



SOUTH HAVEN AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

For good. For all.

November 2022

Dear Friends,

Thanks to the support of our generous contributors, the South Haven Area Community Foundation ("SHCF") continued to substantially impact our community in 2022. Record contributions were received and over \$55,000 of grants awarded. SHCF invested in new software for South Haven High School to automate the scholarship application process; the number of scholarship applications tripled and SHCF funds awarded a record \$44,600 in scholarships to 30 students! We added three new funds to our growing charitable family. The collaboration with United Way and Berrien Community Foundation (Southwest Michigan Cares) continued to support pandemic relief efforts, enabling local non-profits to continue providing crucial services to those in need. We continue to participate in the MDOT Adopt-a-Highway program to keep our stretch of I-196 clean and welcoming.

In 2023, our focus will continue on community needs and collaboration in the greater South Haven area to maximize impact for crucial programs. Our annual report shows the many 501(c)(3) organizations we support in the community. We have revamped our Grant Award program for 2023 to make it easier for non-profit organizations to qualify. By making a contribution to SHCF, your support allows flexibility as community needs change. A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated and allows SHCF to do more. If there is a particular effort you support, please consider a donation to one or more of our funds listed on the enclosed envelope. If you want to provide the most flexibility to us to help our community, please consider a contribution to the SHCF Immediate Needs Fund or the SHCF Endowment. Would you like to have more of an impact? Talk with us about establishing an endowment, creating your own Donor Advised Fund, or making a bequest. If you have contributed in the past, thank you for your support. We hope you will continue to renew that support and consider an increase if possible. SHCF is growing and striving to do more for the community and every contribution helps. Please contact us for further details of ways to grow your philanthropic goals and help your local community.

Your contributions to SHCF are eligible charitable tax deductions if you itemize. If you are at least 70-1/2 with IRA Required Minimum Distributions, making a contribution direct from an IRA (a Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCD) is a tax efficient way to give. Please contact your tax advisor or IRA administrator for further QCD details, or give us a call.

Thank you for helping your Foundation honor the heritage, nurture the present and endow the future of the greater South Haven area.

Sincerely,

South Haven Area Community Foundation Board of Directors



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