



TOGETHER WE ARE IMPACTING...



Keweenaw

community foundation™

For good. For ever.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

WHO WE ARE

Keweenaw Community Foundation is a charitable organization that is dedicated to improving and enriching life for all who live in our area. Founded by a group of local citizens in 1994, the organization has grown to be a valuable resource for Houghton and Keweenaw Counties.

WHAT WE DO

We help donors provide sustainable financial support to organizations for projects aimed at solving problems and enhancing life in our community.

OUR MISSION

We inspire giving that invests in our community's quality of life.

OUR VISION

We serve as a catalyst for change, a partner for other local organizations, and a resource for solutions to emerging community needs.

For good. For ever.

... our community

No matter rain or shine, winter or summer, June or January, we are always putting your gifts to work for the good of Houghton and Keweenaw communities. We're constantly building connections, providing grants for valuable programming, and supporting the people and places you care about. Our work never stops; it goes on whether its a blustery January morning or a beautifully warm July evening. With your help, we make good things happen together, no matter the season. That's what this report is all about.

What it all comes down to is this: there are always more people to serve and more community needs to support. Therefore, we continue to challenge ourselves, expand our vision, and do the most good possible each day of the year. Doing good is something that's worth investing in long term. It's something we've spent 23 years making a top priority for Houghton and Keweenaw Counties, and it's something we'll keep doing---today, and every day.

TOGETHER WE ARE IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY.



DEAR COMMUNITY,

Together we are impacting...

By being your giving partner as we enhance our community's quality of life. Making sure that supporting donors like you achieve your giving goals is our core purpose. We are here to help you support what matters most to you, for good and for ever.

These stories in the following pages are just a few on how donors have impacted our community, our friends, and our family. We hope these will inspire you to regard your own passion and allow us to assist you by generating a lasting legacy.

Thank you all that have had a direct effect on impacting our community. We look forward to working with many more impactful community members in the year to come.

Thank you,



Jim Vivian
Executive Director



John Sanregret
Board Chair



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National Standards accreditation represents operational effectiveness to foster excellence in community philanthropy.

