

COMMUNITY FOCUSED



 Jackson
Community Foundation
For Jackson. For good. For ever.

2023-2024 Annual Report

COMMUNITY FOCUSED

Dear Partners and Friends,

We are excited to share our 2024 calendar focusing on our community and to share our results from 2023. What does it mean to be community focused? A quick internet search says it simply means you actively seek like-minded, goal-driven people to build a network of mutually beneficial relationships. You understand the importance of collaborating with others, especially in specific groups/communities that you belong to. The Jackson Community Foundation doesn't just have community in its name, it is the driving force behind the decisions we make every day. We seek like-minded donors, community leaders, nonprofit organizations, and collaborative groups to work together to make a bigger impact on our community.

Through grantmaking, we strive to identify and support nonprofits that are running programs and services that provide real solutions to the issues facing Jackson County. We collaborate and provide leadership with other organizations focused on making Jackson County a better place to live and work. Internally, we strive to have a robust and diverse leadership team creating policies that are inclusive and equitable for all of our citizens. And finally, and perhaps most importantly, we make helping our community safe and easy. By donating or volunteering at JCF, you are supporting an organization that has been focused on this community for over 75 years. And thanks to the power of an endowment fund, you can feel confident we will still be working for Jackson County for the next 75 years.

This holiday season, we ask that you consider supporting our work with a donation to the Community Needs Fund, which supports our local nonprofits through grantmaking.

With a grateful heart, Monica Moser



President & CEO



On the Cover and above: Students from Mocha Café. The Mocha Café Summer Learning Program received a \$2,000 Communities in Action grant in 2022. The program provides quality instruction in both reading & math.

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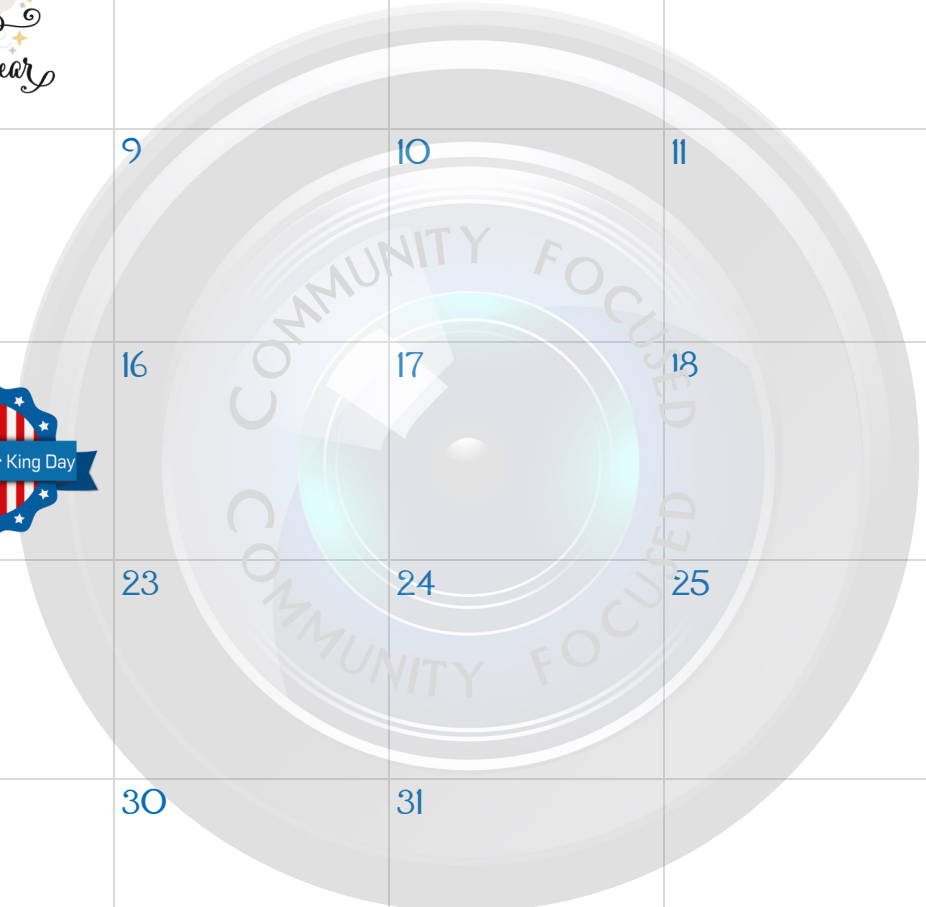
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75th Anniversary Gala



In 1948, two special gifts of life insurance from the families of Lt. John L. Carter and Pfc. John Gilbert Wickwire, both of whom lost their lives in battle, were used to create a permanent endowment for Jackson County. The Jackson Community Foundation formed and in 2023, we celebrated our anniversary with friends of the Foundation at the Jackson County Ballroom. Since 1948, the Foundation's assets have grown to \$42M and we have granted over \$34M back to our community. The celebration included delicious desserts from MyBakery. MyPlace has received over \$34,000 in grants since 2020. Here is their story...

COMMUNITY FOCUSED Supporting Jackson County

MyBakery is a nonprofit organization that grew out of MyPlace, a local nonprofit which we have proudly supported since 2020. MyPlace is a rental living space for youth ages 16 through 21 who are aging out of foster care or can be placed in independent living while MyBakery provides essential employment skills, business education, and baking trade training for youth residing in MyPlace or those at risk for exploitation.

