



BRANCH COUNTY

COMMUNITY

FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

OUR MISSION

We promote and inspire community generosity and giving by bringing together passionate people and resources in our collective efforts to make an enduring difference in the community we love.

OUR VISION

A prosperous, collaborative, and welcoming Branch County community that promotes a strong sense of belonging and pride in its residents and provides opportunities for all to grow and thrive.

OUR PURPOSE

To achieve our vision, we will be a proactive, collaborative, and innovative community leader and partner in addressing community needs and making Branch County and Colon places people want to live, work, and visit.

A NOTE TO OUR COMMUNITY

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude and awe at the remarkable progress we've made together. In our small rural communities, even the smallest victories create a ripple effect that can transform lives and strengthen our bonds.

This annual report is not just a collection of numbers and achievements but a testament to the powerful impact of our collective efforts. Each success, no matter how modest it may seem, contributes to a larger wave of positive change that enhances our community's vitality and resilience.

Your unwavering support and engagement have inspired us every step of the way. We are deeply moved by the difference we have made together and are more motivated than ever to continue our work with renewed vigor and commitment.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. As we look ahead, we are excited to build on our successes and continue to create lasting, positive impacts in our beloved community.

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BRANCH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Impact Trivia

What does "VAC" stand for in BCCF's name?

What is BCCF's funding to the Colon Spinal Unit helping with?

Which of the following is not a program of Child Care?

What is BCCF's funding to the Colon Spinal Unit helping with?

- (A) Extremity joint boots
- (B) Prosthetic technology
- (C) The Colon Spinal Unit

OUR IMPACT BY NUMBERS

400 DONORS

Generous donors helped their communities through contributions to funds that support education, child welfare, homelessness, arts and culture, emerging needs, and more.

65 NONPROFITS

Local nonprofit organizations working to meet the needs of Branch County and Colon's communities were supported through our grant opportunities.

\$411,00 GRANTED

in grants and scholarships awarded to help build a better Branch County and Colon.



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

From fostering community engagement to supporting local initiatives, YAC was on the forefront of positive change in the Branch County and Colon community in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

A highlight of the year was the engagement with the community's younger members through presentations to 5th-grade classrooms. This year, YAC visited with the fifth-grade classes in Coldwater, Union City, and Bronson School Districts. These sessions not only educated the students about community philanthropy and YAC, but also empowered them to participate in grant making, as each class chose a nonprofit to support with grant funds. As a result, several organizations received much-needed financial support, amplifying the impact of YAC's efforts.

YAC revamped its annual Christmas Shopping Event, embracing a more personalized approach. Partnering with local schools, they identified families in need and provided them with essentials and gifts, spreading joy and alleviating financial burdens during the holiday season.

YAC's dedication to supporting local causes was further evident in their grant allocations. From funding educational programs to facilitating community events, their contributions totaled a remarkable \$20,388.52, leaving a lasting imprint on various organizations and initiatives.

YAC expanded their reach by providing hygiene kits to students across all of Branch County and Colon. Partnering with local clinics and food pantries, they ensured that essential supplies reached those in need, furthering their mission of fostering inclusivity and support.

The 2023-2024 program year has been a testament to YAC's dedication to community service and youth empowerment. With their collective efforts and partnerships, they have made a tangible difference while laying the groundwork for a brighter and more inclusive future in Branch County and beyond.



COLDWATER COMMUNITY CENTER

The Coldwater Community Center, a key new asset for Branch County, has recently completed its renovation thanks to support from the Community Foundation. The Forever Fund and the Rice Family Fund provided grants that helped finalize the transformation of the historic former Putnam Funeral Home into a dynamic community hub.

Since its opening in 2024, the Coldwater Community Center has become a center for community activities and services. Local nonprofit Aira, which offers resources and counseling to non-English speaking residents, is among the first to benefit from the new facilities. Aira's team, fluent in Arabic, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, provides essential support to the county's diverse population.

The Center aims to be Branch County's "Third Place," a concept from sociologist Ray Oldenburg referring to spaces where people connect between home and work. By fostering inclusivity and community engagement, the Coldwater Community Center embodies the spirit of third places, offering a welcoming environment for social interaction and relationship-building.