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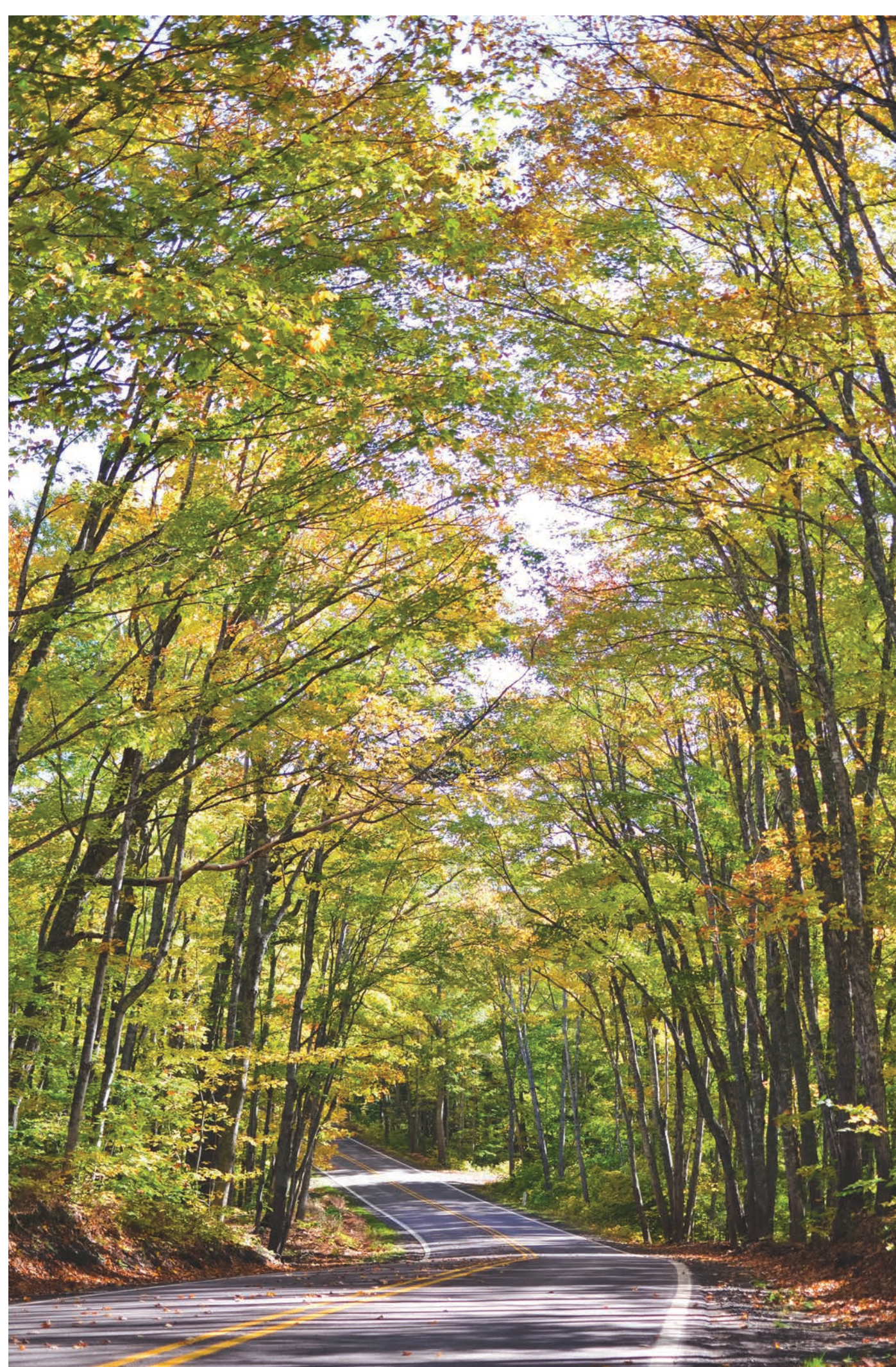
Our annual audit, IRS Form 990, IRS Form 990-T, and our annual application for the State of Michigan License to Solicit Donations are available at our office during business hours as well as on our website. For our investment information, the names of our investment managers, members of our investment committee, and the administrative fees charged, please e-mail us at mail@k-c-f.org or call (906) 482-9673.

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...PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving is people. People from all walks of life and all income levels. People who want to make a difference in the world. If you have a dream of making a significant gift to your community, while building a more secure future for yourself and your loved ones, planned giving can make that dream a reality! You can fund your planned gift to KCF with cash, stock, business interests, real estate, artwork, tangible personal property, life insurance, retirement plan assets, and more. Your gift can be directed to the area of our mission that is most important to you! Giving to a designated KCF cause can be done either directly or through a gift model that can provide tax benefits and even income.

