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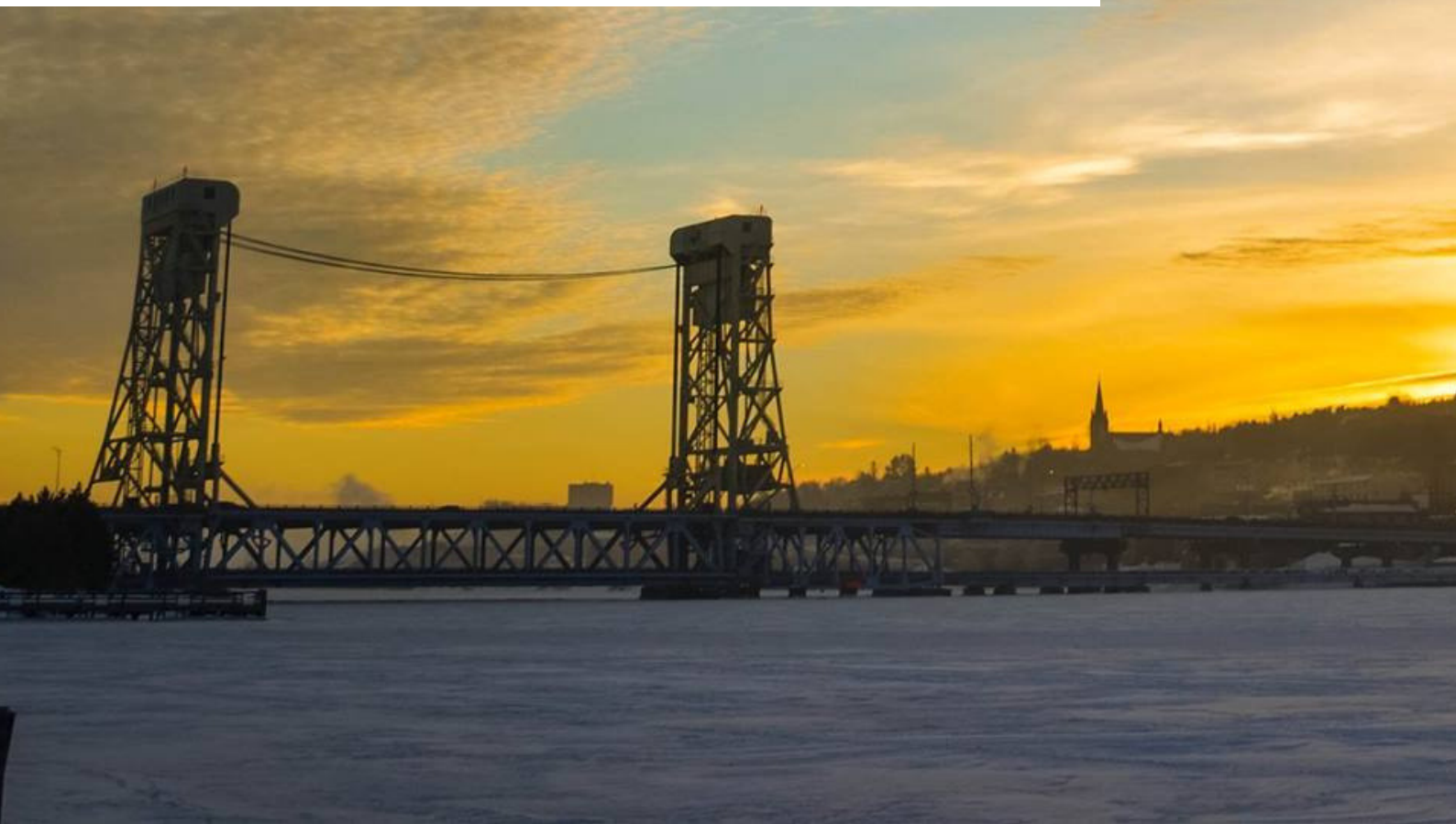


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ANNUAL REPORT



OUR PERFORMANCE

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to share and celebrate the impact you made possible in 2018. It is through your generosity and commitment that we can live out our mission: to inspire giving that invests in our community's quality of life.

You, our caring donors, community partners, and friends are vital to the important causes we support on your behalf. Our annual report for 2018 illustrates the magnitude of our shared connection and impact.

We received more than \$450,000 in gifts in 2018. During the same period, we distributed more than \$250,000 in grants and scholarships. Eight new funds were established at the Foundation in the past year. And our total assets reached over \$8.5 million dollars, giving us greater ability to fund important and often unanticipated community change.

A community foundation is only as strong as the people who join us in making a difference. Through our power of community we achieve so much more together than anyone of us could alone. We thank you for coming together in support of Houghton and Keweenaw Counties!



