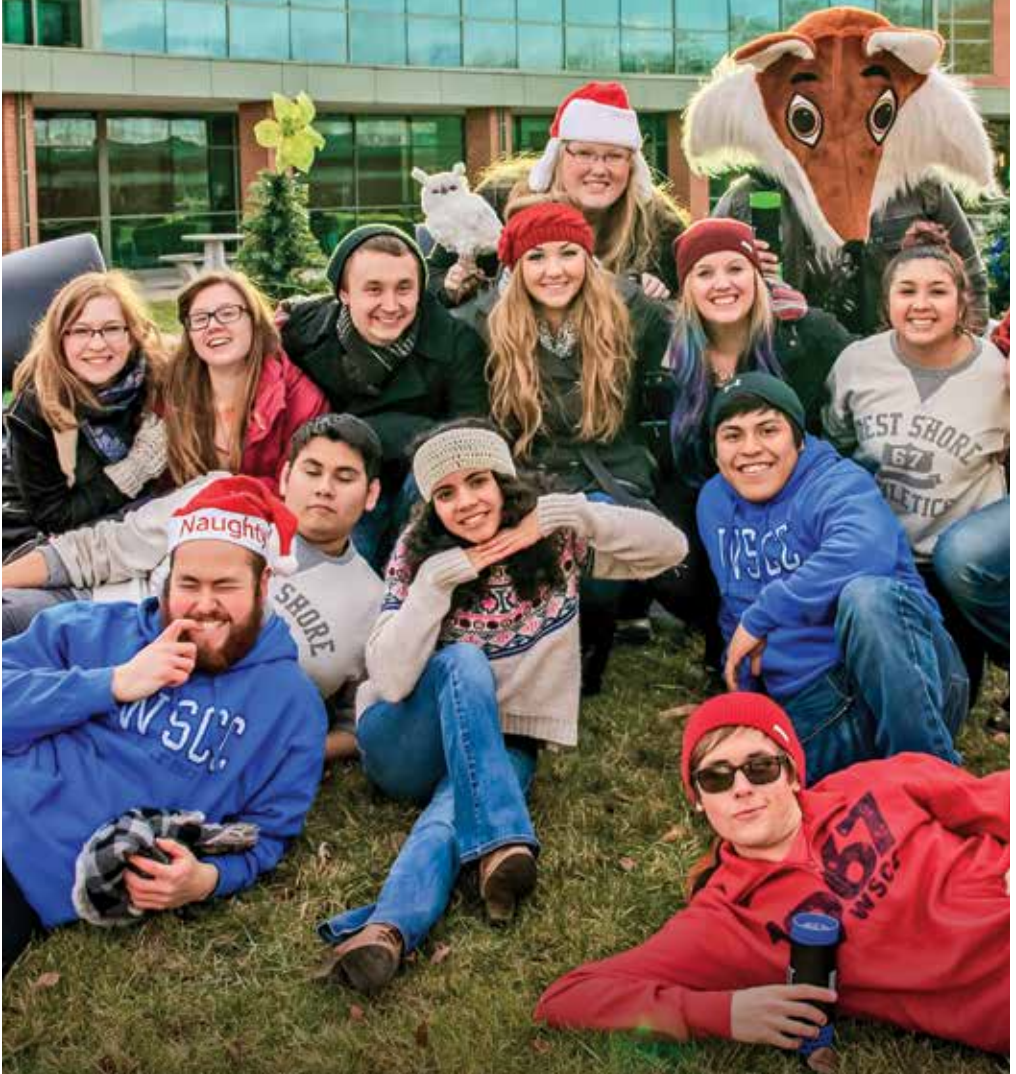


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AN UPDATE FROM YOUR
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for **MASON COUNTY**

Cover: West Shore Community College students

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thanks to you.

Every day you give us the opportunity to be thankful for your generosity and commitment to our community. Your gifts have made an impact and this year was no different. A pediatric literacy program. Adaptive arts programming. Water trailhead. High school robotics program. Mason County College Promise. Accessible Sable Points Lighthouse events. Backpack food. Neighborhood revitalization. Sexual assault nurse exam unit. Nearly \$75,000 in scholarships.

