HERE'S WHAT YOU GET...

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for MASON COUNTY
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Last year was an extraordinary year! Here’s what 2015 looked like:

$994,651 in gifts received
$625,505 in grants awarded
$73,603 in scholarships
22 memorials/honor gifts
12 new funds
313 new donors
$13,902 in grants awarded by the Youth Advisory Committee
$13,117,185 in total assets

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The Mason County Sheriff’s Office is deeply committed to protecting our community’s most precious resource – our children. The Friends of the Mason County Sheriff Office Fund was created with a big goal: to install “The Boot,” a Michigan-made barricading device on every classroom door in Mason County. And it was a success! Our community generously supported this important safety initiative, and now every single classroom door can be made secure, keeping our children safe.

“The Boot” project received $7,400 from our Youth Advisory Council, which includes students from all 3 Mason County high schools who meet monthly to learn about community issues involving youth. In 2015 they also supported Rotary Park, teacher mini-grants, an indoor playground at Oaktree Academy, pickleball courts, and more!
Wayne and Jeanie Mortensen honored Jeanie’s father, David K. Stites, by establishing a fund in his name. They are long-time Ludington supporters and now have an easy way to support organizations they love. The Mortensens have already been active with the fund, supporting a youth resource center, West Shore Community College, and the Ludington Area Arts Council.

Careers took Mike and Rebecca Magee away from Mason County, but they have always been Orioles at heart! They established a scholarship fund for a graduating senior from Ludington High School. Their gift will have an impact forever as students head off to college each year.

Photos: Courtesy of Todd & Brad Reed Photography, toddandbradreed.com
West Shore Bank established a Spirit of Giving Fund to make it easy for customers to support community projects. Over $7,344 was raised, including a $2,000 match from West Shore Bank, which provided nearly 600 meals for food banks in Mason, Manistee, and Oceana counties. This is a great example of living their motto: “Making a Real Difference!”

Our gorgeous beaches are some of our community’s greatest assets. They’re what make Mason County a West Michigan destination. As an inclusive community, we wanted to be sure people of all abilities had a chance to enjoy a day at the beach. A grant from the Fund for Mason County helped support a brand new walkway that now makes the beauty of our beach accessible to everyone!

Photo: Courtesy of Disability Network West Michigan
Nobody cares more about fun and community than our friends in the Scottville Clown Band. Their music and antics are legendary, as is their generosity with annual scholarships and community projects.

In 2015, the Band established two funds to support its mission. The George F. Wilson Endowment Fund was created to honor the Band’s long-time leader and to fund their scholarship program long term. The Capital Campaign Fund will help raise money to ensure the future of the Band’s transportation.

Thousands of miles and millions of smiles in the Band’s 113-year history!
And if we give a little of ourselves back to Mason County, it all adds up.

From homeowner improvement classes and city park restoration to a youth summer enrichment program and community fitness club, the Fund for Mason County helps meet the changing opportunities and challenges our community faces.

Love your community. A gift to the Fund for Mason County is the perfect way to share the love.

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