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Executive Director

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THIS YEAR IN NUMBERS

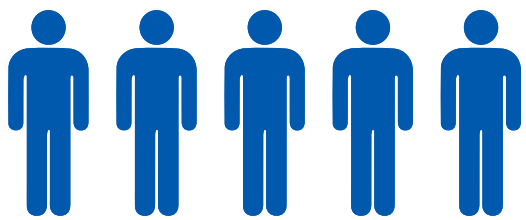
The Keweenaw Community Foundation is proud to serve as a permanent charitable resource in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties. Through prudent stewardship of our assets, we strive to maximize available grant dollars while ensuring that the charitable funds entrusted to us will continue to will support our region for many years to come.



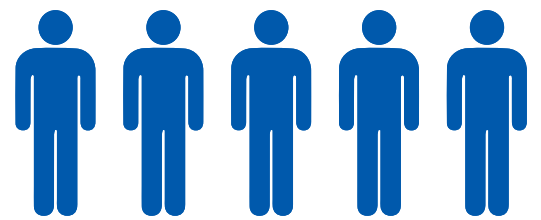
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\$8.5M

TOTAL ASSETS



539



DONORS

\$468,361

IN DONATIONS



4

SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED



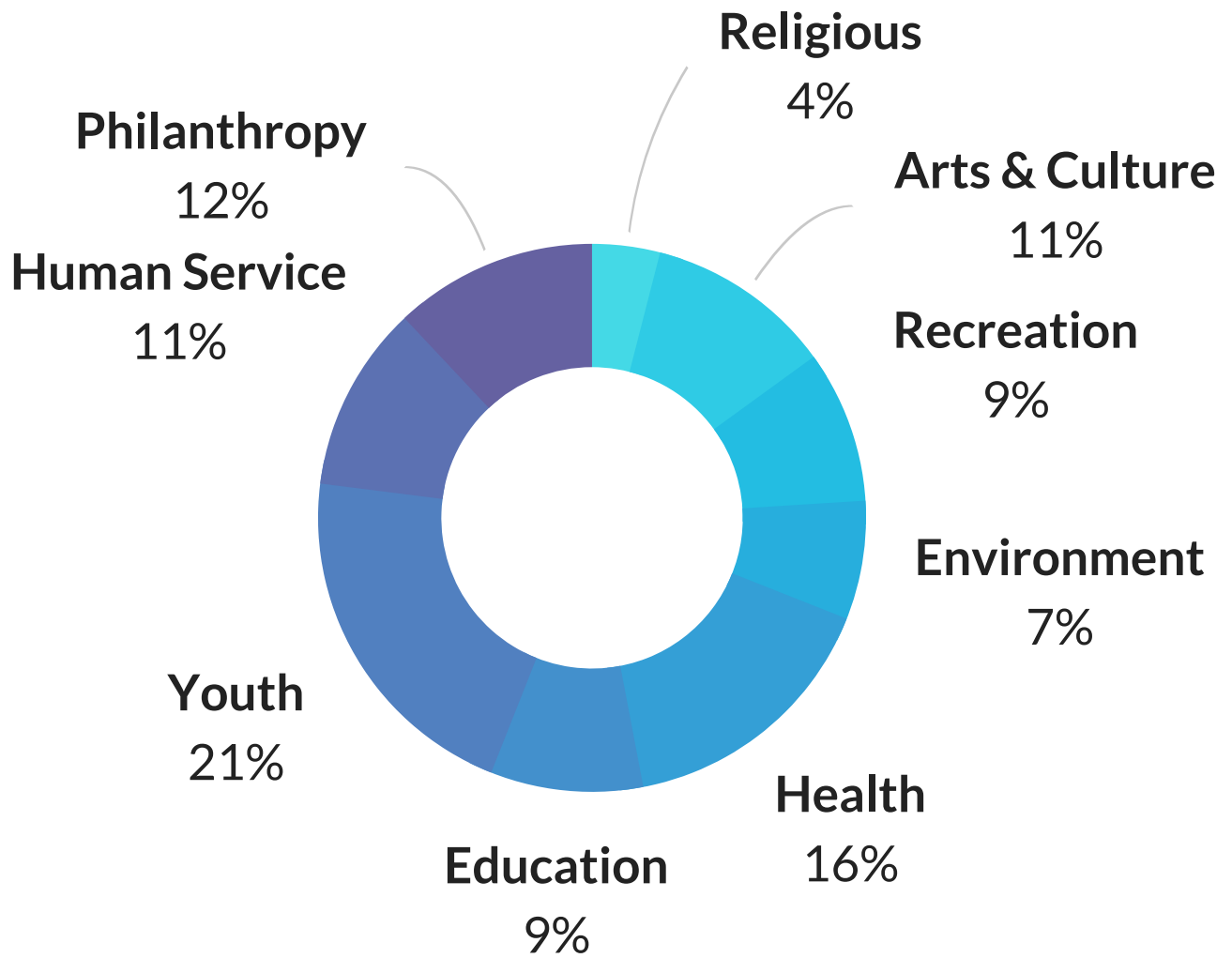
\$250,854

GRANTED

TO **57** TOTAL
ORGANIZATIONS



GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA



WAYS TO GIVE >>>>>

The Keweenaw Community Foundation can accept a variety of assets to assist you in making a donation. (List is not exhaustive)