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COMMUNITY FOCUSED Youth Advisory Committee

YAC year-end celebration in 2023



2023 YAC GRANTS

To learn more or to apply for membership:



The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was established in 1989 through a challenge grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Kellogg's intent was to establish youth as philanthropists and build permanent endowment funds to meet youth-related needs within each community.

Since 1989, YAC has distributed more than \$1M to Jackson County non-profits to benefit youth.

In 2014, YAC joined a handful of other community foundations when the Board approved a YAC Committee Member to serve as Trustee and voting member of the Board.

\$3,000 Welcome Home Organization: M. West Youth Initiative Mental Health Mentorship
\$3,000 Mental Healing Inc.: Teen Mental Health Support Groups
\$3,000 Jackson County Health Department: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Teen Advisory Council: D.R.I.P.
\$1,911.46 Western High School: Student Needs Account
\$3,000 daVinci Institute: Food Pantry
\$1,500 Welcome Home Organization: SOW Life Mental Health
\$3,000 Youth Arts Alliance: Healing Arts & Horticulture

\$3,000 Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee & Hillsdale Counties: Grief Support Groups for Children
\$528 Daughters of Promise: Mocha Cafe Summer Learning Program
\$1,000 Springport High School: Mental Health Small Groups
\$1,300 Imagine Planet: Animal Ambassador Enrichment
\$1,033 Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County: Little Free Libraries Social Emotional Books

\$1,000 Grass Lake Middle School: R3-Regulate, Recharge, Return
\$290 R. W. Kidder Middle School: Sensory Objects for Counselor's Office
\$288 R. W. Kidder Middle School: Disc Golf Equipment
\$265.55 R. W. Kidder Middle School: Video Recording Equipment
\$861 Isaiah's Hub: So All Youth Can Play Sports

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Carter Wickwire Society

The Carter and Wickwire families understood the importance of planning for the future and creating a legacy for their families. By naming the Jackson Community Foundation in your will, you can join a distinctive list of individuals and families who are doing the same.

Matthew D. & Sharon A.
-Augustine
Mary Baird
Jackie & Jerry Booth
Carole & John Briggs
John & Lisa Butterfield
Susan Diebold
Georgia Fojtasek
Jim & Joyce Grace

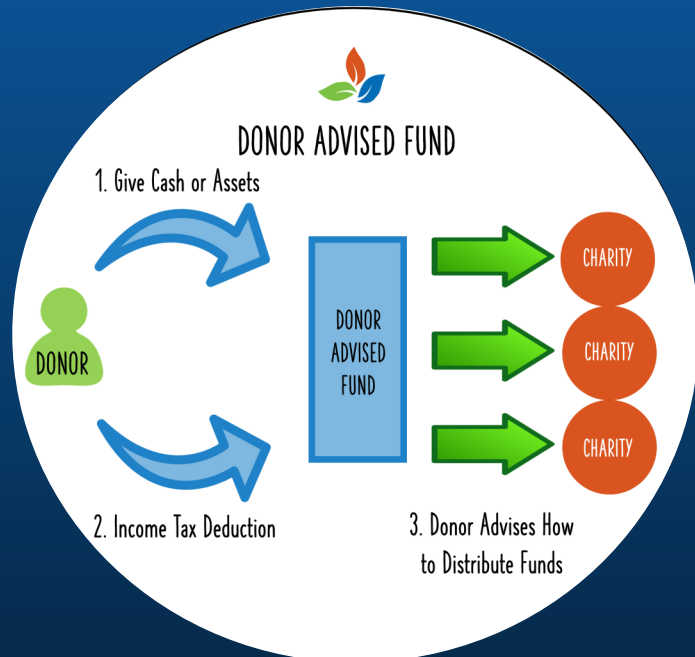
Rick Sigers
Al Spiess, Jr.
Sandra Svoboda
Ric Walton
Carlene Walz Lefere
Dale Moretz
Richard Allen Iverson
Monica Moser & Steven Trosin
Chad Noble
Hendrik Schuur



Far left: Monica Moser, Jim Grace and Joyce Grace appearing on JTV.

Carter Wickwire Philanthropist of the Year

For the Foundation's 70th Anniversary in 2018, we began a new tradition that honors the past while recognizing our present day philanthropists. The Carter Wickwire Philanthropy Award honors a living individual or couple for their contribution to help grow the Jackson Community Foundation's impact in Jackson County through philanthropy. The following individuals are past recipients that have exemplified the meaning of philanthropy by dedicating their time and talent to better our community: Carlene Walz Lefere, Georgia and Travis Fojtasek, Anthony "Tony" Hurst, and Dr. Jerry Booth. In 2022, two new names were added to our list of recipients, Jim and Joyce Grace. To learn more on why Jim and Joyce were selected, scan here:



