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Press Release

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SUBJECT: Fall 2021 Grant Awards

Mackinac Island Community Foundation trustees and staff are pleased to announce recent grant decisions totaling **\$66,609** supporting projects and programs on Mackinac Island.

The foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was instrumental in funding multiple grants this cycle, citing areas outlined in MICF's most recent Youth Needs Assessment as important funding priorities.

Below is a brief summary of each award.

Mackinac Arts Council | \$7,750

Support for the Mackinac Arts Council and Mackinac Island Public School's 2021-2022 Online Youth Visual Arts Enrichment Program, a collaboration with Crooked Tree Arts Center of Petoskey.

Starling Shakespeare Company | \$8,000

Support for the Mackinac Island Shakespeare Festival, a popular outdoor theater event which will return for its second year on Mackinac Island in Summer 2022.

Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch | \$9,000

Support for the 2022 Mackinac Island Hawk Count, which tracks migration of raptors through the Straits area.

Chippewa Health Access Coalition | \$2,070

Support for two healthcare enrollment events on Mackinac Island, which will assist residents with understanding their healthcare options.

Mackinac Island Medical Center | \$6,500

Support for three new Vital Signs Monitors along with cuffs, roll stand and accessories to allow clinic staff to monitor multiple patients in clinic rooms and the emergency room.

Ste. Anne's Catholic Church | \$3,500

Support for the Meals on Snowmobiles program, which will provide senior citizens, shut-ins and physically challenged residents with healthy, balanced meals twice per week from January through March.

Mackinac Horsemen's Association | \$1,800

Support to purchase Personal Safety Equipment for students practicing jumping at Mackinac Island Equestrian Center.

Mackinac State Historic Parks | \$3,000

Support for Mackinac State Historic Park to purchase a new Microfilm Reader, which will provide access to staff, researchers and the public of records within the Mackinac State Historic Parks collection that are stored on microfilm.

City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$1,974

Support for Winter Ice Rink Equipment, including hockey pads, extra skates, and helmets.

City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$1,142

Support for the City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department's Winter Programming, including pottery, journaling, and painting classes.

Wawashkamo Golf Club | \$21,900

Support for Wawashkamo Golf Club to publish a biography of Mackinac Island golfer Frank Dufina.

Mackinac Island Community Foundation, based on Mackinac Island, is committed to making a difference in the lives of individuals, families and organizations on Mackinac Island. Grants are provided to non-profit organizations primarily on Mackinac Island and Mackinac County for projects to enhance child development, protect natural resources, promote the arts, and build community on Mackinac Island. We invite you to learn more about the Foundation and its history by visiting our website www.micf.org.