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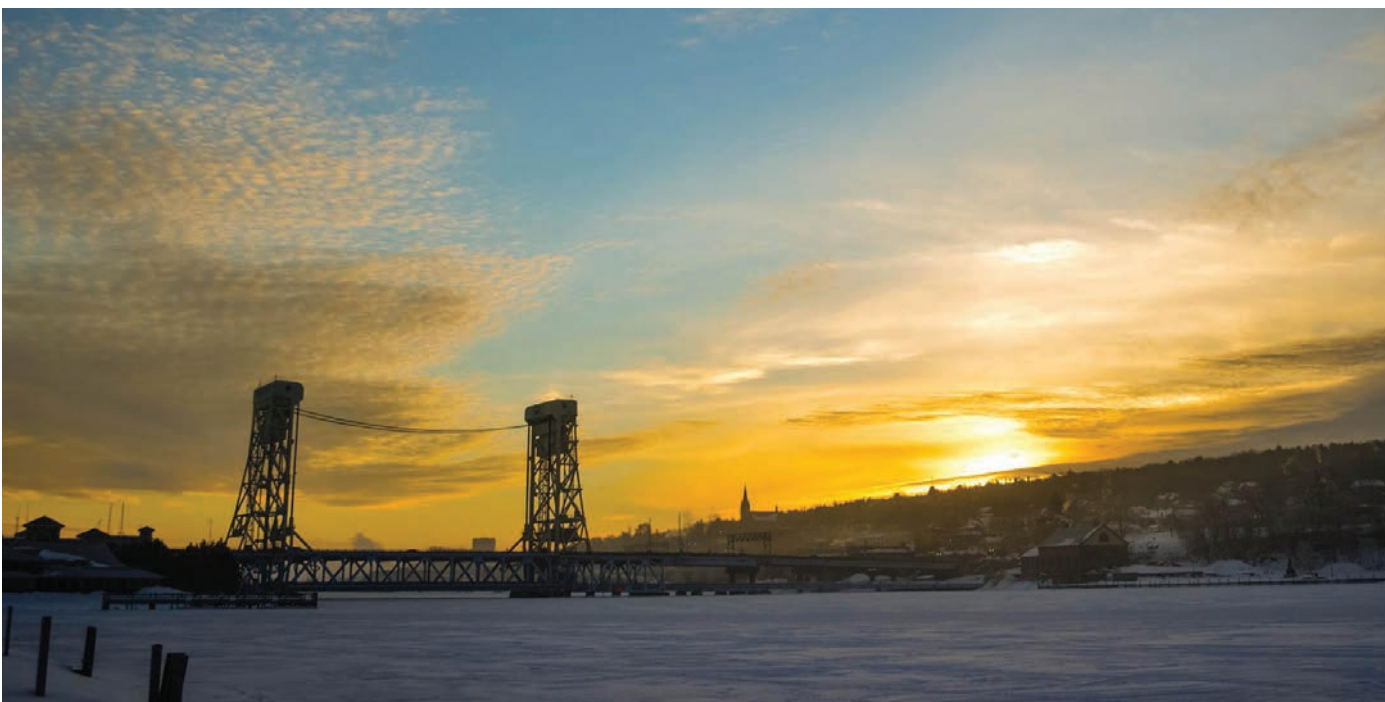


Whether they are up late working on a school project or gathering for their monthly meeting, youth bring an incredible amount of energy to everything they do, and it's no different with our Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members. These student leaders from Houghton and Keweenaw County schools come together with a willingness to learn and a desire to do good. They become experts in grantmaking – reviewing proposals, discussing pros and cons, and determining which grants to recommend. This year the Youth Fund granted \$27,502.48 in grants to benefit local youth programs.

This year's YAC members are:

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| Alex Busov | Illhan Anders | Leo Wheeler |
| Alexis Babcock | Ilya Holden | Michaela Geborkoff |
| Anabel Needham | Jenna Kivela-Heinz | Pheonix Snell |
| Bella Menzel-Smith | Justine Ra | Wonyoung Choi |
| Ganna Omar | Kieran Storer | |

...INCREDIBLE YOUTH



...MILES AND MILES OF TRAIL

photo credit: Adam Johnson



Keweenaw Community Foundation (KCF) along with Portage Health Foundation happily announced this year a newly established Portage Health Foundation Community Wellness and Outdoor Recreation Fund. This fund was established with the intention that it will help influence and financially support the outdoor recreational needs of the community.

“With KCF and PHF working together it creates an opportunity for matching funds, collaborative efforts, and grant projects that will help get our community members outdoors and active,” said Kevin Store, Executive Director of the Portage Health Foundation. “Although this type of support falls outside our core areas of emphasis, we recognize the need in our community to help support and sustain outdoor recreation. This fund, along with additional support we will provide to it, will be a good first step in helping those efforts.”

The fund will be maintained and managed by KCF and will put to use the available \$60,000 this granting cycle that would help support non-profits in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties.

The primary purpose of the Portage Health Community Wellness and Outdoor Recreation Fund will be to provide financial assistance and grant awards in support of focused initiatives, programs, or projects that influence or support individual physical activity and healthy nutrition. This fund will give the community the chance to expand, create, or sustain outdoor recreational resources throughout Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties. It will also provide greater access and more choices for the identified community members to utilize these resources as part of their individual and collective health pursuits and enjoyment.