The Branch County Community Foundation is honored to support such transformative projects and is excited to see the Coldwater Community Center thrive as a space where all can experience a sense of belonging.



BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY OF THINGS

BCCF provided a grant to the Branch District Library to increase literacy and allow patrons to check out a variety of non-literature items to increase their curiosity in a new hobby or remove a barrier for a need.

The Branch District Library has launched a new program, Library of Things, which allows BDL patrons to check out non-literature items to allow them access to items for a new hobby, break barriers for when items are in need, and create an environment for engagement. Some of the most popular items offered in the Library of things are: Pickleball Set, 6 in 1 Power station/car battery jumper, snow sleds, rock tumbler, and a moving cart. The Library of Things is an important program for community engagement by offering free tools and items for new hobbies, making them accessible to everyone regardless of financial means. This not only fosters creativity and lifelong learning but also helps build a sense of community as individuals explore new interests together.

A major draw for the Library of Things was the ability to buy Tonies, an audio player for children. Tonies offer content for their youngest readers with hours of storytelling, songs, mindfulness activities and more. The addition of the Tonies from the Library of Things brings on-demand, screen-free education to children.

The grant from the Branch County Community Foundation helped alleviate the burden of the initial investment, bringing the unique and necessary items to Branch County!



COLON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Nola & George Cummings Family Foundation Fund has become a beacon of support for Colon Community Schools since its inception in 2018. Established by David and Joy Foster, in honor of David's cherished caretakers, Nola and George Cummings, this fund has not only continued a legacy of giving but has also transformed the educational experience for countless students in the Colon community.

As a staff member of Colon Community Schools, Joy knows firsthand the needs for both students and staff. From upgrading classroom resources to supporting various school programs, the fund's contributions have made a tangible difference.

Since the fund's establishment, it has been able to grant back \$129,745 to Colon Community Schools. These grants have been pivotal in addressing both fundamental needs and enhancing extracurricular activities, ensuring students have access to a well-rounded education.

Jarrett Jordan received a grant for STEM supplies for her class. "Students have been able to take hands-on learning to a new level. They were working on the scientific method and these materials were able to help the students with understanding the cause and effect. Due to this, my pre-test and my post-test increased by 50%!" Colon Jr/Sr High School students were also able to attend a trip to Washington DC with grant funding. "The grant significantly impacted Colon Jr/Sr High School by ensuring that financial limitations did not prevent any students from participating in this vital educational experience. It promoted inclusivity and equal opportunity, fosters a sense of community and shared learning amount students."



RENOVATIONS FOR LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTERS

The Branch County Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of all our community members and supporting the important work of our local community partners. This year, funding for significant renovations at local shelters exemplified this commitment. At the Naomi Davis Shelter, operated by the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, BCCF funded new flooring that has transformed the environment. Executive Director Kim Hemker noted, “This made a beautiful impact on our agency.” The updated space fosters a sense of worth and safety for clients as they navigate their challenges.

Additionally, funding from the Youth Advisory Council supported Family Promise in creating a family-centered shelter. The renovations included a new dining room designed to encourage family meals, which are linked to improved mental health and resilience. With a warm, inviting atmosphere, these updates help families feel valued and secure during their time in the shelter. Lori LaBundy, Executive Director of Coldwater Housing Matters, shared insights into the renovation: “Historically, homeless shelters have been created for adults who also have children. Our renovation project has been specifically focused to include family engagement spaces that embrace the principles of trauma-informed design.” Through these efforts, BCCF is not only able to provide essential funding for our local homeless shelters, but also fostering dignity, safety, and hope within the community.



CHILDCARE FOR BRANCH COUNTY

Branch County Community Foundation is embedded in the work to expand equal access to quality and affordable childcare to Branch County. Southwest Michigan Region 8, led by Pulse at the W.E. Upjohn Institute, has created a comprehensive roadmap plan with recommendations on how to address key obstacles in childcare accessibility across Branch County. Creating a local implementation team in Branch County is crucial to leading the plan. The implantation team for Branch County, led by BCCF, will focus on several primary challenges identified in Branch County, including addressing mindset barriers among community members unsure of their role in addressing the childcare crisis, fostering collaboration among economic, workforce, and community development sectors, and overcoming resource gaps such as knowledge deficiencies, insufficient funding, and inadequate physical space for childcare facilities. Through strategic collaboration and community engagement, BCCF aims to develop actionable strategies that will strengthen the local childcare infrastructure, enhance access to high-quality childcare services, and support the economic and social well-being of families across Branch County.



