Across the universe

*Summer Reading Program*

In a world that feels uncertain, reading still provides a positive outlet. For years, the Reed City Area District Library has run their Summer Reading Program for community members of all ages. The program exists to keep children and their families engaged with reading during summer vacation. This year, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the library decided to continue their Summer Reading Program, with the theme of across the universe. “Transitioning to a scaled back version of our Summer Reading Program was certainly a challenge but one we felt we had to meet for our community,” said Jennifer Thorson, interim director. “The importance of keeping books in children’s hands was our biggest priority. We couldn’t have done it without the support of the Community Foundation.”

Recycling gives back

Recycle of Osceola County provides an easy and safe way for local people and businesses to recycle. Over time, the community usage of recycling services has provided sustainable funding for the organization. In 2014, Recycle of Osceola County decided to give back to the community in gratitude for its generous support of recycling services and providing more than sustainable revenue. The organization started an unrestricted fund at the Community Foundation to help benefit organizations serving the residents of Osceola County. This fund has provided for many projects related to natural resources in the area.

Chair’s notes

This year has not turned out as many of us had planned, but it has given us the opportunity to reflect a little and slow down. We may not have wanted this opportunity, but we have it and with it I have been thinking a lot about gratitude. I am thankful for my family, for my friends, for this community, and for the opportunities to grow together through hardship. At the Community Foundation, we are grateful to work with the community to serve our residents. We are grateful for our generous donors who provide the resources for us to serve the community forever. We are grateful for committed and passionate partners like you. As we enter the fall, we are taking time to focus on gratitude and encourage you to do the same.

Respectfully,

Roger Elkins
Board Chair

Event update

In order to keep our staff and community safe, the 2020 Auction has officially been canceled. We look forward to continuing to build our relationship with you in different ways as we all adjust to a new normal.