundation pledged to contribute \$1 for every \$5 raised by the Visitors Bureau up to \$5,000 to help encourage additional contributions. The Visitors Bureau has committed a substantial portion of their own budget towards this endeavor, but can not do it alone. Several generous contributions have been pledged showing support for this ongoing advertising campaign.

Cheboygan will be one of the "Featured Destinations" with Pure Michigan which will increase visitor traffic through out the entire year. Ongoing pledges are vital and will ensure Cheboygan continues to reap the benefits of the highly successful Pure Michigan campaign for years to come.

The Friends of Ottawa Park, Inc. Receive a \$3,000 Grant from the Cheboygan County Community Foundation.



Front row left to right: Barbara Beckers, Alice Barron, Mary Kay Hodson, Noreen Keating, Pat Rintamaki, and Jim Conboy
Back row, left to right: Susan Page, Cindy Hutchinson, Ben Lillie, Chuck Baase, and Mary Hebert

Cheboygan County Community Foundation board members Jim Conboy and Noreen Keating are shown at Ottawa Park presenting Pat Rintamaki of the Friends of Ottawa Park, Inc. a check for \$3,000. The park is located at the junction of State St. (US-23) and Main St. (US-27) in downtown Cheboygan.

Ottawa Park was developed as an "Art" park in 2005 with community partners. Constantly revolving many new art displays throughout the years, it also incorporates several permanent works of art.

With the involvement of community members from throughout the Cheboygan County area, their goal is to develop an "Art Vision" plan. Careful attention will be given to what our area wants in the way of art displays, the needs of our communities and other important considerations needed to develop a strong plan for our area.

IMPORTANT TAX INFO!

You Need to Read This!

The new tax law introduced a \$25,000 standard deduction. This means in order for you to actually benefit any further from being able to deduct charitable contributions, they must exceed \$25,000. Most people don't reach that level. However, if you are older than 70½, there is a little known secret that can give you the same benefit as a deduction.

As you know, or soon will, if you are over 70 ½ and have a 401(k), IRA, 403(b), and etc. account, you MUST start making Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) this year. If you were in, say a 25% federal tax bracket, a \$1,000 required distribution would create \$250 in federal taxes in addition to state income taxes. However, if you take advantage of this little secret, you can save those taxes.

The secret is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you already make, let's say a \$1,000 contribution to a charity, like the Foundation, you can make it as a QCD. This is done by notifying your account custodian (bank, investment co., mutual fund, and etc.) that a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution this year should be a QCD and should be paid directly to the Cheboygan County Community Foundation or some other charity. The custodian makes the check payable directly to the charity. You have now satisfied that portion of your RMD and owe no taxes on it. You just saved \$250 plus state income taxes. Larger contributions save even more.

Can you think of one reason not to do this? Call your investment advisor now.

Cheboygan County Community Foundation

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The Cheboygan County Community Foundation is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Donations go directly to projects and organizations identified by the Foundation as having potential to improve the quality of life for the residents and citizens of Cheboygan County.