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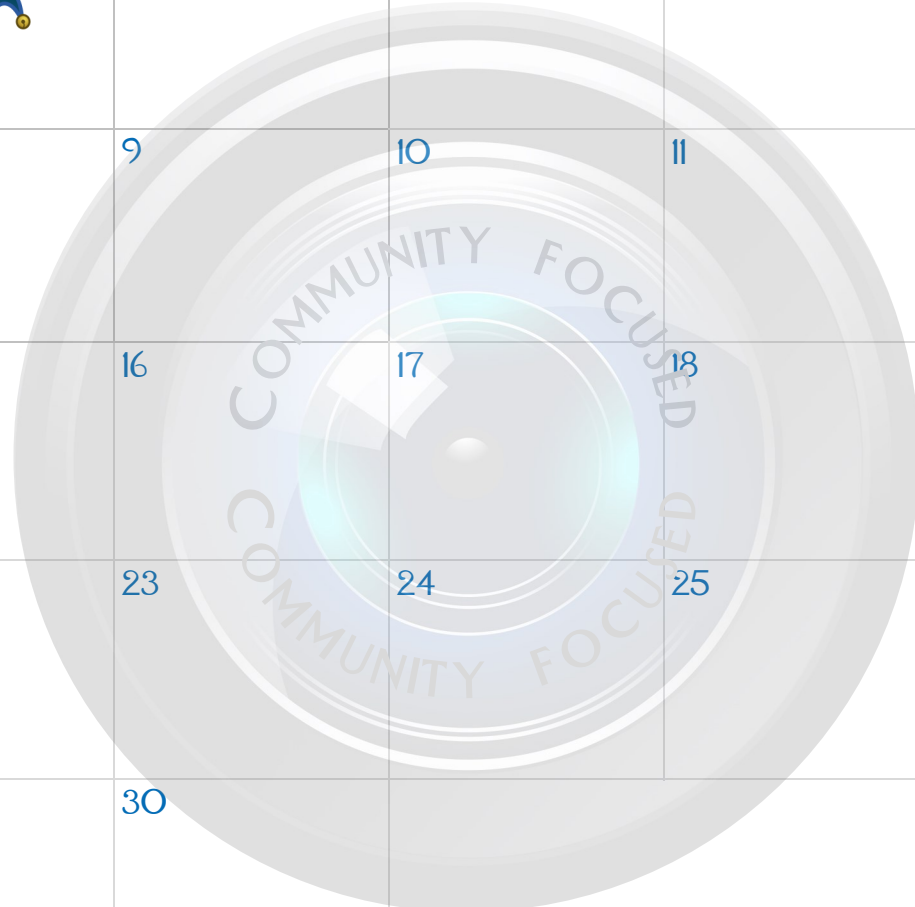
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COMMUNITY FOCUSED \$2 Million 2022 Grantmaking

organizational
capacity building
\$935,847

arts, culture
& recreation
\$346,166

physical, emotional
& mental health
\$277,295

strong individuals &
families
\$156,500

civil, social, & legal
systemic change
\$77,750

environmental quality
\$100

education
\$925,847

scholarship
\$164,300

youth development
\$18,922

2022 All Grants:



Jackson Interfaith Shelter



Jackson Symphony Orchestra



FIRST in Michigan Robotics



Jackson Friendly Home

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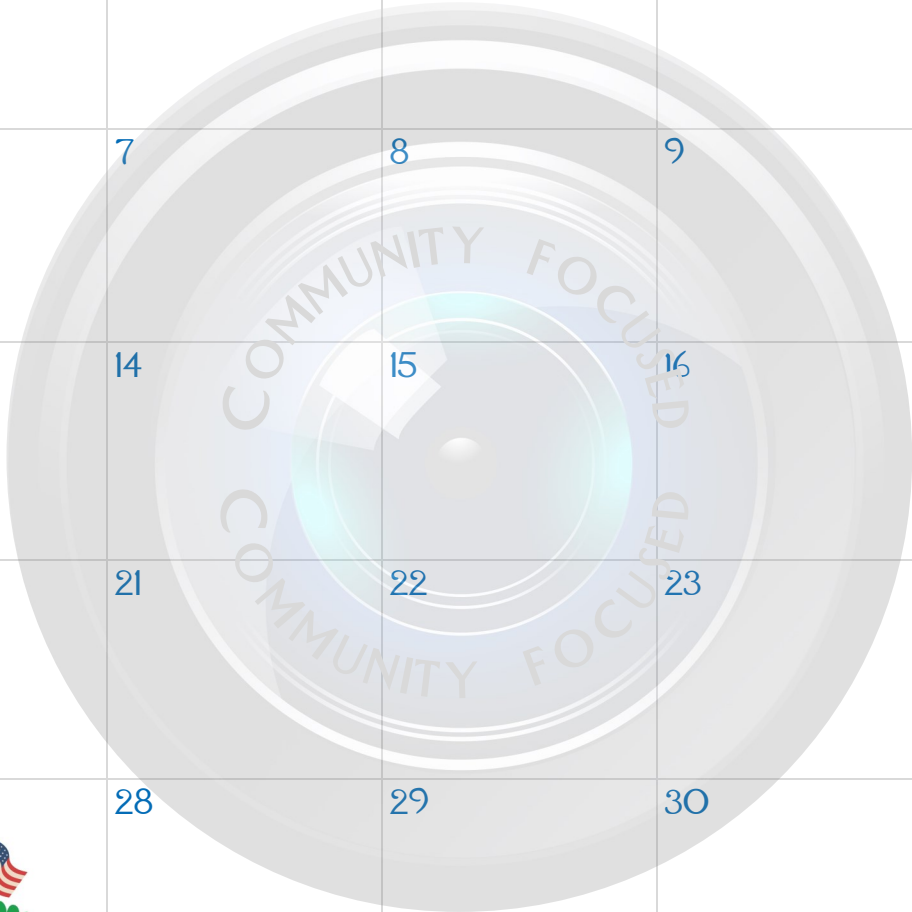
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COMMUNITY FOCUSED JCF Rockstar Ambassador



JCF Ambassador: An individual donating their time and talent to JCF through Board or Committee service and who acts as a positive representative of the Foundation; promoting our mission within our organization and community.

