

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



THE
CHARLES J. STROSACKER
FOUNDATION

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



The Honorable Judge Donna Morris, Retired joined the Charles J Strosacker Foundation in 1981 and served as a trustee for more than 35 years. She served as Probate Judge for Midland County for 21 years and she believed in taking care of children, families and individuals with mental illness. She always said that she hadn't met a juvenile she didn't like and she worked to give those children a future. She advocated for keeping families together, but when that wasn't possible, she celebrated every adoption as a new family to treasure. She worked tirelessly to help people with mental illness find programs and services to enhance their well-being. As a trustee of Strosacker, she made us aware of the needs of the communities we serve and how we could help. We will always treasure her wonderful sense of humor and her joy of life. Please enjoy the grantee letter from Joe Blewett and learn how she continues to help.

Our grants for 2016, totaling \$3,152,233.40 included a nice balance of economic development, education and social service needs. We continue to help with redeveloping downtown Midland, working with the City of Midland and other Foundations. We are assisting Midland Public Schools in the renovations of the elementary school buildings and Project Lead the Way training for teachers. Our commitment to Michigan State in Midland continues with their STEM programming. Chippewa Nature Center was granted \$120,000 for scholarships to their nature pre-school and day camp programs. We had additional funds available at year-end and chose to grant both the Sharing Tree and the Emergency Food Pantry of Midland County \$50,000 each to help families with food, transportation and utility needs.

We are pleased to welcome Amy E. Wilson to our board. Amy is the Corporate Secretary and Assistant General Counsel of the Dow Chemical Company. She is a Midland native, graduated from Alma College and the University of Michigan College of Law. She will bring a wonderful perspective to our board and help to guide our future. As always, I thank the entire board for their many hours of volunteer service and the dedication they have to improving our communities and the future.



Bobbie N. Arnold

President & CEO

GRANTEE COMMENTS



Judge Donna Morris was, and will always remain, a giant to the Midland community and the countless lives she improved. She is sincerely missed. Her relentless effort to provide compassion, empathy and support for Pinecrest residents is remarkable.

The Charles J. Strosacker Foundation provided Judge Morris a significant platform to support her passion for social services. Upon her resignation from the Strosacker Foundation Board of Trustees, the board gave Donna the opportunity to bestow \$100,000 to the cause of her choice. She selected Pinecrest Farms as the benefactor, and Pinecrest humbly accepted.

The announcement sadly came after Judge Morris' passing so she was unable to be part of the allotment process – but it was fitting as Donna would not have wanted the attention. Pinecrest worked closely with the Strosacker Foundation to decide an appropriate disbursement of the funds.

It was decided that \$75,000 of the funds would be allocated to assist the Pinecrest residents in need of assistance with the purchase of their necessary medications. The remaining \$25,000 will be used as an activity fund to enhance the lives of the residents.

Donna developed close personal relationships that lasted years with many of the residents. This included outings to restaurants, holiday gatherings and frequent social visits at Pinecrest. The activity fund proportion will provide holiday parties and area outings for the residents. Some residents do not have the financial resources for their critical medications. The Strosacker Foundation grant now gives them a stress free opportunity to know they will receive the medications they need without uncertainty.

Judge Morris can no longer advocate hand-in-hand with the people she cared so much about. But this Strosacker Foundation grant provides support for so many for so long. Pinecrest Farms is ingenuously grateful to Judge Donna Morris, Bobbie Arnold, the entire Strosacker Foundation board of trustees for this donation and their ongoing support of Pinecrest Farms and our mission.



