



Together we can
make a difference.

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A photograph of three young adults (two women and one man) smiling and working together to plant a tree. They are outdoors, wearing gloves, and holding a sapling. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter and a white geometric pattern of intersecting lines.

We're working together to
create a community.



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A Grassroots Movement

The Lake Trust Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was established to enhance our core value of Making a Difference. Through community partnerships, outreach programs, and grants, we inspire, create, build, and sustain healthier communities. We believe that strong Michigan neighborhoods can have a global impact.

Since our inception in 2012, we've donated over **150,000 meals** to local food banks. We've also given over **\$121,000 in community grants** and donations to support projects that solve problems in our communities. We support arts and culture, health and wellness efforts, fiscal responsibility, and environmental awareness.

And that's just the start of our story.

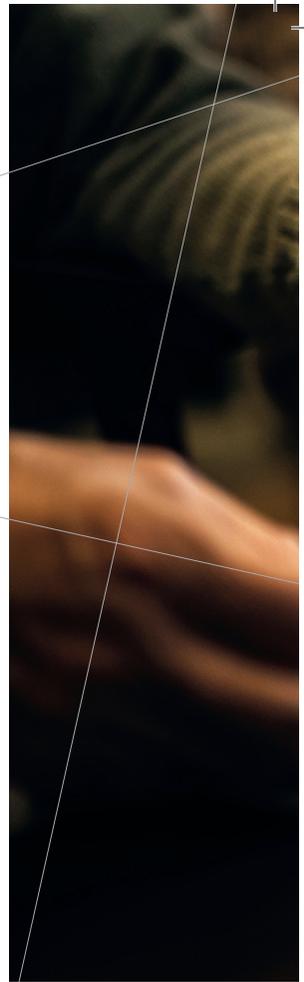
Helen's House

Mike, a Lake Trust member, never pictured himself as a caregiver. But when his elderly mother needed assistance, he decided he was the best man for the job. His experience helping his mother made him wonder what other people do when they don't have a caregiver.

Now Mike runs Helen's House, a Veterans Affairs medical foster home, and cares for elderly veterans. In addition to caring for residents, he also has the opportunity to share and preserve the stories of our nation's heroes.

“The best part of my job is just being there for people.”

MIKE





The Lake Trust Foundation donated **\$5,000**
to **Helen's House** to assist elderly veterans.

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YouthWorks Detroit

Due to family disintegration, frequent changes in residence, and high faculty turnover at schools, many young people in Detroit grow up without adult role models. YouthWorks Detroit was founded to inspire young people and help revitalize the city.

During the two-month summer StreetTeam Leadership Training Program, students gain summer work experience, training in resume writing and job interviewing. Through one-on-one mentoring, this program helps urban high school students gain self-confidence and build their leadership skills.

For the past two years, our Foundation has granted a total of **\$10,000** to YouthWorks Detroit.

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Summer Cereal Drive

Summertime brings an urgent need for food for children, due to limited access to free or reduced lunch programs. Recognizing this need, we hosted an internal cereal drive. Over four days, Team Lake Trust worked together and collected **21,492 servings** of cereal.

This collection was matched by the Lake Trust Foundation for a total donation of **42,984 servings**, providing nearly 500 children with meals for the entire summer.



Our donation was distributed to the following food banks:

FOOD BANK	LOCATION	SERVINGS
Love in Action	Grand Haven	426
Food Gatherers of Washtenaw County	Ann Arbor	1,121 plus an \$1,800 Foundation Donation <i>(11,867 total servings)</i>
Kids Food Basket	Holland	453
The Greater Lansing Food Bank	Lansing	2,162
Isabella Soup Kitchen	Mount Pleasant	165
The Food Bank of South Central Michigan	Battle Creek	465
Gleaners Community Food Bank of Livingston County	Howell	16,700 plus an \$1,800 Foundation Donation <i>(27,446 total servings)</i>

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving back after Thanksgiving weekend. In 2016, Lake Trust decided to donate one penny from each debit card transaction that occurred over the long weekend to a local non-profit. The Lake Trust Foundation added **\$15,000** to this donation amount for a total of **\$22,210.50.**

We wanted the community to pick who should receive the money. So we selected four humanitarian organizations based in neighborhoods we serve and opened up voting online. In the end, the Howell Nature Center won with the most votes and received our donation.

Giving Tuesday was a great reminder of how much good we can do in the world when we work together.





Over 900 people voted on Giving Tuesday.

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The Foundation contributed **\$3,000** to local non-profits on behalf of the Community Service Award winners.



MHSAA Scholarships

This year we enhanced our partnership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) by sponsoring a **\$1,000 Community Service Award**. Six winners from across the state of Michigan were selected based on their exemplary efforts to serve and improve their communities.

In addition to the scholarship, another **\$500 from the Lake Trust Foundation** was donated to a non-profit organization of each awardee's choice.

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Lake Trust Foundation Golf Classic

It takes a group of like-hearted people to come together and find new ways to change the world. The Lake Trust Foundation Golf Classic helps us connect with people who share our vision for strong communities and financial literacy.

Our efforts to make an impact on the causes we care about would not be possible without our partners. We can't thank them enough for their encouragement and support.





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Humble Design

Leaving homeless shelters and starting a new life, many families only have a few sets of clothing and each other when they move into their new houses. Humble Design helps to turn these houses into homes by furnishing the spaces with donated furniture.

In May, we worked with Humble Design for a day of service. Team Lake Trust filled a 26-foot moving truck with donated furniture, books, photo frames, and toiletries. We also cleaned and furnished a home for a family in need in Detroit.