John Gruel served on the Board of Trustees from 2011-2018 and was a member of the Finance Committee up until his death in 2023. He was a steadfast supporter of the Jackson Community Foundation with a heart for philanthropy. John seldom missed a meeting or event. He was always willing to help from carrying golf bags at the Ladies Legacy Golf Outing, researching and preserving donor history, or sharing new ways to connect with the community he loved. John exemplified the definition of a JCF Ambassador. Upon his death in 2023, the Foundation's staff created the JCF Rockstar Ambassador award to honor a volunteer who embodies his spirit of kindness and love for the Foundation and our community. He will truly be missed - *Staff of the Jackson Community Foundation.*

Become a Rockstar

Scan here for current volunteer opportunities:



At the Jackson Community Foundation, we believe that everyone has something to contribute and that collective action can create real change. In 2023, we created an open application process for volunteering. We hope through this process, we engage applicants who bring a diverse set of identities and lived experiences to allow us to better serve our community. By getting involved, through volunteering, donating, or creating your own Fund with JCF, you can help to advance our Vision and make Jackson County a place where ALL people have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential! Together, we can make our community stronger for today and tomorrow!

In 2023, John participated in the IZZO Run/Walk/ Roll event. All proceeds went to the Izzo Legacy Family Fund which supports local charities through grantmaking. When John was ready to go, he realized he didn't have a pin for his registration number. Luckily, John was always ready to assume his JCF Ambassador role and had his name tag ready for action!

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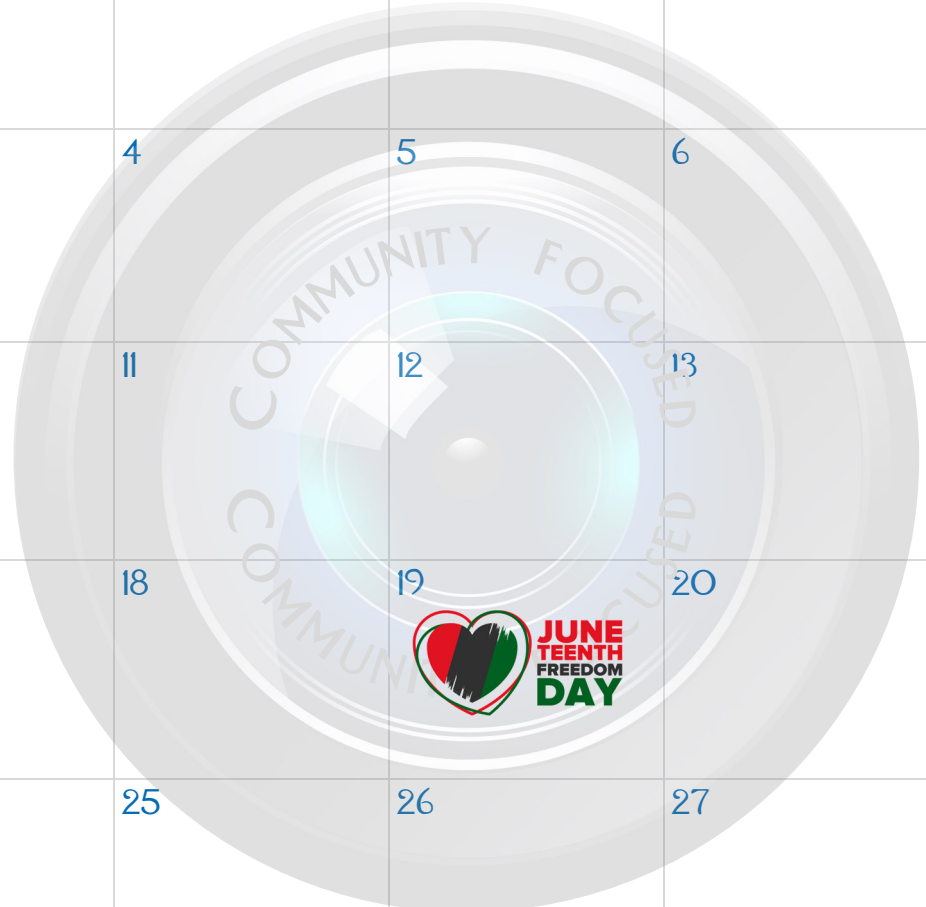
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Help for our Helpers

J-DART—Jackson County Disaster Assistance Response Team received a \$5,000 Operational Grant. Their organization is an all-volunteer non-profit providing canteen and rehab services to Jackson County First Responders (Michigan State and local police, Sheriff's Department, Fire, EMS), support agency personnel to include road crews, gas/electric providers and the like when on scene for any length of time. They also assist those citizens affected by the emergency if needed.