Joe Blewett
Administrator
Pinecrest Farms

GRANTS IN 2016

In Midland County (71%)



American Red Cross	\$ 3,000
Arnold Center	65,000
Audrey's Army	10,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	50,000
Bullock Creek Schools	10,000
Chippewa Nature Center	120,000
City of Midland	7,500
Creative 360.....	50
First United Methodist Church.....	1,000
Greater Michigan Construction Academy.....	15,000
Helping Hands Dental Center.....	350,000
Junior Achievement of Central Michigan.....	19,500
King's Daughters and Sons	3,500
Lincoln Township.....	15,000
Little Forks Conservancy	13,000
Mackinac Center for Public Policy	500
Memorial Presbyterian Church.....	29,800
Michigan Baseball Foundation.....	59,000
Midland Area Community Foundation	718,000
Midland Area Homes	7,500
Midland Center for the Arts	91,250
Midland Community Centers	19,500
Midland Community Former Offenders Advocacy	5,000
Midland County ESA	2,500
Midland County Emergency Food Pantry	50,500
Midland County Habitat for Humanity	3,500
Midland County Pinecrest Farms.....	3,000
Midland Public Schools.....	150,500
Midland Recyclers.....	20,000
MidMichigan Health	26,000
Project 111	10,000
ROCK.....	55,250
Salvation Army.....	2,500
United Way of Midland County	162,150
West Midland Family Center	130,250

Total in Midland County	\$ 2,229,250
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GRANTS IN 2016

Outside Midland County (29%)



Alma College	\$ 100,000
Beaverton Activity Center.....	500
Beal City Public Schools.....	4,500
Brummer Neighborhood Council.....	250
Central Michigan University	126,000
Christ the King Lutheran Church.....	5,000
Council of Michigan Foundations	8,300
Delta College	6,750
Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering	5,000
Drake University.....	2,000
Eagle Village	1,750
Fremont Community Foundation	2,000
Gratiot County Fair for Youth.....	30,000
Hemlock Sports Boosters	20,000
Inland Seas Educational Association.....	3,000
Kettering University	210,000
Laramie Plains Museum	100
McLaren Northern MI Hospital Foundation	2,500
Michigan Harvest Gathering.....	5,000
Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation.....	500
Michigan State University	100,000
Montana State University	1,000
Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum.....	10,000
Norskedalen	48,200
Purdue Foundation.....	152,500
Saginaw Art Museum.....	5,000
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.....	4,000
Special Olympics Inc. Area 30.....	10,000
St. Agnes Church.....	300
Tawas United Methodist Church.....	2,000
Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation	5,000
Underground Railroad, Inc.....	14,000
United Negro College Fund	5,000
United Way of Albany County.....	100
United Way of Clare/Gladwin County	17,850
United Way of Gratiot County	8,925
University of Michigan.....	5,000
University of Wyoming.....	958

Total Outside Midland County	\$ 922,983
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Grand Total Grants	\$ 3,152,233
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REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

2016



Dividends and Interest less

Investment Expense.....\$ 1,384,984

Expenditures:

Grants.....\$ 3,152,233

Taxes.....60,000

Other99,842

\$ 3,312,075

Excess expenditures

over revenue.....\$ 1,927,091

ASSETS & EQUITY

December 31, 2016



Cash.....\$ 1,260,643

Securities at Market Value66,562,370

Tax Receivable13,600

Total Assets.....\$ 67,836,613

Commitments 2,762,070

Equity\$ 65,074,543

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES



The Charles J. Strosacker Foundation of Midland, Michigan was established in 1957 by the late Charles J. Strosacker, one of the pioneers of The Dow Chemical Company, "To assist and benefit political subdivisions of the State of Michigan, and religious, charitable, benevolent, scientific or educational organizations."

Grant applications should be made by letter describing:

- The purpose**
- Major expenditures**
- Major income sources**
- Timing requirements**
- Amount requested**
- Project Budget**

The Foundation makes grants only to eligible organizations, not to individuals. Therefore, the applicant should also furnish copies of:

- The IRS letter granting tax exempt status to the organization
- The organization's latest financial statements

The Trustees do not hold personal interviews with applicants, except upon the Foundation's initiative.

Correspondence should be directed to:

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