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CMCF Provides Key Funding to Enhance School Safety

In a school safety situation, each second counts. The short timeframe from notice of an incident to response doesn't provide teachers with much time to blockade the classroom door with bookshelves and desks, while also keeping the students calm and quiet. To address this critical need, the Central Montcalm Community Foundation (CMCF) made a significant investment toward the safety of the Central Montcalm Public School staff and students by supporting "The Boot™ - Adopt a Door" initiative.



Tonia Reinke holds the small, lightweight, Boot product. Photo provided by Daily News

According to information on the Lockdown Company website, The Boot™ is essentially a small plate of industrial steel that can be placed in front of a door to prevent people from entering by simple, one-step engagement. When fully engaged as a door barricade, the Boot™ can withstand 16,000 pounds of force- enhancing the lockdown strength and safety of nearly any door to keep danger out, and allow safety in. It is a rectangular-shaped plate of 7/8 inch thick cold-rolled steel with steel pins and a floor mounted steel sleeve that when fully engaged can withstand 16,000 pounds of pressure. The Boot™ weighs only 4.89 pounds and while it is small, it is mighty when stopping entry from the danger that resides on the other side of the door. A teacher just places it in front of the door and activates it, giving them significantly more time to attend to students.



From left, Tonia Reinke, Tesha Peterman, Gale Parr, Jeni Williams, Abby Gainey and Shannon Bowen hold a check for \$12,500 written by the Central Montcalm Community Foundation to help fund 50 of The Boot™ door barricades from The Lockdown Company. These devices can help prevent someone from entering during a lockdown and will be placed in every classroom in the school district.

Photo provided by Daily News

From idea to reality, the project's timeline was rather short. After recently hearing about The Boot™ device at a school safety conference, representatives from the lower and upper elementary parent teacher groups, in coordination with school superintendent Amy Meinhardt, brought in a speaker from the Fowlerville-based Lockdown Company in May 2018. "We had an idea that we really wanted to deal with security during the next school year," preschool teacher and parent Tonia Reinke said. "After reaching out to Superintendent Amy Meinhardt, we came across this company and thought it looked like a great system." Shortly after this initial presentation, a community meeting about The Boot™ was convened in early June and a small group of parents officially launched an effort called "The Boot™ - Adopt a Door for Central Montcalm." The fundraising plan was clear but daunting: contact area businesses and individuals about sponsoring 183 doors at \$250 each raising \$45,000. However, to get on the company's installation list before a fall school start, at least half the funds were required in a very short time. After the Central Montcalm school board approved the strategy effort in late June, the group which had already begun raising funds moved forward full throttle.

Abby Gainey, the lower elementary representative for the group, approached the Central Montcalm Community Foundation in July to ask if they would support the project. "I was hoping they would sponsor a few doors," Gainey said. The Community Foundation decided to pay for 50 The Boot™ devices. "Abby came in and told us they had commitments for around 40 of The Boot™ devices, but that wasn't enough to get the company to start installing them," said Gale Parr of the CMCF. "Our mindset was that we wanted to get them to the halfway point so that they could start installing them before school starts in the fall."

Abby Gainey was so thrilled. "We'd gotten some great funding from local businesses and private donators, but this really blew us away and we're so thankful," Gainey said. "Seeing how much it meant to them honestly meant so much to us. They were all so enthused, passionate and interested in helping out, making it easy to see why this is such an important cause." Because of the CMCF's timely and generous donation, the Lockdown Company was able to successfully install all 183 The Boot™ devices before the start of the 2018-2019 school year, and the project met its total funding goal in about a month's time.

CENTRAL MONTCALM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RESTRICTED FUNDS

- **Community Endowment** – directing grants to areas of need in the community
- **Chemical Bank Fund** - to support the mission of the CMCF by providing an additional source of funding to meet community needs
- **Crooks Farm Endowment** - will provide funds each year for grants to be approved annually by members of the Crooks family
- **Discretionary Fund** - a quick response fund that can be used to meet unanticipated community needs
- **Education Endowment** – supports programs that meet the needs of the community's youth
- **Dr. Victor Beal Jr. Scholarship** – for graduating seniors attending MSU
- **Ronald R. Burkholder Athletic & Educational Scholarship** – for graduating seniors
- **Leo Gurecki Athletic & Educational Scholarship** – for graduating seniors
- **William McCarthy Scholarship** – for students attending Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement programs
- **Outreach Endowment** - long term funding mechanism for the Discretionary Fund
- **Penny's Way, Food & Clothing Fund** – financial help to organizations that distribute food & clothing in Montcalm County
- **Kevin Seymour Athletic & Educational Scholarship** – for graduating seniors
- **Bill Thwaites Athletic & Educational Scholarship** – for graduating seniors
- **Jackie Vander Steen Scholarship** - for graduating seniors attending WMU
- **Doug and Nancy Chapin Scholarship** - for a graduating Central Montcalm senior
- **Youth and Senior Endowment** – provides funding for health, wellness, and enrichment programs throughout our community
- **Administrative Endowment** – funds the administrative functions of the foundation so it can continue on its mission to serve the community
- **C. Homer and Charlotte L. Miel Endowment Fund** - for the purpose of providing discretionary educational grants to teachers or administrators of Central Montcalm Public Schools.
- **Mall Family Endowment** - will provide funds each year for grants to be approved annually by members of the Mall family.
- **Korson Endowment** - annual scholarship for a CMHS student attending CMU's School of Business
- **MAISD Endowment** - for students who have an IEP and attend school in Montcalm County - will provide scholarships to students as they matriculate to post secondary and technical training.
- **Petersen Family Endowment**
- **Harold Springsteen Family Endowment**
- **Eric Thomas Endowment**
- **Rogers Endowment**
- **Steve Strait Education Endowment**
- **\* Field of Interest** – donors may be able to designate a specific area of interest
- **\* Legacy** – setting up a fund in your name or in the name of a loved one or family as a living memorial

