



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FALL 2009

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We thank all of our new and repeat donors for their support, making Lake County a better place for us all.

Reflections on “Giving”...Reflections on “Giving Back”

President’s Report

By Jane Allison
President, LCCF



Giving back to our community was the major factor in answering “yes” when offered the opportunity to join the LCCF board in 2004. In July I was elected Chair of the LCCF board. This is a privilege I do not take lightly. I thank the board members for having the confidence in my ability to lead the LCCF into another year.

We hope to have the opportunity to grow our fund balances and expand our donor base in the coming years. One of the areas of excitement is the challenge grant that we have issued for the Baldwin Promise. The BP Authority became the first one to file a Promise Plan with the State of Michigan. The generosity of the donors to the Promise has been exceptional. The future of our county’s children will be forever enriched by having this educational opportunity.

The economy and high unemployment in Michigan continues to take its toll on both our donors and our grant recipients. If you are already a LCCF benefactor, THANK YOU! Even in these stressful economic times we want you to know the LCCF board and the grant recipients appreciate all you give.

If you have never donated to the LCCF, we’re glad you have found us. We would like to extend the opportunity to you to “make our little part of the world better”. Please consider giving, either to one of the currently established endowed funds or the General Fund or by establishing a new endowment fund.

It’s an old lesson – “it’s better to give than to receive.” Your donation means you want to help

opportunity to be of service to others who share your dreams and challenges. Your donation helps support the LCCF mission, “...to enhance the quality of life for county residents and visitors through the development of a permanent endowment.

This fund will allow the Foundation to address our community’s needs through grant awards in human services, education, health, community development, cultural areas, and other charitable needs in Lake County.”

The LCCF is not a building, nor is it just the volunteer board members. *The LCCF is YOU, the donor.* The LCCF was founded by a few community minded leaders having a belief that this foundation could and would be started. Thank you for your support.

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www.lccfmichigan.org

Upcoming 2010 Dates

March 22 at 4:00 p.m.:
Grant Application Deadline

April 17: Annual Baked Potato Supper

LCCF Board Member News

After serving eight years on the LCCF Board, **Dave Randall** felt his many, *many* other obligations made it necessary to resign. He will be sorely missed as a Board member, but remains a loyal supporter of LCCF. He originally joined the LCCF Board because he wanted to serve people in Lake County, providing a better life by assisting all the organizations to whom we give grants.....and he knows that we will continue that mission of doing wonderful things for Lake County residents via grants and by our amazing non-profits.

Dave has been a lifelong resident of Lake County. He and his wife Betsy, married 51 years, live on the farm purchased by Dave's grandfather in 1899, which they named Maple Hill Farm. Because it has been in Dave's family for over 100 years, it was this year given the honor of "Centennial Farm of the Year" by the State of Michigan!

Dave and Betsy have planted 33 acres of their farm in native grasses and wildflowers especially lupine, as a habitat for the Karner Blue Butterfly, an endangered species native to the Great Lakes region. Dave's love of conservation finds him on Boards like the Lake/Osceola Conservation Board as well as the Pere Marquette Natural River Zoning Review Board. He is hoping to make the idea of conservation paramount in the minds of us all. To that end, the Randalls plan to put their entire 80 acres into a conservation easement agreement so that it will never be developed.

Dave will continue being active in the community, serving as a County Commissioner with all of the responsibilities of that office, including many sub-committees. He also serves on the Household Hazardous Waste and Brownfield Authority Boards. He is actively involved in the Economic Committee/Economic Zone Board and serves on a marketing group hoping to determine a logo for Lake County.

Finally, Dave and Betsy are proud of the fact that the Pere Marquette River actually begins on their farm in Chase, emanating from a small spring, and leaving as a substantial creek that forms the Middle Branch of the P.M.

We will miss Dave and his love for the environment and for Lake County, but know he will continue to support the efforts and mission of Lake County Community Foundation!

Libraries Receive Grants

The Lake County Community Foundation was pleased to be able to award grants to **all** our Lake County libraries last June. These libraries serve not only as resources for knowledge, but as computer centers and areas which encourage children to become better readers. We appreciate these libraries and all they do for all our citizens.

AWARDS:

To the ***Baldwin Pathfinder Library***, we awarded money so that a computer workstation for job-seeking adults could be established and functioning.

For the ***Chase Library***, we awarded dollars to help support a Summer Reading Program for children, helping to purchase craft supplies and incentives to encourage reading!

The ***Idlewild Library*** was awarded a grant to assist them in digitizing their files, bringing them current with



other libraries in the area.

The ***Luther Library*** wanted to update and expand their library resources, and we awarded them a grant to help with that project. In addition, the citizens of Luther established and funded an endowment for the Luther Library with LCCF, from which the annual interest can be used for projects that assist their initiatives.

Congratulations to all; keep up the good work!

