



The Cheboygan County Community Foundation recently started recognizing a very special group of donors. While every donor is extremely crucial, some donors truly give until it hurts. They are hard-wired to help their community. Those donors are now collectively and proudly called the “Admiralty Society.” This is in recognition of Cheboygan’s maritime history and its long connection to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Donors who give \$500 or more are included in this prestigious list of Cheboygan’s leading citizens. Their continuous and significant support of CCCF’s mission forms the very backbone of this philanthropic catalyst.

Admiralty gifts of \$500, \$1,000, \$10,000 and more give CCCF real punch and the strength needed to raise even more to grant back to the Cheboygan community.

Unless Admiralty members request anonymity, we let the entire community know who it is to whom we are thankful. Current Admiralty members are listed below.

When you see Admiralty members, it would be entirely appropriate for you to thank them for their support of this community. It is even more important that you be a part of the Admiralty. If you want to see Cheboygan improve, if you want a more vibrant local economy and more jobs, this is how you can magnify your gift.

ADMIRALTY SOCIETY

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We are the first ever locally based foundation with the single focus of improving the economic quality of life throughout Cheboygan County. Please join with us and your friends and acquaintances in making Cheboygan County a better place to live, work and play.

Member benefits include an invitation to the CCCF Annual Meeting, recognition on website, donor events, in community announcements and other CCCF communications.

Set an example others will be proud to follow. Contribute to the CCCF!

Cheboygan County Community Foundation

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Economic Development Continues to Move Forward in Cheboygan County

Summer 2018

River Improvement Project

If you like to cycle, walk, jog or travel in a beautiful setting from one side of town to the other, this is for you. A new trail is being developed on city property that has been previously ignored and overlooked. It will run along a ridge on the east side of the Cheboygan River from the footbridge to the back of Great Lakes Tissue, then eventually to Lincoln Avenue. Though construction has just begun, the vision is for a beautiful ADA accessible trail that will include river overlooks, signage, markers, benches and spurs that will allow river access for those who travel by foot.



This revitalization is the brainchild of Dick Sanford, Cheboygan County Community Foundation President Emeritus and board member, who has enlisted others as consultants. As the trail develops, the consultants with more experience and expertise will be called upon. Currently, project leaders Dale & Connie Rieger have led volunteers in flagging and cutting the rough trail and removing some of the dead ash trees that are a visual blight when the property is viewed from Main Street.

Surprisingly, the proposed trail runs through a large number of apple trees and lilacs. When the trail was being flagged the whole area was fragrant with apple and lilac blossoms. It had the feel of a Cheboygan blossom festival.

Cheboygan residents and visitors may have heard the sound of the chain saw as the trail was cut and cleared. Beginning in late August, large tree removal equipment will be heard and seen as trees are cut, moved and chipped to create trail surfacing. This large undertaking will be funded by the Cheboygan County Community Foundation, from local contributions with oversight by Cheboygan City Manager, Tom Eustice.

The trail at this point is rough and in the very beginning stages. It is a project that will extend over three to five years and be completed as funding is available. The final phase of the trail will be ADA accessible. The hope is by fall or early spring 2019 there will be a trail that is open to foot traffic and biking. So stay tuned and for now put your hiking shoes by the door, get your bike tuned up, and be ready to hit the trail!

Thanks to Rehmann

No company, organization or foundation can survive for long without accounting and clerical assistance. It is particularly important for a non-profit to have a good share of their donations go to clerical and accounting professionals.

The Cheboygan County Community Foundation is so fortunate for the assistance provided to us by Rehmann. They cover both clerical and accounting work for the foundation at no cost. They also provide meeting space occasionally. This generous gift to the foundation was initiated by Annette Eustice, CPA, CGFM Principal for Rehmann.

The CCCF Board of Directors was able to show Annette and Rehmann our sincere appreciation by awarding a color rendering of the Cheboygan Crib Lighthouse and USCG Cutter Mackinaw created by Larry Falardeau. *Guardians of the Lakes* will hang in the Rehmann offices. We discovered Annette had been bidding on this meaningful piece of artwork at the Soups, Sliders & Sweets II fund raiser held last October, but unfortunately, she lost to another bidder. Then she found the winning bid went to her husband Tom Eustice. That watercolor is hanging in the City Manager’s office.



