

GIFTS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Foundation has been awarding grants since 1998 for public and medical education, training, research, and health services for the people of Muskegon, Oceana and Ottawa Counties. With great pride, we offer here a review of those grants:

Grants 1998

\$25,000 to the Muskegon General Hospital Family Health Center for development of the [Touchpoints](#) project

Grants 1999

\$800 to the [Centered Woman Organization](#) to support a program on healthy lifestyles

\$600 to [Hospice of North Ottawa Community](#) to purchase books on overcoming the loss of a spouse

\$500 to Hospice of North Ottawa Community for the [Katja Kare Suicide Impact and Awareness Conference](#)

\$10,000 to Mercy General Health Partners [Family Medicine Residency Program](#) for a monthly behavioral science lecture series, and for seminars on alcohol abuse, substance abuse, and HIV

\$10,000 to Mercy General Health Partners [Regional Heart and Vascular Institute](#) to purchase equipment

\$1,000 to [Friends of the Hackley Public Library](#) for the purchase of 70 books for the layperson on health care

\$6,840 to Mercy General Health Partners for the initiation of its "[Dad's Always on Duty](#)" program, which provides training, education, job referrals, and support for non-custodial fathers of children up to the age of three.

\$88,470 to Muskegon General Family Health Center for equipment for a multi-disciplinary [dental clinic](#) offering services to Muskegon-area residents, and for educational opportunities for students from the Michigan State University School of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry



\$1,000 grants to [Spring Lake High School](#), [Holland High School](#), [Reeths Puffer High School](#) and [Unity Christian High School](#) (for a total of \$5,000) for life science education materials

\$2,000 to the [American Osteopathic Healthcare Association](#) to sponsor the Trustee Track of its 1999 Annual Convention, and for a speaker on the duties and obligations of trustees

\$1,000 to sponsor the creation of a tree for the Mercy General Health Partners [Festival of Trees](#)

Grants 2000

A guarantee of payments not to exceed \$350,000 over three fiscal years to the Mercy General Health Partners [Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Clinic](#) for the following:

- to offset potential initial operating losses resulting from startup expenses involved in the expansion of the osteopathic manipulative medicine office space and hours
- development of an osteopathic manipulative medicine residency program
- development of osteopathic manipulative medicine training programs for licensed physicians
- development of a program for providing osteopathic manipulative therapy to hospital inpatients

\$319,585 to Mercy General Health Partners for [graduate osteopathic medical education](#)

\$50,000 to the Muskegon Community Health Project for the [Muskegon County Cold-Pack Project](#):

- to educate county healthcare providers, patients, and the public about appropriate treatment for viral infections
- to increase collaboration among hospital systems, providers, private physicians, pharmacists, and insurers to eliminate the overuse of antibiotics for upper respiratory viral infections
- to conduct a two-year study of the county-wide impact of using cold packs for upper-respiratory viral infections

\$12,550.64 to the [Mercy General Health Partners Department of Pathology](#) for the purchase of a double-headed teaching microscope for use in teaching programs for osteopathic interns, residents and medical students

\$7,000 to the Mercy General Health Partners [Family Practice Residency Program](#) for a monthly behavioral science series, and for seminars on alcohol abuse, substance abuse, and HIV

\$5,140 to [Concerned About Teen Sexuality \(CATS\)](#), a program presented by Muskegon-area high school students who promote sexual abstinence until marriage and abstinence from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco as the healthiest possible choice

\$4,000 to the [Muskegon-Oceana Chapter of the American Red Cross](#) for senior transportation services

\$900 to the [White Lake Community Library](#) for the purchase of medical books for the layperson