



THORNAPPLE AREA ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION

volunteer **VOICE 2020**

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DEAR COMMUNITY

Dear Community,

It is wonderful to connect with you all via this annual edition of The Voice! The year 2020 will maintain its notoriety for years to come. This will be the first time in our 27 years that we have not honored a Home Town Hero. In reality, we are surrounded by everyday Hometown Heroes. Watching our neighbors come together during this challenging time has shown me what a wonderful place we live in! Each and every school pivoted and learned once again how to provide quality education to our students in these uncharted waters. Our teaching staff proved just how amazing they are by selflessly embracing a new teaching style and handling added stress.

We at the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation are humbled by our community and its ability to show grace and continue to create a culture that truly values each person's uniqueness, experiences, and perspectives. I love where I live and am proud to be part of this amazing community. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can do great things!

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Kristen Cove, TAEF
President



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PICKLEBALL TEAM COMMITTEE

CREATING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

In 2019 the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation (TAEF) was approached by the Promote Pickleball Team Committee (PPT) to assist in its fundraising efforts. A special project fund was created through TAEF to help the cause. Partnering with PPT allows TAEF to support its mission of cultivating a strong community now and forever. TAEF and PPT want to support Barry County residents by providing healthier options to promote exercise and socialization. The PPT is assisting local communities

to design and build pickleball courts. This will allow citizens of all ages and capabilities to enjoy this great sport, which has been proven to help maintain and improve health, agility, and wellness.

Barry County is the only county in Michigan that has joined the Blue Zone Initiative, which helps whole families and the community have and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. The Promote Pickleball Team and the Blue



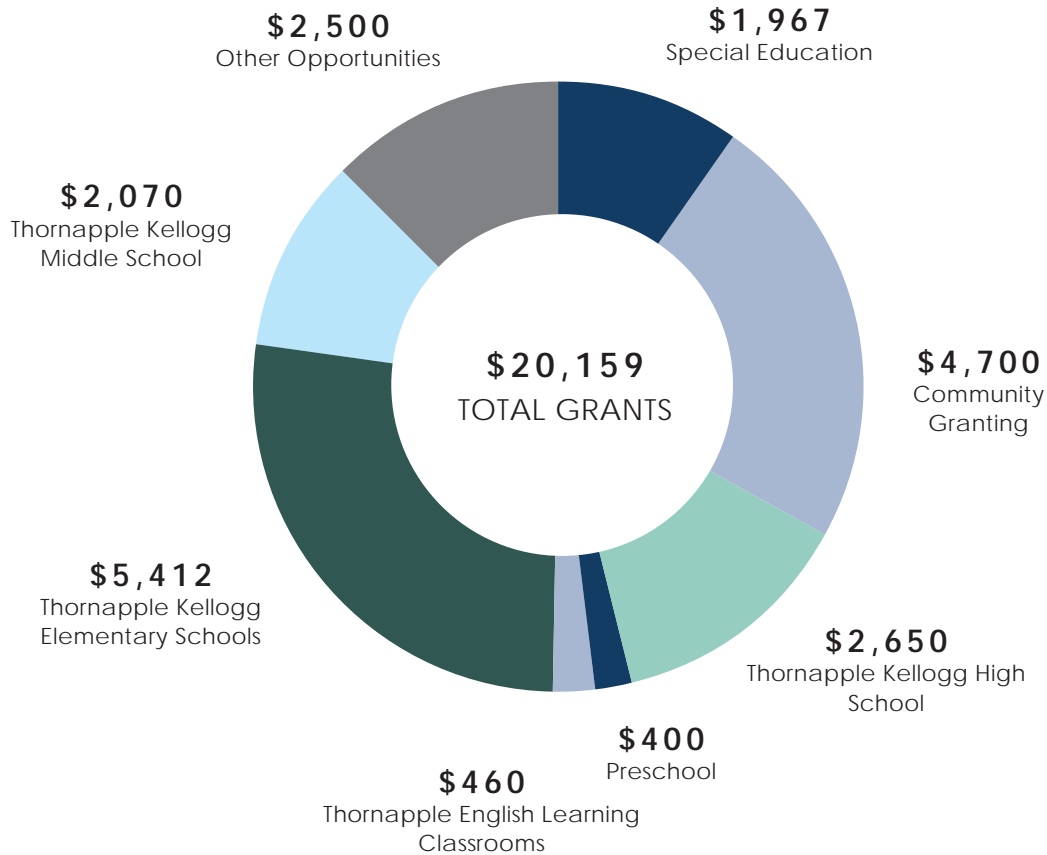
Zone Initiative share the similar goals. Now is a great time to expand the diversity of recreational activities for individuals of all ages and abilities. The PPT looks forward to helping Barry County accomplish its Blue Zone goals by consulting with local communities on the future growth of this sport.