-  Cash
-  Real Estate
-  IRA Rollover
-  Securities
-  Personal Property
-  Life Insurance
-  Charitable Gift Annuity
-  Business Interests
-  Retirement Plan Assets

OUR FUNDS

DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS

- 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
- John M. & Clara B. Wagner Memorial Fund
- 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
- Old Copper Complex
- Omega House
- Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Portage Lake District Library
- Portage Lake Little League
- Portage Lake United Church
- Richard & Ann Tieder Memorial Fund
- Richard & June Ross Genealogy Fund
- Ruth L. Sablich Charitable Fund
- Simple Kindness for Youth (S.K.Y.)
- St. Vincent DePaul Friends-in-Need Fund
- Swedetown Trails Club
- U.P. Kids
- U.P. Wildlife Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Funding Youth Initiatives
- Herman Gundlach Fund
- Zutter Family Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Anthony & Patricia Stark Scholarship
- B.F. Gaffney Memorial Scholarship
- Faith Lutheran Church Scholarship
- Houghton Rotary Scholarship
- Jack Eberhard Memorial Scholarship
- Ronald & Lou Ellyn Helman Scholarship
- Richard & Clara Fedewa Scholarship
- Sean M. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST ENDOWMENTS

- Copper Country Youth Hockey
- Environmental
- Houghton County Historical Preservation
- Joe Freed Empowerment Fund
- Kellogg Youth (YAC)
- Keweenaw Cross Country Skiing
- PHF Community Wellness & Outdoor Recreation Fund
- Portage Lake Youth

SPECIAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Alive Inside
- Brick Paver
- Camp 911
- City of Hancock - City Parks
- Don't Do It Yourself (D.D.I.Y.)
- Houghton Energy Efficiency Team
- KCF Disaster Relief Fund
- KCF Energy Initiative Fund
- KCF Operations
- KCF Youth Operations
- Keweenaw Community Critical Stress Management

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.

Maintaining Trail

Last year, Keweenaw Community Foundation (KCF) happily granted over \$50,000 to five local non-profits supporting existing trail development and/or helps in supporting the expansion of new non-motorized trail development in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties.

The Copper Harbor Trails Club received two grants from the fund for separate trails located in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties. "Our newest trail, Raptor Ridge, would not have been possible without assistance from the Community Wellness and Outdoor Recreation fund. To say that Raptor Ridge has become one of the most popular trails in the Copper Harbor Trails system is no exaggeration. It provides a much-needed connector from one side of Brockway Mountain to the other and is a favorite for intermediate riders keen to experience the best that our trails have to offer" says Nathan Miller, Executive Director of the Copper Harbor Trails Club.

Another project that was awarded went to Baraga County to provide a quality park that improves visitor access and use, supports opportunities for active and passive recreation, and conserves and enhances significant environmental resources at Point Abbaye. "We are very pleased with the completion of Phase 1 of the Point Abbaye Park Development Plan. Without partnerships with organizations such as Keweenaw Community Foundation, this project would not have gotten off the ground. Not only were we able to see the development plan begin, Point Abbaye has seen an increase in visitors because of the exposure the Park has received due to the coverage of the grants received," says Wendy Goodreau, Baraga County Clerk.

The two other organizations that received grants from the fund was the Keweenaw County Historical Society for improvement of trail access and quality at the Central Mine Historic Site and the Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club to improve and expand the River Trail.

"We look forward to riding this awesome trail for years to come and thank KCF for their support!"

*-Nathan Miller,
Copper Harbor
Trails Club*



photo courtesy of Leslie Kehmeier



*"KCF was an invaluable resource for a community project."
-Alex Aho,
Houghton MI
Skatepark*

photo courtesy of Daily Mining Gazette

Dropping In

After years of anticipation, hard-work, and dedication by community members, the Houghton MI Skatepark has finally begun its construction. The construction is a cumulation of a volunteer effort starting in mid-2015. Fundraising efforts reached more than \$208,000, enabling it to a planned two phases of construction into one.

A major leader in the volunteer efforts came from local, Alex Aho. "Throughout the

skatepark project, KCF felt dedicated from day one. From their eagerness to accept the project, to their volunteering at events, to their personal efforts of fundraising from donors we'd not have contacted without them, they were an invaluable resource for a community project" he stated of KCF's help in seeing the skatepark project to completion. To learn more about KCF's other Special Community Projects or how to start your own, visit our website at keweenawgives.org or stop by our office!

Young Leaders

The Keweenaw Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is made up of high school students from all around the area. YAC members meet throughout the year to discuss and assess youth issues prevalent in the community, review grant proposals that benefit youth in the community, and look for opportunities to engage and empower youth in our community.

These student leaders 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 past year, the Youth Advisory Council granted \$41,162 to 13 total organizations, to benefit local youth programs.

2018 YAC Members

*Jennifer Julien (YAC Advisor),
Natalie Green (YAC Advisor),
Irene Ra, Logan Sandell,
Jackson Rocchi, Joandra
Mattila, Jenna Kivela-Heinz,
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YAC members participate in a monthly meeting



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