This gift to Annette Eustice is particularly appropriate since the artwork is titled *Guardian of the Lakes*. Annette and Rehmann are truly the “Guardians” of the Cheboygan County Community Foundation.





Cheboygan County Community Foundation board members Jim Conboy, Mary Hebert & Tony Eustice are shown here presenting a check

for \$5000 to members of the Cheboygan Little League board of directors, coaches and several major league girls.

The Cheboygan Little League plans to use the funds for fence replacement on the softball field and repair of fencing on the Rec baseball field to facilitate guest teams coming to Cheboygan.



Cheboygan County Community Foundation President and CEO Joanne Welihan is shown above

presenting a check for \$2500 to the Indian River Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbie Willey.

“This generous donation from the Cheboygan County Community Foundation will allow us to actively participate with several others to promote Cheboygan County through the Pure Michigan Advertising Campaign. Over the last couple of years, we have seen an increase in travel and inquiries to our area due to the tremendous outreach and appeal of Pure Michigan.” Debbie Willey, Executive Director.

The Cheboygan County Community Foundation is pleased to support the Indian River Chamber of Commerce and other organizations that are actively working to bring visitors to our communities and boost local economic development.

## Generosity to CCCF



For about two years, the Cheboygan County Community Foundation has been raising funds due to the kind generosity of Larry Falardeau of Oakland County. Larry is an unabashed fan of Cheboygan and drives up several times a year to capture images of Cheboygan County landmarks. He also shares his love for all the art and the natural assets of the region with Southern Michigan artists and trail lovers.



With the help of the Straits Area Printing team, we have produced very fine notecards with pen & ink drawings and later the water colors that Larry does so beautifully. For our Soups, Sliders & Sweets II event at Fernelius last October, Larry gave us framed pen and ink images to help CCCF raise the dollars we invest in our economic development projects.

In 2018 we have reduced some of the larger color lighthouse images to notecards and postcards as shown below. We are honored that these cards are a part of the growing awareness of all the GOOD NEWS in Cheboygan.

The cards are available at several locations from Mackinaw City to Indian River. These fine retailers accept a modest return as they, too, are supporting the economic development mission of CCCF.



We thank all the great retail partners – and especially Mr. Falardeau. He has enabled the Foundation to support our work in the spirit of a true entrepreneur.

## Grants

2017 witnessed the Foundation’s receipt of a number of grant applications. The applications approved by the Board included: \$270 in scholarships for high school students attending the Industrial Arts Institute for introduction to welding; \$700 to Friends of Ottawa Park for children’s art projects; \$2500 to Northern Lakes Economic Alliance for its Pitch It Night program; \$1063 to the Farmers Market in Cheboygan for



Cheboygan Farmers Market is held twice weekly during the growing season. banners advertising the Market at several locations in the City; \$1000 to the Cheboygan Youth Academy which teaches leadership to youth in the County through golf; \$266 to Cheboygan Area High School to enable students to attend programs at the Petoskey campus of North Central Michigan College; \$1700 to Voices Without Borders enabling area

high school choir students to participate in a European tour; and \$5000 to Cheboygan Little League to help replace the fence at the girls’s softball field. The fence was a requirement which had to be met in order for Cheboygan to qualify for tournaments which bring in hundreds of fans and thousands of dollars. In addition the Foundation, as fiscal agent for the Great Up North Marketing Alliance, contributed \$2500 to the Indian River Chamber of Commerce for its Pure Michigan contribution.

The Board is presently reevaluating its grant criteria to refocus on those applications whose primary purpose is tangible economic benefit. This means grants that demonstrate a real possibility of increased employment, new businesses, or business expansions will be given very favorable treatment.



2017 Invest Cheboygan Winner “The Queens Head”



## Port Initiative Update

The Port of Cheboygan continues to move forward as Kokosing/Durocher and Ryba are now operating as Port Operators. Both have “Port Facilities Plans” which includes licensing and permits for the required fencing around the Port area.

The marketing of the Port Facilities has begun. This will include promotion of shipping and receiving, along with attracting manufactures to locate in the Port area and Industrial Park.

The Cheboygan County Community Foundation has contributed \$34,900.00 to the Port initiative in increments since 2011 to enhance the marketing campaign.