We are so grateful for the many ways that individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, community groups and schools create hope and opportunity.

Community matters. YOU make the difference.



Andrea Large
Executive Director



Brad Reed
Chair, Board of Trustees

Here's what happened in 2018:

- **281 grants** were approved totaling **\$924,766**
- Mason County **YAC** approved **15 grants** totaling **\$14,513**, including classroom project grants
- Awarded **scholarships** to **84** students, including renewals, which represents commitments over the next four years of **\$76,990**
- **\$1,362,028** in **gifts and grants received**, including **\$75,600** in **bequest gifts**
- **256 new donors** for a total of **\$122,684 in new donor gifts**
- **43 people memorialized/honored** with gifts to the Foundation
- **Net assets: \$15,631,092**
- Created **12 new named funds** for a total of **160 funds**



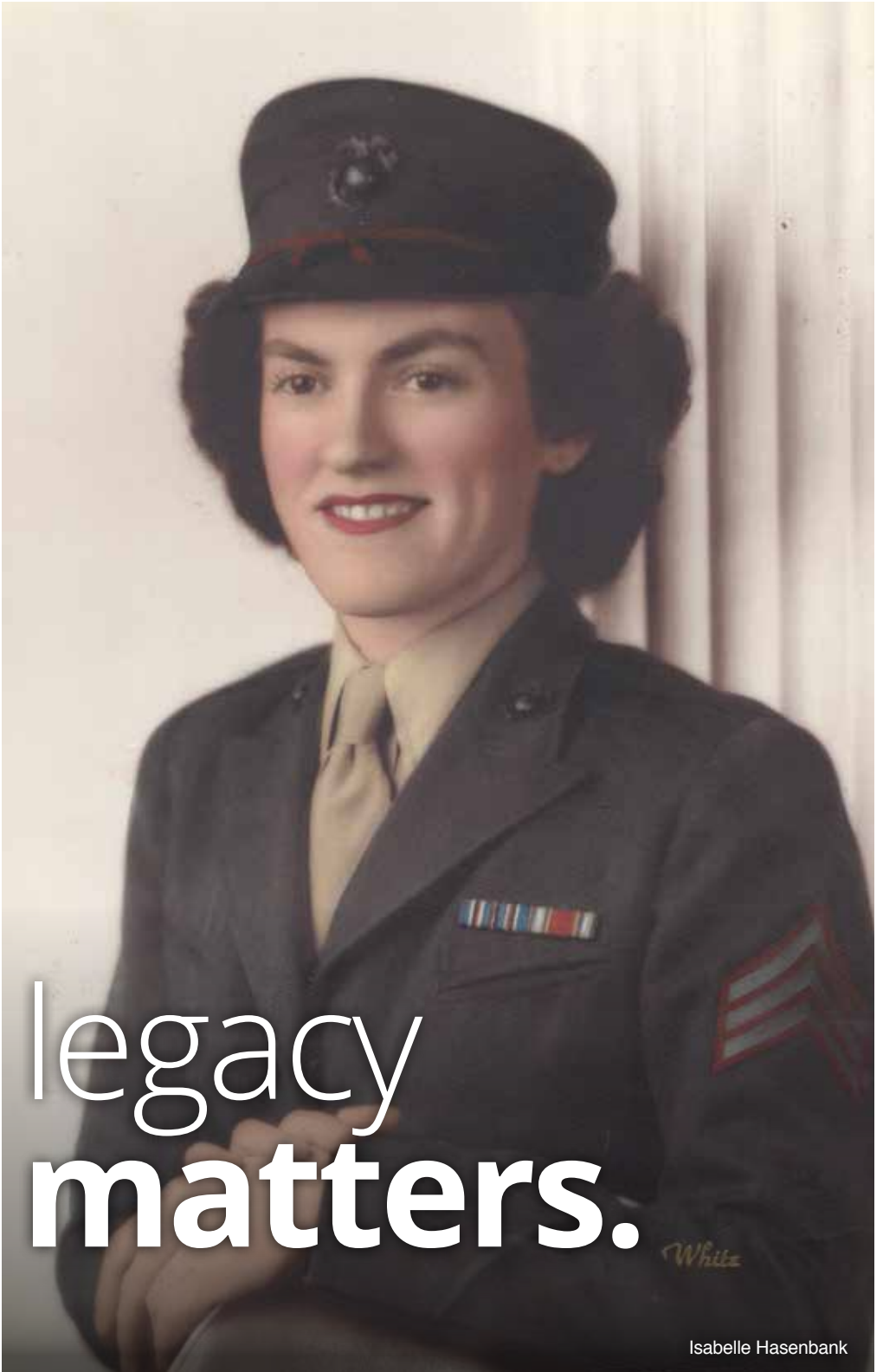
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Trailblazers put together Orange & Black Backpacks