BCCF SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2024, the Branch County Community Foundation proudly awarded 40 scholarships, totaling \$62,500, to support students in their pursuit of higher education. Our scholarship program holds special significance, as many of these funds are established in memory of individuals who have touched our lives. Families honor their loved ones by creating scholarship funds, or individuals choose to leave a legacy through their wills and trusts, ensuring that future generations can access educational opportunities.

It is truly a privilege to help preserve the local legacies of these individuals and families. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the Community Foundation scholarship recipients!

We invite high school graduates and residents of our service area who plan to attend accredited post-secondary institutions—including trade schools, two-year colleges, community colleges, and four-year universities—to apply for these valuable scholarships.

TYPES OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED

Donors can create named unrestricted funds to support the current and future quality of life in our area and give the Community Foundation discretion to use the annual income for a broad range of community projects that respond to changing needs.

FIELD OF INTEREST

This type of fund allows donors to identify and support a broad charitable purpose or category of interest, such as the arts, education, or a particular geographic area in the Community Foundation's service area. These funds are flexible and allow the Community Foundation to meet emerging needs and opportunities in each interest area.

DONOR ADVISED

With these funds, donors work with the Community Foundation by reviewing grant proposals from the Community Foundation and by proposing grants to organizations and projects they discover. Advised funds become unrestricted or field-of-interest upon the death of the donor or at the end of a specified period.

DESIGNATED

Designated Funds are created to support one or more specified organizations that the Donor names at the time the fund is established. Distributions from these funds may provide general benefit to a particular organization or may be specified for a specific program or project of the organization.

AGENCY

Agency Funds allow a charitable organization to establish a fund to provide for their general financial support or for specific programs or projects the organization sponsors.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Community Foundation administers scholarship funds through one centralized application process. Donors may contribute to the Community Scholarship Fund or, with a minimum balance of \$55,000, donors can create a separate named fund for scholarships.

TYPES OF GIFTS

CASH

Be flexible in your plans. While having an itinerary is good, unforeseen moments can be the highlight of your adventure. Be open to changes and embrace challenges with an adventurous spirit.

SECURITIES

In addition to visiting main tourist attractions, interact with the local residents. Explore daily life, try local cuisine, and talk to locals. This adds a new dimension to your experience and allows you to truly immerse yourself in the culture of the places you visit.

GRAIN OR COMMODITIES

Even if you are traveling solo, learn to socialize. Meet fellow backpackers, join group tours, or engage in local activities. Social interactions can make your journey more vibrant and enrich your experience.

INSURANCE

Take photos and notes to capture moments, but make sure to live in the experience. Don't get too caught up in electronic devices or excessive documentation that it obscures the precious moments you're experiencing firsthand.

IRA ROLLOVER OR QCD

While freedom is at the core of solo backpacking, don't forget to prioritize your safety. Inform close ones about your travel plans, choose accommodations wisely, and keep copies of essential travel documents. Personal safety remains a priority, even in the freedom to explore.

REAL ESTATE

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John & Beth Rea
John & Faith Robertson

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Marvin & Julie Schneider
Kathleen Shoesmith
Steven & Laura Soule
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FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Cash \$492,914
Investments \$9,365,544
Notes receivable \$234,735
Other assets \$4,500
Net assets \$9,924,298

LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses \$10,520
Agency liability \$162,875
Total liability \$173,395

TOTAL LIABILITES AND NET ASSETS

Total \$10,097,693

IN CLOSING

As we conclude this year's annual report, we hope you feel as inspired as we do by the incredible work happening within our community. Each accomplishment, partnership, and initiative shared here reflects the collective efforts of individuals and organizations coming together to create lasting, meaningful change.

We are proud of what has been achieved, but we also recognize that the journey is ongoing. It is our shared commitment to one another that propels us forward, and we invite you to join us in this continued effort to make a difference. Together, we have the power to transform lives, strengthen bonds, and build a future where every individual can thrive.

Thank you for your support, your passion, and your belief in the potential of our community. We look forward to all that we will achieve in the years ahead.

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