

CCCF Grants of 2023 & 2024

2023

Rowan's Place	Equipment Grant	\$2,500
Cheboygan Little League	Bathroom Restoration Grant	2,500
Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce	Business Bucks Grant	2,500
Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association	Crib Engineering Grant	7,150
Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association	Front Range Restoration Grant	2,252
Tuscarora Township DDA	Summer Music Series Grant	2,500
Women's Resource Center of Northern MI	Education and Employment Grant	5,000
Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce	Cheboygan Bucks Grant	5,000

2024

Cheboygan Area Arts Council	Art Splash Marketing Grant	\$1,500
Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce	Leadership Cheboygan Grant	5,000
Tuscarora Township DDA	Summer Music Series Grant	2,500
Tiki Way Adventure	Marketing Grant	2,500
Northern Lakes Economic Alliance	Strategic Planning Consulting Grant	3,500
Cheboygan Area Visitors Bureau	Tap Into The Trails Grant	4,000
Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association	Interpretive Display Grant	1,500

In addition, the Jahn Family provided CCCF with a \$7,500 grant to be passed to the Industrial Arts Institute student who meets specific criteria to be applied to tuition. This grant has not been made as of June 2024.

From Inception through May 31, 2024, Cheboygan County Community Foundation has Administered \$363,531 in Grants.



Economic Development Continues to Move Forward in Cheboygan County

Summer 2024

Butts and Fairbanks Join Cheboygan County Community Foundation Board of Directors

The Cheboygan County Community Foundation(CCCF) Board made numerous changes in their Board of Directors over the first half of the year. Dave Butts joined the Board at the end of December, 2023. A retired Certified Financial Planner and Registered Investment Advisor, Butts is a great addition with a wealth of knowledge and experience. He is past President of Saginaw Financial Planners and past President of Northeast Michigan Chapter of the International Association of Financial Planners. Butts has extensive non-profit leadership roles including 20 years as Director and Treasurer of the Saginaw Community Foundation. He and his wife Brenda live in Cheboygan.



Dave Butts

Elizabeth Fairbanks, M.Ed is the newest member of the board, joining in February. Currently serving as the Inland Lakes School's Superintendent, Fairbanks' resume is impressive. Earning her Bachelor of Science at Lake Superior State University and her Masters of Education from Arizona State University, Fairbanks began her career teaching Middle School students. She has 12 years Administrative experience, including her serving as Principal at Inland Lakes High School. Ms. Fairbanks has numerous specialties and accomplishments affecting Northern Michigan in extremely positive ways.



Elizabeth Fairbanks

"We are very excited to have Dave Butts and Elizabeth Fairbanks on our board," said Annette Eustice, Executive Director. "Both have a rich background that will be great assets for the foundation."

CCCF also held elections in January for new board positions. Those appointments include: Dave Butts, Chairperson; Dawn M. Bodnar, Vice Chairperson; Bryan Groff, Treasurer; and Patricia Ann Gildner, Secretary. Trustees include: Chuck Baase, Tom Eustice, Tony Eustice, Alice Fernelius, Matthew Keene, Michele Andrews, and Dwayne LaPointe.



Leadership

The board and officers of the Cheboygan County Community Foundation, Inc. are all private sector, non-paid volunteers who bring their talent, energy, and knowledge to the mission of the organization.

David Butts, *Chairperson*
Dawn Bodnar, *Vice-Chairperson*
Brian Groff, *Treasurer*
Patricia Gildner, *Secretary*
Michele Andrews
Chuck Basse

Tom Eustice
Elizabeth Fairbanks
Alice Fernelius
Matthew Keene
Dwayne LaPointe

Annette Eustice, *Executive Director*

Founders:
James Conboy
James "Bud" Darnell
Susan Eno
Richard B. Sanford
Chris Sangster
Kevin Tucker
Thomas O'Hare

Richard B. Sanford, *President Emeritus*
James Conboy, *Director Emeritus*
David Butts, CFP, CMFC, *Past President*
Joanne Welihan, *Past President*
Susan Eno, *Past President*
Noreen Keating, *Past President*

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Our Mission

Create a 501(c)3 non-profit county wide Community Foundation to raise and invest tax sheltered funds in support of economic and educational projects.