Pictured: J-Dart & Friends at the 2023 Tunnel to Towers



COMMUNITY FOCUSED Who we are

Community foundations are public charities dedicated to improving the lives of people in a local area... for us, Jackson County. We are unique from other charities as we do not support one specific cause but rather invest in many new and existing programs that other organizations specialize in. One way we do that is by helping donors create endowment funds used to make a positive impact on our community! Most contributions are permanently endowed, meaning they are permanently invested to produce income for generations to come. The income earned is then used to make grants to local charitable programs.

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How does a Community Foundation Work?



1. DONOR

Anyone can be a donor and make a gift of any size. Some donations are pooled together to make a greater impact like the Community Needs Fund.



2. DONOR ENGAGEMENT

We work with our donors to help them realize their philanthropic goals. Maybe you're passionate about pets or maybe you're undecided. We are here to help! We continually monitor the emerging needs in Jackson County.



3. MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

We can help you establish your own endowment fund or give to an existing fund that matches your interests.



4. INVESTMENT

Donors' gifts are pooled with our endowed assets, invested with careful stewardship, the income is used to make grants.



5. GRANTS

We distribute grants to all corners of Jackson County in many different areas including arts & culture, education, health and more.



6. COMMUNITY IMPACT

We invest in Jackson County in many ways including grants, community leadership, and building partnerships that strengthen our community today, and into the future.



Pictured - David's Promise: Life Enrichment Program participant

Knowledge, Expertise & Leadership

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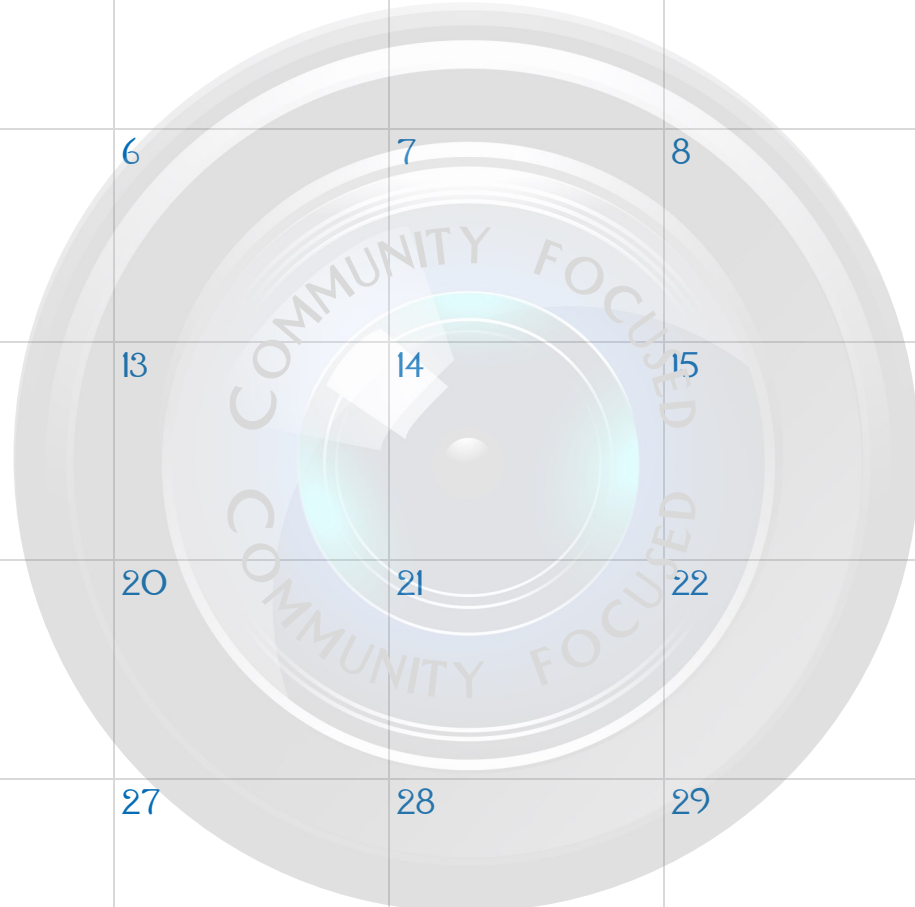
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COMMUNITY FOCUSED A Legacy of Service

Since 1948, JCF has had the pleasure of being served by countless individuals who have given of their time, talents, and knowledge to create a foundation that continually gives back to its community. The following individuals have served as Trustee and have helped share who JCF is today. Thank you!