TAEF is excited to partner with PPT in its efforts to expand Pickleball in Barry County. For more information about

Pickleball or the special project fund, please contact Phyllis Wordhouse at wordhouse777@gmail.com. To help the efforts of pickleball court development within Barry County, please contribute to the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation Promote Pickleball Fund #339 at <https://www.barrycf.org/funds/promote-pickleball-team>.

TAEF GRANTING 2020

+ \$20,159 GRANTED



+ THE PHILOSOPHY

The Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation's (TAEF) granting philosophy is to support the needs of both the Thornapple Kellogg School District and the community of Middleville. TAEF is both excited about the opportunity to engage a wider range of community supporters and to assist a more diverse group of grant applicants.



Educational Granting

SPECIAL EDUCATION \$1,967

\$217.85 was awarded to TK Schools to purchase materials for the ADS Program for students with moderate to severe Autism. Materials are designed to help students with sensory, regulation and anxiety processing.

\$120.00 allowed 40 juniors and seniors in the special education department to visit the Michigan Career Technical Institute. The trip gave students access to opportunities available to them after graduation.

\$428.62 for Adaptive Physical Education, a program designed to building self-efficacy in the area of physical fitness among students with special needs.

\$1,200.00 for Community Based Instruction for Special Education classes. This program helps provide students with real-life opportunities by teaching students how to be responsible and charitable members of our community.

PRESCHOOL \$400

\$400.00 was awarded for transportation to yearly field trips to Co-tant's Orchard, Boulder Ridge Zoo, and Camp Maintou-Lin for low income families who cannot afford the cost.

THORNAPPLE KELLOGG ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING CLASSROOMS \$460

\$460.00 to purchase WT2 Language Translators to enable hands-free communication between two or more individuals, which allows students to hear the English language translated in real time to his/her own language.

THORNAPPLE KELLOGG ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS \$5,412

\$230.24 made flexible seating a reality for Mr. Sleeman's Lee Elementary classroom. By allowing students the option of choosing their seats each day, positively impacts their learning style.

\$329.00 for an adjustable group table for small group learning in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Table will allow for differentiated instruction meeting the needs of each Lee Elementary students.

\$311.95 provided a competition mat and supplies for the Page Lego League Robotics Team.

\$759.92 to empower Page students by adding more choice in the classroom for flexible seating, thus increasing students' commitment to learning.

\$481.30 to purchase materials to support Glow Day at Page Elementary. Students played curriculum based games and decorated the classroom with glow materials to inspire interactive learning and creativity.

\$2,100.00 to purchase musical instruments for all three elementary schools to offer the students an opportunity to play and hear the sounds of instruments. The curriculum is based on the work by Orff Schulwerk.

\$1,200.00 to the Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes to help build TK Elementary students' capacity for financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship.

THORNAPPLE KELLOGG MIDDLE SCHOOL \$2,070

\$450.00 brought STARLAB, a portable Planetarium Program, to all 7th grade Science Classes, which met the Middle School Next Generation Science Standards in a new and interesting way.

\$1,620.00 to the TKMS Media Center to upgrade to a more hands-on experience for students including 4 virtual reality headsets, two educational robots, Snap Circuits, Origami materials and creative thinking games.

THORNAPPLE KELLOGG HIGH SCHOOL \$2,650

\$750.00 to support a MTSS Celebration and TK Strong movement at the high school that encourages students to make good choices and be kind to each other.

\$800.00 granted to TK High School's Business Professionals of America (BPA) for the State Convention. BPA is a national career-tech program designed to give students opportunity for personal growth, development and educational advancement in business-related fields.

\$100.00 to purchase exercise balls to sit on, which helps to improve student concentration during instructions.

\$1,000.00 to bring a motivational speaker to TK High School as part of its day of learning and community service.

Community Granting

COMMUNITY GRANTING \$4,700

\$4,700.00 to support Community Movie Night during the summer of 2020. Families were able to watch family-friendly movies "drive-in style" while still practicing social distancing measures.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES SUPPORTED BY TAEF \$2,500

\$500.00 to the Thornapple Kellogg Odyssey of the Mind (TK-OM) program to purchase an OM logo label to place on the recently purchased TK band trailer. The trailer will be used in fundraising efforts and transportation. The grant was provided in coordination with the Fitzgerald Odyssey of the Mind and Arts Fund.

\$1,000.00 to Barry Career Access Network (BCAN) to help TK students in 8th through 12th grade to set career objectives. BCAN's goal is to reduce barriers and increase access to post-secondary education and training for all students.

\$1000.00 to support the newly created Mental Health Program the district put in place.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP recipients

Congratulations to the 2020 Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation scholarship recipients. We are committed to providing support for our Thornapple Kellogg High School graduates by helping them achieve their post-secondary aspirations. This year \$45,000 was paid in scholarships to area students.