Keweenaw Community Foundation’s mission is to inspire giving that invests in our community’s quality of life. This fund will help support that mission by encouraging organizations to work together to ensure the best quality of life and health for our community members.



A project aimed at bringing an outdoor skatepark to the City of Houghton met its goal. In April, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), via Patroncity.com, gave Houghton MI Skatepark the opportunity to participate in a campaign to receive a \$50,000 match. The match came in the form of a crowdfunding campaign. In just two months, community members raised over \$50,000 to meet the challenge match from MEDC. With this match, skatepark organizers were able to begin the first phase of the construction process by selecting a contractor to begin work on the park. The Houghton City Council awarded the contract to Spohn Ranch Skateparks of Los Angeles. The company plans to begin construction in May 2018 and have it open for use by Bridgefest weekend in June.

...EIGHT RAILS OF SKATEPARK



\$7,702,236

TOTAL ASSETS

\$368,985

DONATED





249

DONORS

\$27,502

IN YAC GRANTS
TO 14 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



452

SEPARATE GIFTS



\$287,214

GRANTED TO 62 TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS



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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



WAYS TO GIVE

Attend/volunteer at our events

Mail in a check

Donate online

Stop by our office

Share our stories



Open an endowment

Explore planned giving

Serve on a committee

FUNDS

Whether its a sunny July day or a snow stormy January, you can bet that one of our funds is having an impact somewhere in the greater Keweenaw area. We have funds that support the protection of our local lakes and rivers, funds that let little hockey players skate to their hearts content, funds that keep us healthy, and funds that care for furry four-legged friends. Your giving makes it possible for hundreds of programs to take place every day of every year. Thank you.

DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS

Support the specific organization or program chosen by the donors who create them

A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum
Agnes & Elmo Negro Fund-Calumet Skating Club
Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter
Boy Scouts of America, Bay Lakes Council
Calumet Art Center/Ed Gray/Miskwabik
Calumet Theatre Company
Carnegie Museum
CLK Youth Hockey Fund
Copper Country Autism Awareness
Copper Country Catholic Churches
Copper Country Community Arts Council
Copper Country Habitat for Humanity
Copper Country Humane Society
Copper Country Ski Tigers
Copper Country Suzuki Organization
Copper Harbor Improvement Association
Copper Harbor Trails Club
Dial Help
Don't Do It Yourself (D.D.I.Y.)
Faith Lutheran Educational Resource
Gratiot Lake Conservancy
Houghton High School Alumni Association
Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association
Kenneth Ryan Clark Memorial Fund
Keweenaw Community Foundation
Keweenaw County Historical Society
Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance
Keweenaw Family Resource Center
Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's

Keweenaw Land Trust
Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Kiwanis - Nailbenders
Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative
Life Outreach Center
Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly
Martha & Floyd Memorial Heart & Hands Society
Michigan Nature Association
Mont Ripley National Ski Patrol
North Woods Conservancy
Omega House
Portage Lake District Library
Portage Lake Little League
Portage Lake United Church
Richard and Ann Tieder Memorial Fund
Richard and June Ross Genealogy Fund
Ruth L. Sablich Charitable Fund
St. Vincent DePaul Friends-in-Need Fund
U.P. Kids

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Allow donors to be involved in selecting what programs and projects to fund - both here in our community and beyond

Funding Youth Initiatives
Herman Gundlach Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS

Provide encouragement and financial support to area youth who seek to pursue various educational goals at post-secondary educational institutions.

