



Lenawee Cares Basic Information



Because generous people like you give to Lenawee Cares, --

- Russell, who is on dialysis, receives food from the Salvation Army Fresh Food Initiative, saving money on groceries so he can pay medical bills that his insurance doesn't cover.
- Chris increased her literacy skills and earned a promotion at work, because of the help she received at the Adrian Rea Literacy Center.
- The Johnson family received eviction prevention help from Legal Services, and assistance with one month's rent from Housing Help, so they wouldn't become homeless.
- And there's so much more!

Lenawee Cares, a program of Lenawee Community Foundation, was established by our community for the sole benefit of our Lenawee County community. We keep Lenawee first in our name and in our hearts. We appreciate those who supported Lenawee Cares last year and are happy to have the opportunity to provide an update.

We have: -decreased overhead by \$150,000 annually
 -increased funding for nonprofits by 46% in just two years

2017 Campaign Total: \$533,000

Grants & Designations Total: \$437,000 for local agencies

Endowment Funded: \$47,250 is being placed in a permanent endowment from which grants will be paid from the earnings forever

Fundraising & Administrative Costs: 9%

Our focus is funding health and human services with an emphasis on meeting basic needs. The Lenawee Cares Advisory Board is made up of 21 community volunteers who review community data, assess community needs, and make recommendations for funding where gifts can do the greatest good.

Grants and/or Donors Designations (Listed on the brochure)

\$30,000 - \$45,000 – Boys & Girls Club, Catholic Charities, HOPE Community Center

\$20,000 - \$29,999 – Adrian Community Preschool, Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Program, Habitat for Humanity

\$15,000 - \$19,999 – Associated Charities, Hospice of Lenawee, YMCA

\$10,000 - \$14,999 – Housing Help of Lenawee, Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Lenawee County Humane Society, Neighbors of Hope, Tecumseh Service Club

\$5,000 - \$9,999 – Child Care Network, Daily Bread, Share the Warmth, St. Mary's Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

\$1,000 - \$4,999 – Adrian REA Literacy Center, Adrian Symphony Orchestra, Boy Scouts, Care Pregnancy Center, Croswell Opera House, Daybreak Adult Services, Department on Aging, Free to Play, Goodwill Industries of SE Michigan, Lenawee County 4-H, Lenawee Imagination Library, Salvation Army

Plus, numerous smaller distributions and grants to area community programs.

The Lenawee Community Foundation provides other programs to our community, such as:

- Imagination Library, which delivers 1,400 books each month to children ages birth to 5
- Lenawee YOUTH Council, which engages youth in volunteering & grant-making
- VOLUNTEER Lenawee!, which recruits volunteers for nonprofits, and publishes a community resource guide
- Hunters Helping Lenawee, which provides venison to local food pantries.
- Service as the fiduciary for Weekend Snack Sacks and Lenawee College Access Network
- Grant-making in the areas of education, civic projects, and culture, in addition to health and human services
- The Legacy Society, helping people achieve their charitable goals through their wills and trusts.

Like last year, 10% of gifts will be placed in a permanent health & human services endowment, from which earnings will be utilized for grants forever. For example, our Kellogg Youth Fund has awarded over \$750,000 in grants and still maintains the \$1 million initial amount.

You may designate your gift to your home community, a specific nonprofit, or a service area, like youth or basic needs.

Does anyone have any questions?

As we work toward a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant Lenawee County community, we welcome your investment in Lenawee and its future. Thank you!

Questions & Answers about Lenawee Cares

Lenawee is First in our Hearts & our Name!

1. Why was Lenawee Cares established?

This program of Lenawee Community Foundation, established in 2016, is our community's plan for the sole benefit of Lenawee through a fall campaign from which grants are made to local nonprofits. Our community members sought a more efficient and effective model. We decreased annual overhead by \$150,000, and increased funding to local nonprofits by 46% in only two years since Lenawee Cares was established.

2. What is the funding focus of Lenawee Cares?

Addressing health and human service programs with an emphasis on meeting basic needs. Until the basic needs of people are met, it is impossible to address other community issues.

3. What happened to the money that was raised in 2017?

\$533,000 was raised. \$437,388 is being given to nonprofits through grants and donor designations and will be paid in 2018, as pledges are received. \$47,250 was placed in a permanent Lenawee Cares Health & Human Services Fund from which grants will be given from the earnings each year, forever. (For example, our Kellogg Youth Fund has awarded over \$750,000 in grants and still maintains the \$1 million initial amount.) \$48,362 was used to cover administrative and fundraising costs.

4. How were the grants awarded?

By the Lenawee Cares Advisory Board, including Doug Gray (Chair), Paula Holtz (Vice Chair), Dave Herriman (2017 & 2018 Campaign Co-Chair), Kellie Berger, Marne Davies, Mark Haag, Jim Hartley, Khris Henson Jones, Kim Langley, Katie Mattison, Janis Montalvo, Mary Murray, Christopher Phillips (2018 Campaign Co-Chair), Londa Pickles, Janelle Stewart, and Joe Williams. They reviewed grant requests, organization ratings and community needs; provided program assessment ratings, based on 12 criteria; and after significant discussion, the 17 advisory board members made unanimous recommendations to the 15 individuals on the Lenawee Community Foundation Board of Directors, who unanimously approved the grants.

5. Which organizations received grants and/or designations?

Adrian Community Preschool, Adrian Rea Literacy Center, Adrian Schools Education Foundation, Associated Charities, Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Club, Care Pregnancy Center, Catherine Cobb Safe House, Catholic Charities, Child Care Network, Community Action Agency, Crosswell Opera House, Daily Bread, Daybreak Adult Day Services, Goodwill Industries of SE Michigan, Habitat for Humanity, HOPE Community Center, Hospice of Lenawee, Housing Help of Lenawee, Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Lenawee County 4-H, Lenawee Department on Aging, Lenawee Humane Society, Lenawee Imagination Library, Neighbors of Hope, Salvation Army, Share the Warmth, St. Mary's Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Tecumseh Service Club, YMCA, and numerous smaller distributions, plus community grants for programs in Lenawee towns outside Adrian.

6. What programs are provided by the Lenawee Community Foundation?

The Imagination Library delivers 1,400 books each month to children ages birth to 5. Lenawee YOUTH Council engages youth in volunteering, grant-making, college visits, and more. Hunters Helping Lenawee provides venison for local food pantries. VOLUNTEER Lenawee! recruits volunteers for local nonprofits and publishes the community resource guide. We serve as the fiduciary for Weekend Snack Sacks and Lenawee College Access Network, award grants and scholarships, and assist persons in creating their legacies.

7. Why should I give through Lenawee Cares?

Lenawee Cares was created by our community solely for the benefit of Lenawee and its residents. If you love Lenawee, you can put that love into action through Lenawee Cares. Besides, it's easy through payroll deductions at your workplace, electronic fund transfers, or a credit card.

8. Can I designate my gift?

Yes, to any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We value and respect our donors and honor their wishes.

9. What is the ultimate goal?

To best serve our Lenawee County community. While increasing efficiency, strengthening service to local residents, and building a better community, we are growing philanthropy for Lenawee's future.

**The Lenawee Community Foundation assists
individuals, businesses, and organizations in achieving their charitable goals and legacies
for our community in the areas of health, civic projects, culture, education, and human services.
Our core business is helping donors create permanent funds from which gifts work -
For Lenawee. For good. For ever.**