

## Helping build the road to educational success

The Charlevoix Schools Foundation makes it possible for teachers and students to dream in the classroom; to

*“The Charlevoix Schools Foundation is a blessing to all who attend and teach in this district.”*

*- Shelly Novotny, First Grade Teacher*



### Digital Projectors for Spanish Class

pursue ideas and concepts that were once out of reach. Twice a year, the Foundation fulfills educator grant requests for new teaching tools, technologies and strategies from every curricular discipline. Teachers have also been able to provide their students with opportunities to explore their curriculum outside of the classroom through field trips, virtual tours, on-site visits, and technology.

“I know that in my American Government class, I connect our curriculum from our textbook to the everyday happenings of Wall Street, Capitol Hill, the White House, the United Nations, Iraq, and many other places,” Government teacher Annemarie Conway said.

“My subject came alive as we watched the Electoral College map change via polling in urban and rural areas. This was all made possible when the Charlevoix Schools Foundation fulfilled my grant request for a laser projector and cart.”

Like Conway, almost every teacher in the district has been blessed with donations from the Foundation. With continuing budget cuts, the ability of the school district to accommodate our growing needs becomes more challenging. The Foundation has stepped up to the challenge of providing the basics needed to prepare the children of Charlevoix for the 21st century.

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"We use the Versa Tiles almost everyday in work stations. The kids enjoy the format for practice."  
- Michelle Keegan, 4th grade teacher

## Who We Are:

In 1987, community leaders established the Charlevoix Schools Foundation as a non-profit organization separate from the school system.

The Foundation is directed by a 13 member volunteer Board of Trustees comprised from the community-at-large and three teacher representatives. The Superintendent and a representative from Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education serve as ex-officio members.

## Our Objective:

The purpose of the Charlevoix Schools Foundation is to enrich the educational experience of students by providing financial support beyond the district or state to exemplary teaching and learning opportunities.

Funding by the Foundation will support the school's strategic plan by providing needed instructional equipment, and supplement the resources needed by our future leaders.

Our vision is to ensure that every young person in Charlevoix is prepared for college, work, and citizenship. The Charlevoix Schools Foundation works to help the community and schools develop and implement strategies to achieve this vision.

## How The Foundation Works:

The Foundation collects contributions and holds the funds in an endowment managed by The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF). Approved grants are provided from interest income and are available for programs and activities that support the Foundation's mission. Grant requests submitted by teachers and administrative staff are awarded twice a year.

The Charlevoix Schools Foundation is committed to providing help when federal, state, and district funding falls short. All gifts to the Foundation will build the endowment and directly affect the academic life of students today and for years to come. Every gift, whether large or small, will facilitate academic success for all students.



High School Arboretum



Native American Flutes



"The TI-83 calculators are fine pieces of equipment, and they help with the everyone's math."  
- Rex VanPelt, 17

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Throughout the year, the Foundation sponsors fundraising activities with the help of our board members, teachers and students.

## Previous Fulfilled Grant Requests:

- 5th-7th Grade Special Ed – Fluency Centers
- High School S.O.S. – Upgrading Infant Simulators
- Elementary Music – Choral Risers
- 6th Grade – Discovery Kids Subscriptions
- 3rd Grade – Historic Mackinac Tour
- High School Biology – Backpacking Equipment
- High School Science – Microscope Cameras
- Music Department – Orff Instruments & Mallets
- K-12 Grades – Service Learning
- Kindergarten - Raven Hill Field Trip
- Special Ed - Therapy Seats & Music
- Elementary Library – Iditarod Subscription & Research
- 8th Grade – Camp Daggett Adventure Ed
- 1st/2nd Grade – See North Birds of Prey Presentation
- Elementary/Middle/High School Music – Orff Instruments
- 5th Grade – Literacy Tools
- Non-Fiction Books for the Middle School Media Center
- Literacy Stations for 3rd Grade
- Hands-On Periodic Table for 7th Grade Science
- Hands-On Photosynthesis for 7th Grade Science
- Sound Equipment for Performing Arts
- Connected Math 2 Series for 8th Grade Math
- Incentives & Activities for Struggling Students in High School Spec Ed & Gen Ed
- Literacy Work Stations for Kindergarten
- Field Trip to Old Town Play House for 3rd & 4th Graders
- Hands-On Cooper Project for 5th Grade
- AP Style Books and Digital Recorders for High School Journalism

*"The tablets provide expansion of creativity for all the art students."*  
- Mac Ernst, 17



Cross Country Skis



*"Backpacking was made possible with the use of the Foundation purchased equipment."*  
- Audrie L. Themm, 17



Printing of CHS monthly newspaper



## Why We Need Your Help:

Every year our grant requests exceed our ability to fund, and many of the requests are for school programs that, in the past, would have been part of the district's budget. These times are challenging, but as you know, this community rises to the challenge.

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**\$100** Tax Credit for a single individual, based on a \$200 gift

**\$200** Tax Credit for a married couple, based on a \$400 gift

**\$5000** or 5% of the State tax liability for a business subject to the Michigan business tax, based on a gift of \$10,000

## Effect of the Tax Credit For Married and Single Donors:

Amount of your Gift	Married Itemizer:		Married or Single Itemizer:			
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Michigan Tax Credit (x50%)	(\$200)	(\$100)	(\$62.50)	(\$50)	(\$37.50)	(\$25)
Federal Tax Deduction (x28%)	(\$112)	(\$56)	(\$35)	(\$28)	(\$21)	(\$14)
Cost of your gift:	\$88	\$44	\$27.50	\$22	\$16.50	\$11
Benefit to the Fund:	\$400	\$200	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50

\*NOTE: The purpose of these examples is to provide accurate and authoritative information of a general nature. Consult your tax advisor for information specific to your situation. The illustrations assume a married or individual donor in the 28% tax bracket, who itemizes deductions, and a business in the 32% tax bracket.

## Effect of the Tax Credit For Businesses

Amount of your Gift	Married Itemizer:		Married or Single Itemizer:			
	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500
State of Michigan Tax Liability	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Michigan Tax Credit (x50%)	(\$5,000)	(\$2,500)	(\$1,250)	(\$1,000)	(\$500)	(\$250)
Federal Tax Deduction (x28%)	(\$3,200)	(\$1,600)	(\$800)	(\$640)	(\$320)	(\$160)
Cost of your gift:	\$1,800	\$900	\$450	\$360	\$180	\$90
Benefit to the Fund:	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500

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