B.F. Gaffney Memorial Scholarship
Faith Lutheran Church Scholarship
Houghton Rotary Scholarship
Anthony and Patricia Stark Scholarship
Portage Lake Gappy Golf League Scholarship
Ronald and Lou Ellyn Helman Scholarship

FIELD OF INTEREST ENDOWMENTS

Address a specific area of concern or cause chosen by those who establish the fund

Copper Country Youth Hockey
Environmental
Houghton County Historical Preservation
Kellogg Youth
Keweenaw Cross Country Skiing
Portage Health Foundation Community Wellness and Outdoor Recreation Fund
Portage Lake Youth

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND

The most flexible vehicle for providing annual funding for a variety of community projects or programs dedicated to collaborative approaches designed to maintain or improve the quality of life in the greater Keweenaw area. Your gift can address ever-changing community needs - including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being - arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables your community foundation's program experts to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Alive Inside
Brick Paver
Calumet Art Center Barrier Free Entrance Fund
Camp 911
City of Hancock - City Parks
Don't Do It Yourself (D.D.I.Y.)
Houghton Energy Efficiency Team
Houghton Skatepark
KCF Operations
KCF Youth Operations
Keweenaw Community Critical Stress Management

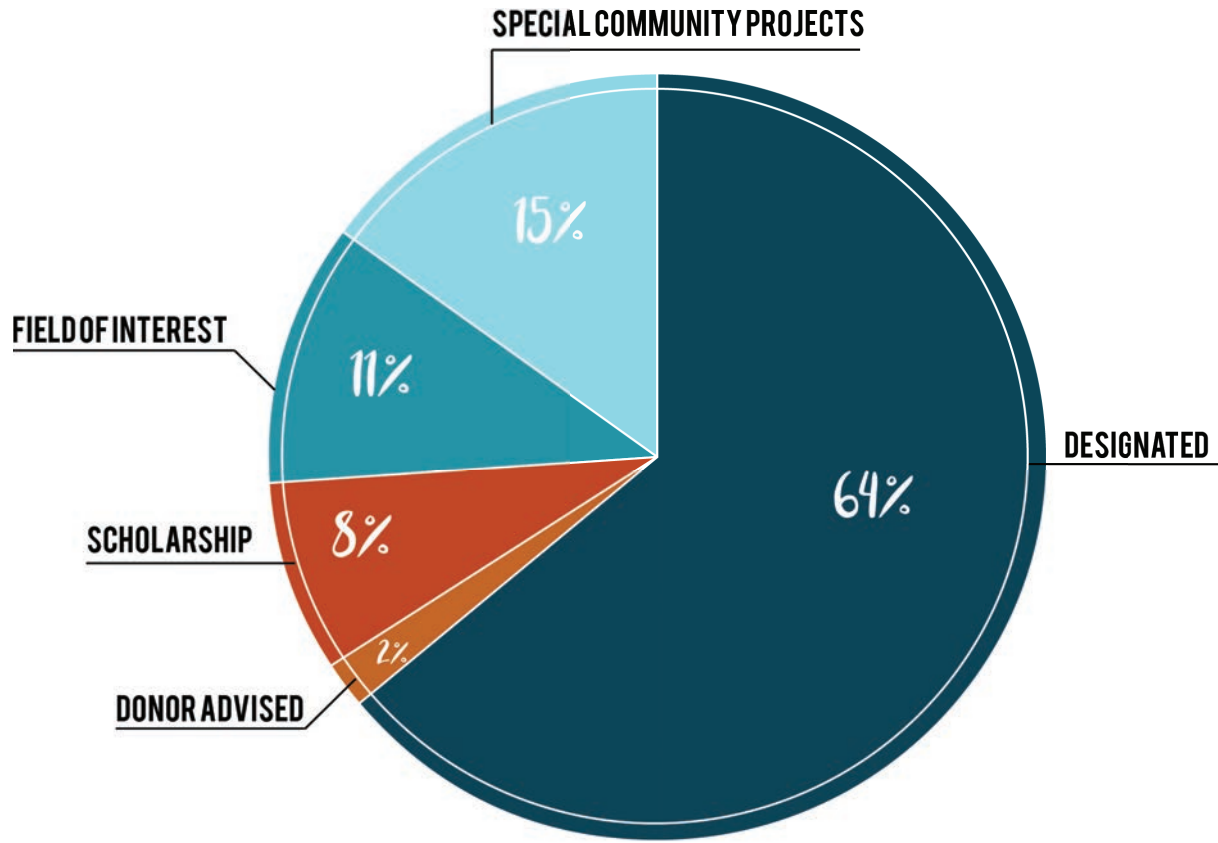
ESTABLISH A FUND IN YOUR NAME

Any of these funds can be established in your name, or in the name of your family, your organization, or anyone you wish to honor. All grants distributed from the fund you establish - today and in the future - are then awarded to charities in the name of the fund. It's a great way to always be involved with, and remembered for, your community investment.