\*Contact the CMCF as there is a minimum contribution required.



## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Central Montcalm Community Foundation I would like to thank you for your support over this past year. I have served on the foundation board since 1999 and have been part of this community for over 50 years. Many of those years I was teaching at Stanton Elementary and Central Montcalm Upper Elementary. I am honored to take the next step and serve as president of the Central Montcalm Community Foundation.

**Ginger Gurecki**  
President

The foundation would like to announce several new endowments that have been established in the last few months. The Harold Springsteen (Central Montcalm Superintendent) Endowment and Steve Strait (Stanton Elementary Principal) Endowment were started after both men passed away. They served and raised their families in the Central Montcalm area for many years. These endowments are a honorable way to carry on something that was very important to both of these men: EDUCATION. The Steve Strait Endowment will be a yearly grant for a Central Montcalm teacher and the Harold Springsteen Endowment will be a yearly scholarship for a Central Montcalm graduating senior. The Eric Thomas Endowment will be a scholarship started by his family for a Central Montcalm graduating senior. Eric was an active community member and golf enthusiast, gone to soon. The legacy of these three men continues through the endowments that their families have established.

As a final note the Central Montcalm Community Foundation continues to grow their assets, which in turn gives back to the community. I am excited about the year ahead and thankful for the hard work our Central Montcalm Community Foundation board of directors demonstrates all year long. I hope we can count on the continued support from this BIG-hearted, giving community. I promise that as a foundation, we will continue to support the needs of our schools and community.

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### This is all you need to do:

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- select Central Montcalm Community Foundation as your charitable organization of choice,
- shop away,
- the foundation will receive periodic checks from Amazon that reflect all purchases made toward their account.

Thank you to those of you who have shopped at Amazon.Smile during 2018 and selected the Central Montcalm Community Foundation as your charity of choice.



Great time at the 2018 Golf Outing!



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## 2018 GRADUATES HONORED WITH SCHOLARSHIPS



The Central Montcalm Community Foundation Board of Directors are pleased to recognize the following spring 2018 graduates with educational scholarships:

- Hailey Olger and Taylor Collier – Victor Beal Scholarship
- Alissa Harrison – Rogers and Burkholder Scholarship
- Joseph Williams and Kaitlen Meinhardt – CMCF Scholarship
- Noah Stauffer – Leo Gurecki Scholarship
- Mason Grossbauer – Kevin Seymour Scholarship
- Hannah Willmore and Taylor Collier – Bill Thwaites Scholarship
- Lilly Doyle and Faydra Ward – Jackie VanderSteen Scholarship
- Kendra Shiakas – Isabella Bank Scholarship
- Cameron Bunker – William McCarthy Scholarship
- McKenzie Rutz – Korson Scholarship

*We wish much success to all of these students as they continue their education!*

Not pictured: Cameron Bunker & McKenzie Rutz

# thank you

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation thank the many individuals, families and organizations who have chosen to support our vision in the past. We have grown our financial worth from a small amount of money in 1993 to almost \$1.8 million in 2018.

This would not be possible without the wonderful support we have received from the Central Montcalm Community!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS

### Penny's Way

Upper Elementary Clothes Closet  
Alpha Family Services

### Community

CM Athletic Dept. Automated Timing Services  
Humane Society of Mid Michigan  
Victims Advocate Team  
Ronald McDonald House

### Education

CM Middle School - Project Pride  
CMPS Band - Keyboard  
CMHS - College Advisor Materials

### Education and Miel

CMUE Decodable Readers

### Mall

CMUE Cooking Club

### Discretionary

CMPS Bucket Fillers  
Athletic Hall of Fame Donation  
Athletic Department Vertical Measuring Device  
CMPS Safety Devices (boots) for classrooms

### Youth and Seniors

White Pine Library Pines