1948 - 1966	Stuart M. Schram	1973 - 1983	Gerald N. Franklin	1993 - 1999	Paul A. Elbert	2009 - 2016	Travis Fojtasek
1948 - 1973	Carl F. Spaeth, Sr.	1973 - 1983	Betsy J. Dolan	1993 - 1997	Ted MacCready	2009 - 2014	Jon Robinson
1948 - 1974	Honorable Clarence M. Russell	1973 - 1983	Anthony P. Hurst	1993 - 2002	Marty Hansen Mercer	2010 - 2018	John Gruel
1948 - 1974	Honorable John J. Simpson	1974 - 1984	James F. Mortell	1994 - 2001	Dena Dardzinski	2011 - 2019	Dr. James Serino
1948 - 1978	Edwin C. Hetherwick	1974 - 1983	Leland S. Bisbee, Jr.	1997 - 2005	Rev. Carl Benes	2011 - 2012	Mick Lutz
1948 - 1962	L.C. Bootes	1976 - 1985	Gloria Federer	1997 - 2005	Richard Walicki	2012 - 2020	Philip Moilanen
1948 - 1973	Carl M. Suanders	1977 - 1987	Ueal E. Patrick	1998 - 2006	Dennis Hill	2012 - 2020	Dr. Cynthia Rider
1948 - 1954	Harry G. Sparks	1978 - 1980	Frederic W. Schwier	1998 - 2003	Charles Anderson	2013 - 2021	John Butterfield
1948 - 1973	Robert W. Hancock	1980 - 1987	John D. Selby	1998 - 2006	Miles Jones	2013 - 2015	Tom Draper
1954 - 1958	Donald M. Teer	1981 - 1996	Charles H. Aymond	1998 - 2006	Aaron Kantor	2013 - 2018	Jim Miller
1958 - 1965	Justin R. Whiting	1981 - 1991	Douglas L. Burdick	1998 - 2002	Susan Schaffer	2013 - 2019	Kevin Oxley
1961 - 1969	Peter F. Hurst	1981 - 1987	Charles E. Drury	1999 - 2004	Carolyn Crocheron	2014 - 2022	Randy Purvis
1961 - 1969	Daniel E. Karn	1981 - 1989	Richard B. Firestone	2000 - 2004	Carl English	2014 - 2022	Sarah Richmond
1961 - 1965	Norman E. Leslie	1980 - 1988	Max Videto	2000 - 2008	Dale Moretz	2015 - Present	Frank Lusebrink, Jr.
1961 - 1969	Dorothy M. Blakely	1980 - 1989	Carl F. Spaeth, Jr.	2000 - 2003	Miguel Rodriguez	2015 - Present	Richard Mills
1961 - 1963	W. Roy Taylor	1983 - 1984	Robert L. Condon	2002 - 2010	Carrie Glick	2015 - Present	Renell Weathers
1961 - 1970	Paula L. Teer	1984 - 1977	Mark K. Rosenfeld	2002 - 2010	James Grace	2016 - Present	Sarah Ermatinger
1963 - 1974	Hon. Charles J. Falahee	1984 - 1993	William A. Sigmund	2002 - 2010	Dr. Kevin Lavery	2017 - Present	Michelle Fowler
1963 - 1965	Donald T. McKone, Sr.	1984 - 1990	James. F. Winter	2002 - 2002	Marilyn Stephen	2017 - Present	Angela Wetherby
1964 - 1966	Harry W. Pardee	1984 - 1999	Donna L. Hardy	2003 - 2012	Hon. Carlene Walz Lefere	2018 - Present	Jeff Karmol
1965 - 1969	Maxwell F. Badgley	1984 - 1993	Robert W. Ballantine	2003 - 2005	Dennis Means	2018 - Present	Dr. Tovah Sheldon
1965 - 1976	Harold F. Andrews	1985 - 1997	Susan C. Wrzesinski	2003 - 2010	Dr. Daniel Phelan	2019 - 2022	Paul Buchholz
1966 - 1970	Donald T. McKone, Jr.	1986 - 1987	Beverly Natschke	2004 - 2013	Anne Campau	2019 - Present	Carl Spaeth, III
1967 - 1970	John B. Eldwood	1988 - 2002	Dr. Jerry B. Booth	2004 - 2012	Debbie Craft	2020 - Present	Jeremy Frew
1966 - 1982	Travis W. Pearse	1988 - 1996	Clara D. Noble	2004 - 2012	Ric Walton	2020 - Present	Sheila Patterson
1969 - 1980	Alphonse H. Aymond	1990 - 1997	Raynard C. Lincoln, Jr.	2005 - 2013	Kathy Patrick	2021 - Present	Tobin Dunigan
1969 - 1980	Clifford H. Domke	1990 - 1998	Edward J. Woods	2005 - 2008	John Russell	2021 - Present	Victoria Moore
1969 - 1980	Collins L. Carter	1990 - 1993	Anthony P. Hurst	2006 - 2016	Karen Chaprnka	2022 - Present	Kevin Sykes
1969 - 1980	Ned A. Kilmer	1991 - 1999	Geraldine M. Walker	2007 - 2012	Bruce Inosencio	2023 - Present	Tony Baker
1970 - 1980	Peter A. Weatherwax	1992 - 2003	Georgia R. Fojtasek	2007 - 2012	Edwina Divins	2023 - Present	Kevin Brown
1970 - 1980	Gerald J. McDevitt, Jr.	1992 - 1998	Patricia B. Harris	2008 - 2017	Hendrik Schuur	2023 - Present	Stuart Smith
1970 - 1977	Louise G. Blanchard	1992 - 2002	Gary L. Krupa	2009 - 2017	Rick Davies		