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP recipients



Carrie Finholm
Adele & Arnold Parker
Gerald & Lois Page
Millicent Grace Knox



Evan Sidebotham
Dykstra EMS



Ellen Sidebotham
Women Helping Women

\$45,000

in scholarships granted to
local students.



Aiden Hannapel
Tad Thatcher



Alina Waruszewski
Brian Appel
Middleville Women's Club
RKW Working Student
Coleman Agency
GFWC - Gun Lake Women's
Club Skilled Trade
Clay Hills Farm



Andrew Tuokkola
Samuel McKeown
Memorial



Anna Miller
Lorraine Dahlgren
Memorial



Ashley Snyder
Samuel McKeown
Memorial



Audrey Johnson
Dr. Wayne and Marie
Finkbeiner
Jon and Kay Simpson
Samuel McKeown
Memorial



Carmen Beemer
Travis Wenger
Thornapple Garden Club



Clair Jansma
Village Players of
Middleville



Claudia Wilkinson
Julie Bender Women's
Athletic



Colson Brummel
TK Class of 1957



Daisy Nowinsky
Thomas Hamilton



David Oshinski
Alecia Lorraine Holst
Memorial
Travis Wenger 4H



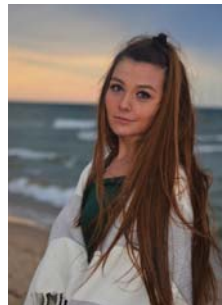
Emma Bainbridge
McCullough Family
Robert Evans Memorial
Terri Yoder



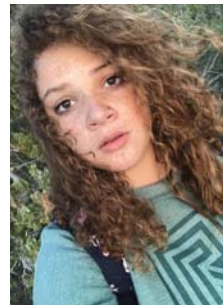
Grace Densham
Don & Catherine
Williamson



Gracie DeWent
GFWC - Gun Lake
Women's Club Skilled
Trade



Holly Bashore
GFWC - Gun Lake
Women's Club



Jade Sleet
Eugene & Edena
Hendrickson
John and Maxine
Robertson



Julianna Van Meter
Ray Page Scholar-
Athletic Memorial



Kaitlyn Robinson
Lynn Helrigel Summers



Madeline Shepard
Thornapple Kellogg
Aulumni Association



McKenzie Cooper
Beth Helrigel Wester
Memorial



Ty Brown
Adam Dipp



Owen Woods
Gerald and Ceta
Williams
Katherine and Edward
Wieringa

Lois Ann Nagel
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Rodney and Rena
Schad Memorial
Samuel McKeown
Memorial
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FUNDS

Adam Dipp Memorial Scholarship Fund
Adele & Arnold Parker Family Fund
Alecia Lorraine Holst Scholarship Fund
Beacon Society, Friends of the TK School & Community Library
Beth Helrigel Wester Memorial Scholarship Fund
Board Discretionary Fund
Brian Appel Scholarship Fund
Calvin C. Plummer Memorial Fund
Charles & Margery Williams Youth Activity Fund
Clay Hills Farm Fund
Donald & Catherine Williamson Visual and Performing Arts Fund
Dykstra EMS Matching Fund
Eugene & Edna Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Finkbeiner Scholarship Fund
Fitzgerald Odyssey of the Mind & Arts Fund
Francisca C. Vrona Memorial Scholarship Fund
Frank Tichvon Memorial Fund
TAEF General Fund
Gerald & Ceta Williams Fund
Gerald and Lois Page Education Scholarship Fund
Jeff Lehman Memorial Fund
Jessica Coe Memorial Fund
JK Simpson Scholarship Fund
John & Maxine Robertson Scholarship Fund
Julie Bender Women's Athletic Scholarship Fund
Katherine & Edward Wieringa Friendship & Community Scholarship Fund
Kickstart to Career - Saving Matters
Lois Ann Nagel-Seppanen Scholarship Fund

Lorraine Dahlgren Scholarship Fund
Lynn Helrigel Summers Memorial Fund
McCullough Family Scholarship
Middleville Rec Center Fund
Middleville Women's Club Scholarship Fund
Millicent Knox Teacher Scholarship Fund
Mom's Scholarship in memory of Virginia Hoover Harrison Root
Promote Pickle Ball Team Fund
Ray Page Scholar-Athlete Memorial Fund
RKW Student Working Fund
Robert Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rodney & Rena Schad Memorial Scholarship for Industrial Arts
Samuel McKeown Memorial Scholarships
Tad Thatcher Memorial Scholarship Fund
Terrie Yoder Fund
Thomas R. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship
Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Fund
Thornapple Kellogg Alumni Association Fund
Thornapple Kellogg Public Library
Thornapple Kellogg Tradesman Scholarship Fund
TK Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund
Travis Wenger 4-H
Travis Wenger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Village Players of Middleville Art Scholarship Fund
William McGee Memorial Scholarship
The Richard Reyff, Eric Lee Reyff & Chris Banash Memorial Fund

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Cultivating a strong community now and forever.