In Mason County, one in five kids does not have enough to eat and our community came together to help. The Frank and Delores Valenta Fund, Rick and MaryAnn Randall Fund, Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund, and the Fund for Mason County partnered with Ludington Area Schools, community organizations, and private donors to make the **Orange & Black Backpack Program** a reality. Students take home backpacks of food to help meet the shortage many face over the weekend when they don't have access to school breakfast and lunch.

- Daisy Marsh Reeks became a widow early in her marriage. She served as the treasurer for Mason County and raised three successful daughters. Her grandchildren were so proud of her they established the **Daisy Marsh Reeks Fund** in her honor to support women's issues in our community. Thanks to this Fund and the Fund for Mason County, COVE (Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters) was able to expand their existing services to include a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program.



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Education and service to her community were always priorities for Isabelle

Hasenbank. Isabelle served her country during World War II with the United States Marine Corps. Following her service she graduated from Wayne State University in 1955, and completed her Master's Degree in 1965. Giving was always a part of Isabelle's nature as she gave to her church and community while supporting the education of her family. Although she has passed on, her estate gift to the **Fund for Mason County** will support the Mason County Promise and the community she loved...forever.

- **Carol Nelson** values education and the arts and supports them in our community through her Donor Advised Fund. Seeing the difference it is making, Carol has planned an estate gift that will add to her Fund and continue her impact.
- **Tom Coleman** feels he has been so blessed in his life. He wants to pass those blessings on to the community now through grants from his Donor Advised Fund, and in the future with an estate gift that will continue his legacy of giving.



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Your investment in students is growing! Thanks to donors like you, we hold Scholarship Funds and Education Funds supporting students across the county, and the new Mason County Promise is off to a remarkable start. In the first year, 65 students from across the county were Promise scholars qualifying for two years of free tuition at West Shore Community College. Fifteen percent were the first in their family to attend college and we're anticipating an even bigger year in 2019! That is hope and opportunity for our youth!

- Neighbors helping neighbors—that's what the Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization Program is all about. With the support of United Way, the **Fund for Mason County**, **Pennies from Heaven**, and numerous donors, Habitat for Humanity creates an opportunity for our community to help make home repairs and invest in the quality of housing to lift up those who need our support.



Top: Katie Biggs

Bottom: O'Bots Robotics Team

Katie Biggs was named “All-Around Senior” of her 2015 graduating class at Ludington High School (LHS). She was deeply grateful for the support she received from the community and wanted to find a sustainable way to give back. Katie decided to work toward establishing the **Ludington All-Around Senior Fund** that awards \$500 to the charity of choice of each year’s winner. Our Youth Advisory Council (YAC) loved this idea, helped Katie reach her goal, and created funds for Mason County Central and Eastern school districts, too. What a great way to build the next generation of givers!

- Creating strong robotics programs in our schools is a priority in our community and our donors are making it happen. The Mason County LHS O’Bots Robotics Team was able to purchase new tools and equipment and host a workshop for all of the Robotics teams in our county. Technical specialists from NEFF Automation in Grand Rapids provided training for robotics students in metal fabrication pneumatics—a great opportunity for learning!



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