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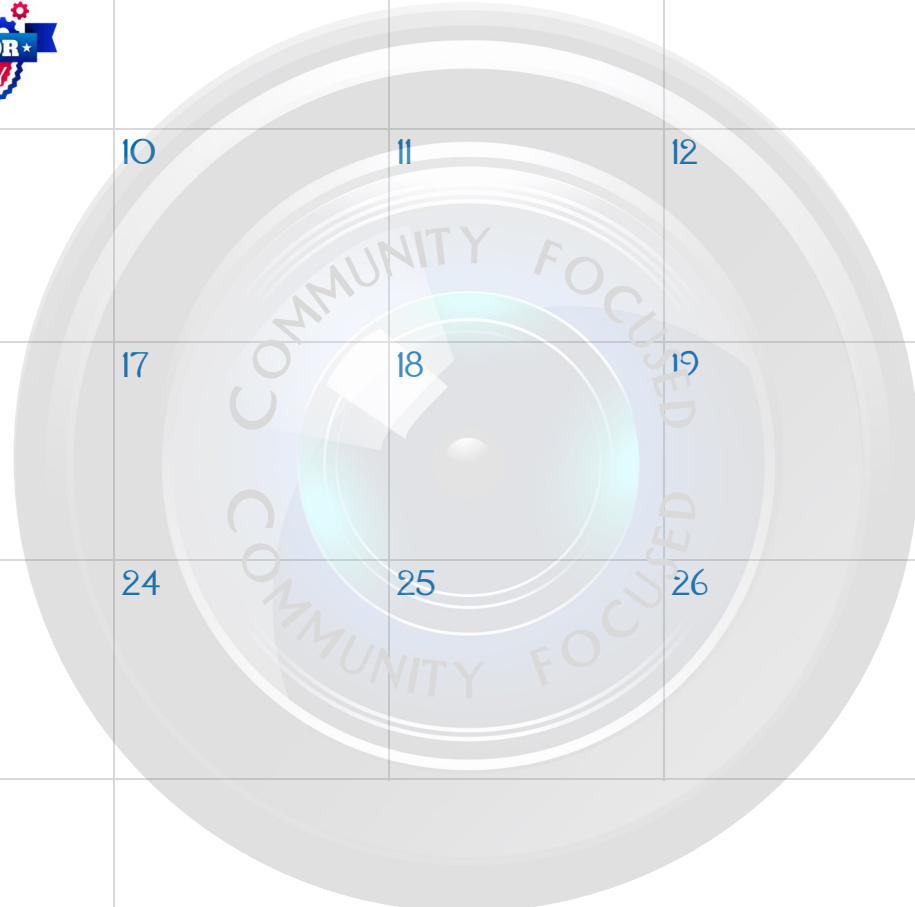
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2022 Financials

ASSETS		
FOR YEAR ENDING	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
Cash	\$ 521,280	\$ 254,205
Receivables	\$ 30,841	\$ 64,547
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 4,297	\$ 4,907
Total Current Assets	\$ 556,418	\$ 323,659
Investments	\$ 38,027,641	\$ 3,246,131
Furniture & Equipment, Net	\$ 48,331	\$ 16,509
Operating Lease	\$ 259,0047	\$ 0
Beneficial Interest in Trust	\$ 3,054,522	\$ 3,063,463
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 41,945,959	\$ 36,649,762
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	\$ 69,060	\$ 67,266
Assets Held for Agency Funds	\$ 1,944,681	\$ 2,079,762
Operating Lease	\$ 223,217	\$ 0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,236,958	\$ 2,147,028
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 35,174,923	\$ 29,745,286
With Donor Restrictions	\$ 4,534,078	\$ 4,757,448
Total Net Assets	\$ 39,709,001	\$ 34,502,734
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 41,945,959	\$ 36,649,762

ACTIVITIES		
FOR YEAR ENDING	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
Contributions	\$ 3,674,410	\$ 3,050,563
Net Investment Income	\$ (6,290,779)	\$ 3,250,037
Change in Value Beneficial Interest	\$ (865,155)	\$ 222,574
Other Support	\$ 60,935	\$ 39,937
TOTAL REVENUES AND GAINS	\$ (3,430,484)	\$ 6,563,111
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM SERVICES		
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 2,018,556	\$ 2,735,445
Other Program Services	\$ 267,134	\$ 172,534
Total Program Services	\$ 2,285,690	\$ 2,907,979
Management and General	\$ 308,301	\$ 257,991
Fundraising	\$ 113,368	\$ 102,077
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,707,359	\$ 3,268,047
Change in Net Assets	\$ (6,137,843)	\$ 3,295,064
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$ 45,846,844	\$ 31,207,670
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 39,709,001	\$ 34,502,734