To help our service family get back on their feet, we donated **\$400** in gift cards for food, clothing, and gas.

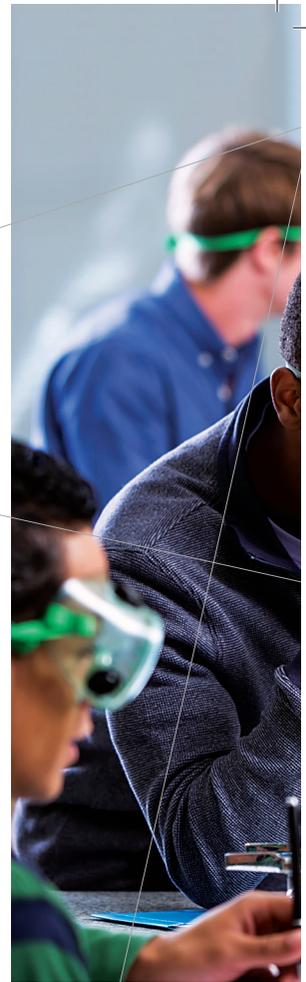
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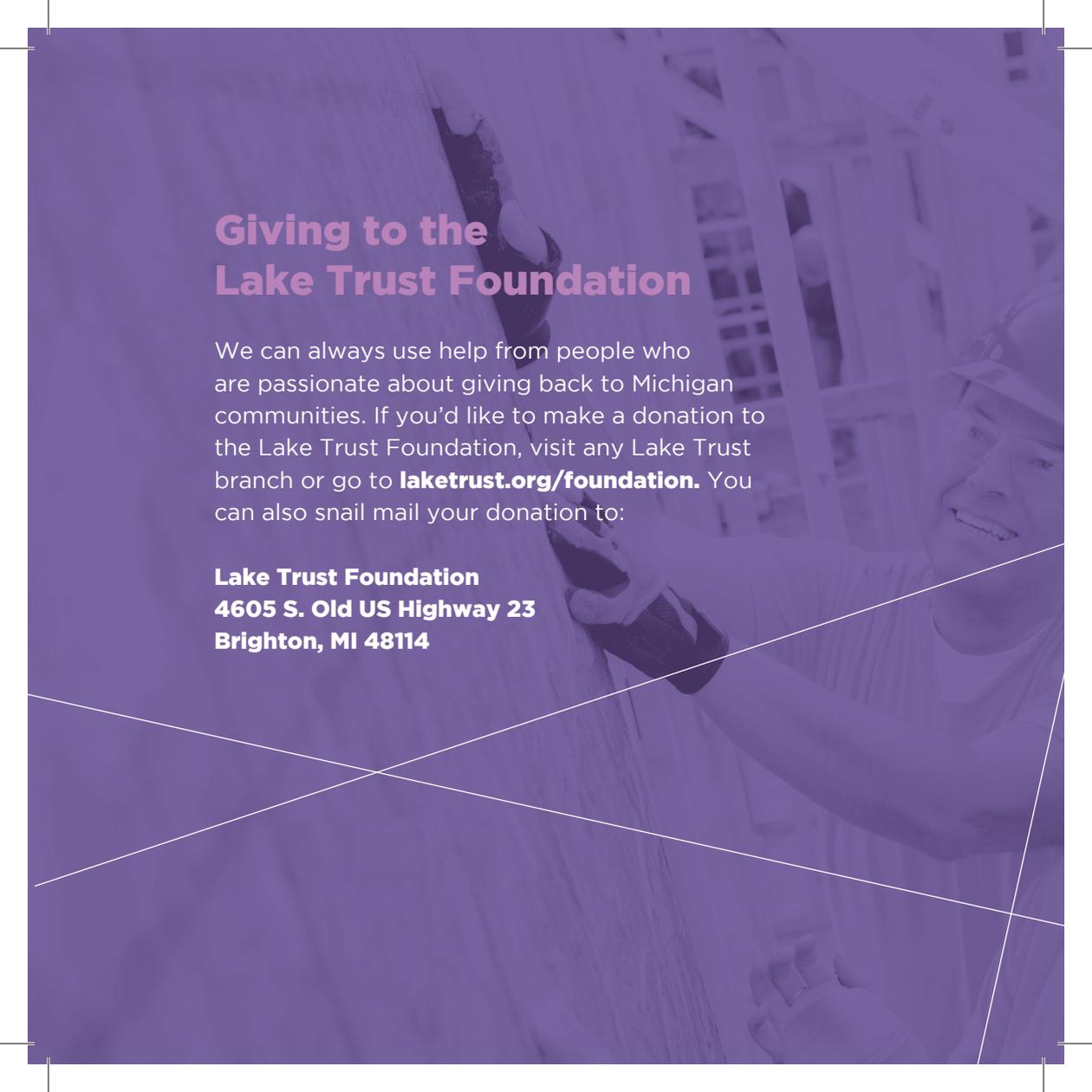
Lake Trust Foundation Community Scholarship

Continuing education is so important to us, but the cost prevents many people from pursuing their goals. To assist with the cost, we established the Lake Trust Foundation Community Scholarship in 2012. So far, we've helped **32 high school students** who demonstrated their commitment to helping others through volunteering and making a difference in their communities.

We've awarded **\$48,000** in scholarships since 2012.







Giving to the Lake Trust Foundation

We can always use help from people who are passionate about giving back to Michigan communities. If you'd like to make a donation to the Lake Trust Foundation, visit any Lake Trust branch or go to **laketrust.org/foundation**. You can also snail mail your donation to:

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