The City of Hancock Parks & Recreation Expansion Fund.

ASSETS BY FUND TYPE



...GIVING BACK

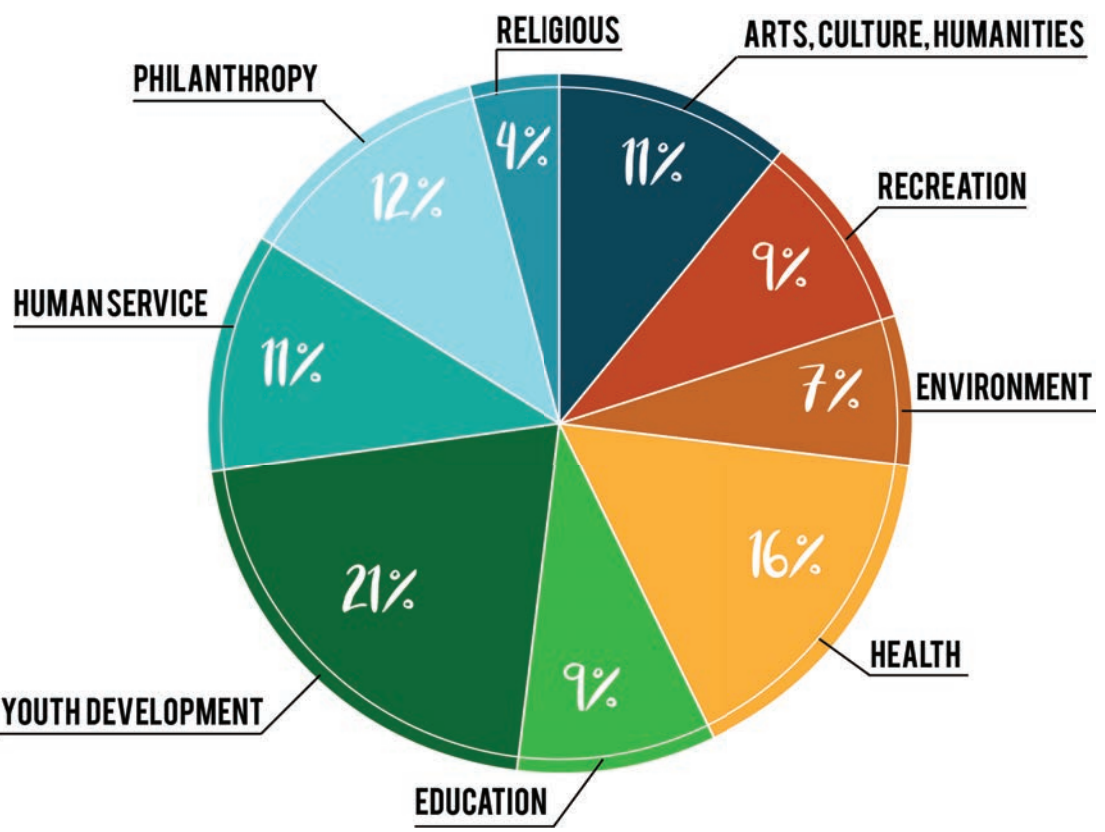


ENVELOPE

With 80+ funds, we're certain you'll find something to support. Return the enclosed envelope with your contribution and designate the fund of your choice.

Or, if you'd rather start something new, that's fine too. Starting a fund is a simple process that can be done at any time. Give us a call to learn how easy it is. Whatever your interest, whatever your goal - we're here to help.

FOR COMPLETE LISTS OF OUR DONORS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.KEWEENAWGIVES.ORG.



GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA



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