Our Purpose

Our purpose is to provide a federal and state qualified tax exempt foundation for residents and friends of Cheboygan County to donate income and assets which are federal and state tax deductible. Funds donated to the Cheboygan County Community Foundation are then used to support projects which create jobs, improve local educational opportunities, increase tourism visits, expand retail and commercial offerings, and enhance the overall economic health of Cheboygan County.

The foundation provides grants, scholarships, and other means of financial support for individuals, companies, organizations, non-profit agencies, and projects which support our mission and purpose.

Thank You

We would like to extend a very heartfelt THANK YOU to our outgoing Board of Directors Members:

- Noreen Keating
(Past President & Cheboygan Crib Light Rehab Committee)
- Jamie Huber
- Tony Eustice

Their dedication and diligence in helping Cheboygan County to grow and thrive is incredibly appreciated.

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MISSION: RESTORE & ENHANCE THE CHEBOYGAN CRIB LIGHTHOUSE



The Crib Lighthouse is the placemaking symbol and logo of the City of Cheboygan. Sitting at the gateway to the Inland Waterway and in need of significant improvements, the City has made it a priority to renovate the lighthouse and enhance the entrance to the Inland Waterway.

The CCCF has taken on the project of completely refurbishing this historic structure. Fundraising partners and community members are invited to attend and to help move the project forward. The acrylic windows in the lantern room have deteriorated and need replacing, some of the trim needs repair, two of the tower windows are compromised from lifting the structure off the crib, the lighthouse needs painting, and the interior needs repair. The CCCF also plans to add additional landscaping, outdoor lighting, and informational signage.



There will be multiple fund-raising programs and opportunities to support this project over the next year. If you have questions or input for this project, please contact CCCF board trustee Tom Eustice at 231-818-9438 or portofcheboygan@gmail.com.



Your Community Foundation is Taking a Big Step

A step that will insure its ability to fund work force education, and tourism efforts FOREVER.

The Cheboygan County Community Foundation is happy to announce the establishment of an Endowment Fund. An endowment fund is a fund established to provide long-term support for a particular nonprofit organization. The total amount of contributed assets are invested and then each year a portion of the income earned is spent while the remainder is added to the principal for growth. Amounts can be used in the name of the donor or for general purposes. This makes your investment a perpetual gift! The goal of the Cheboygan County Community Foundation's endowment fund is to give donors an opportunity to donate larger amounts of money as a perpetual gift and, if desired, the donor may have the opportunity to direct the use

of funds. The Cheboygan County Community Foundation is interested in Endowment Fund contribution greater than \$10,000 with the goal of raising substantial investments which will provide economic development in the community for years to come.

How can you help? Consider gifting an endowment investment of greater than \$10,000, include the Community Foundation Endowment Fund in your estate plan, and spread the word about this valuable opportunity to grow Cheboygan County! If you are interested in learning more about the Cheboygan County Community Foundation's endowment fund and how you can invest, please contact Chuck Baase, Vice-President, at 989-295-4381.

*Please consult your tax professional regarding the impact that a contribution to the endowment fund may have on your tax status.



Join Us! Become A Shipmate!

As a volunteer you will be asked to:

- Assist with clerical tasks
- Volunteer to assist at various fundraising events
- Attend Business After Hours or other events that feature the Foundation

Time Commitment:

- Less than 20 hours for fundraising events
- Just a couple hours for clerical tasks.
- Attendance at events may range from 2-5 hours.
- Strictly on an as needed basis.

Interested? Email CCCFoundation01@gmail.com to sign up you will be called to set up an initial social meeting!
Looking forward to working with you!!



CCCF Welcomes Annette Eustice in New Role

The Cheboygan Area Community Foundation would like to welcome Annette Eustice as our new Executive Director.

This is a newly-created part-time role which will entail assisting the Board of Directors with the development of the Foundation's policies and procedures, long-term planning, and donor development.

Foundation Wins Award at 2024 Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner!



Photo from Lindsey Vork Photography

On Thursday, January 18th, the Cheboygan community together came together to recognize area businesses, leaders and volunteers at the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce's annual awards dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Awards were distributed in nine categories that honored Cheboygan students, educators, residents, volunteers, leaders, and businesses.

Nominations are submitted by community members to recognize those who make Cheboygan better through their business, profession, service and spirit. The Cheboygan County Community Foundation was one of three finalist and was awarded the Organization of the Year.

The Foundation is truly honored to accept this prestigious award.