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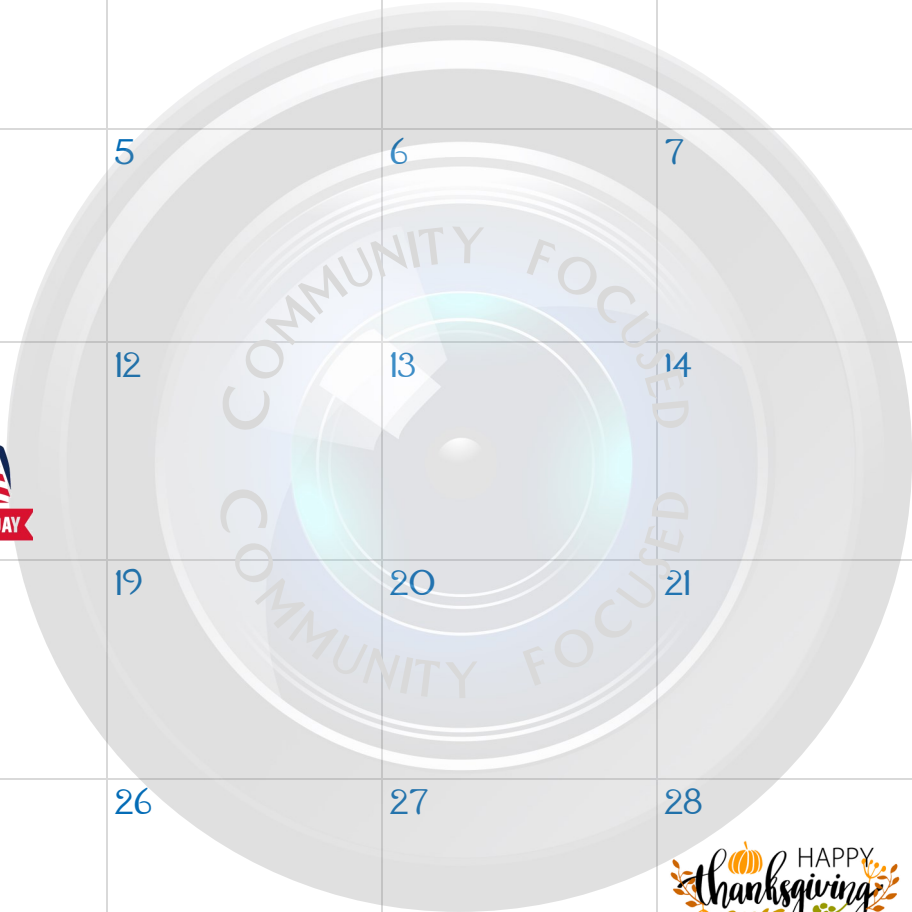
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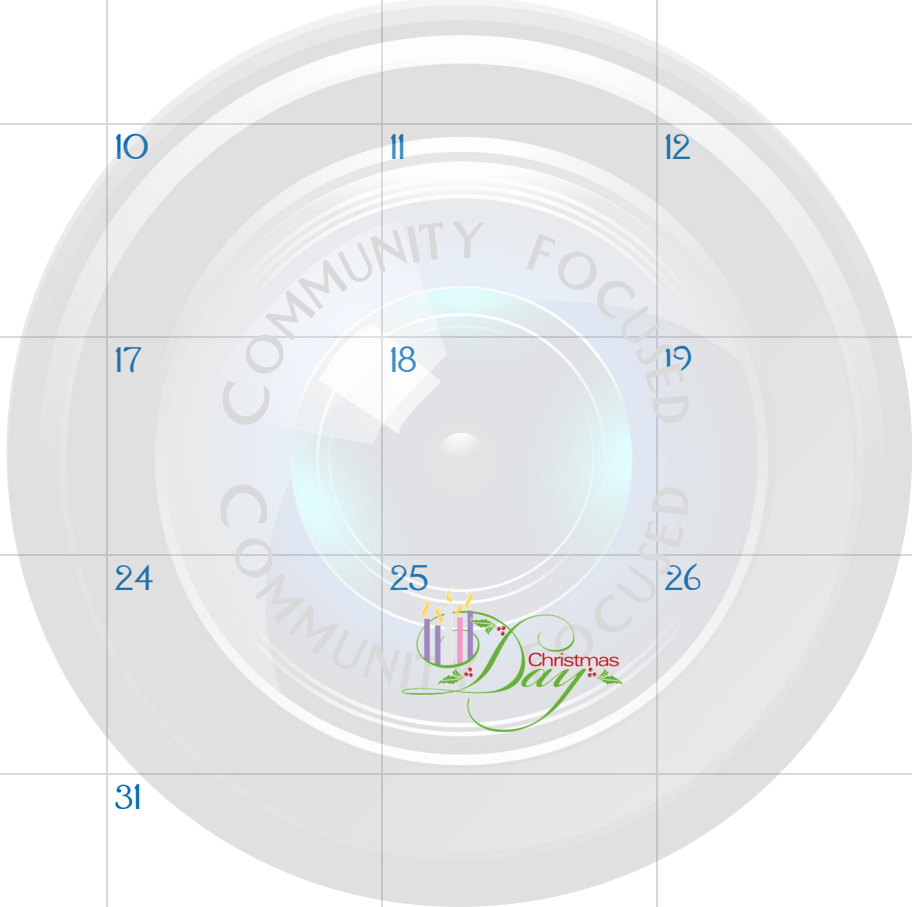
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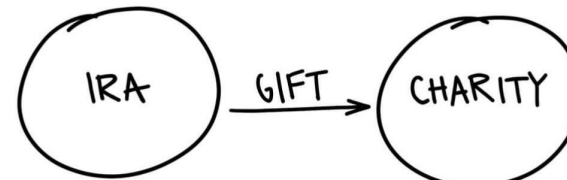
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