



The Cook Family Foundation

Spring 2015

PURPOSE

Serving as both a resource for the community and a catalyst for positive change.

OBJECTIVE

Through strategic, proactive use of funds and grants, strengthen institutions, extend their mission and enable their growth.

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Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee is a nonprofit that serves Shiawassee County adults with persistent health needs and their families. Respite Volunteers willingly give the precious gift of time to help those in need.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee Receives National Excellence Award

The Cook Family Foundation established the NonProfit Capacity Building (NPCB) program in 2006 to help community organizations in Shiawassee County grow on a strategic, sustainable, and successful path.

One of the first, and most active, participants in the program was Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee. Many board members have attended workshops, staff have taken advantage of professional coaching, and consultants have helped with strategic planning, marketing, and fund development. The Foundation also provided specific grants to help Respite Volunteers update their logo and brand image, create a photo library, and print new brochures.

Recently, Respite Volunteers was one of five organizations recognized with a National Volunteer Caregiving Network 2015 Excellence Award. The criteria for this award, which evaluates the best practices of volunteer caregiving organizations, followed closely the assessment tool used by the NonProfit Capacity Building program.

To learn more, visit www.cookfamilyfoundation.org/capacity-building

"Our participation in the NonProfit Capacity Building program has been a phenomenal help. The award, and the work our board and agency did to qualify, establishes our credibility and will help us with grant applications and fundraising."

— Helen Howard,
Executive Director,
Respite Volunteers

NON-PROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING

114 70

Staff and board members from community organizations attended EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

1-on-1 COACHING SESSIONS teamed a staff and/or board member with a nonprofit expert

ENVIRONMENT

60

Fish species live in the SHIAWASSEE RIVER, all benefiting from the work of three funded organizations:

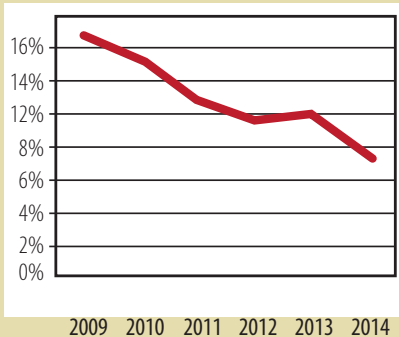
The Nature Conservancy
SAVING THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH

Friends of the SHIAWASSEE RIVER

WIN
Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network

COMMUNITY

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT



The Foundation's many years of investment in the SHIAWASSEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP have been rewarded with a declining unemployment rate in the community.

15,339

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

at Owosso Community Players musicals since the re-opening of the SHIAWASSEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

2,922
SHREK

2,371
ADDAMS FAMILY

4,026
MARY POPPINS

UNIVERSITY of MICHIGAN

3.95

AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA

29.6

AVERAGE ACT SCORE

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT of the 25 students from our region who enrolled in the University of Michigan Class of 2018. Each was awarded a Cook Family Foundation scholarship.



EDUCATION & YOUTH

134

Teachers and principals in the Owosso Public Schools trained as INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE instructors



757

Academically outstanding eighth-graders recognized as SHIAWASSEE SCHOLARS by the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District in the 15 years of the program

8,650

Unique visitors to the Foundation's website
cookfamilyfoundation.org
Up 29% from the previous year

Visit our website to find out more about:

- Scholarship Information
- Grant Criteria
- Grant Application
- Nonprofit Capacity Building Program





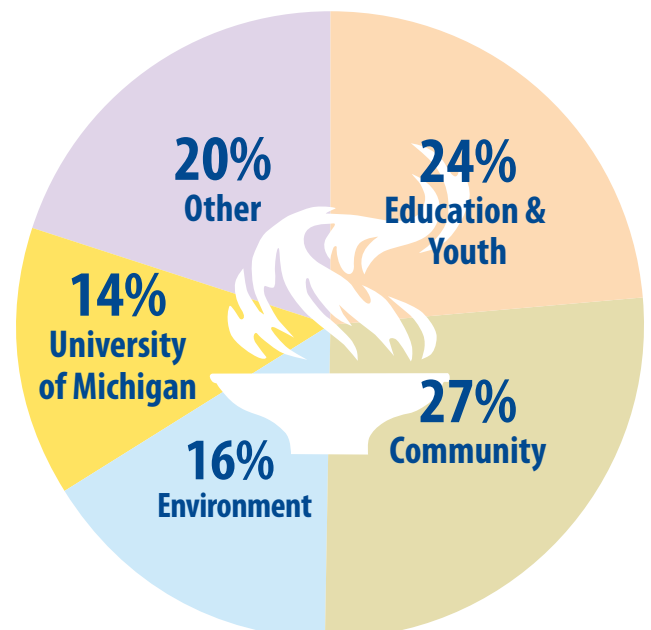
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2014 Grants

Through strategic, proactive use of funds and grants, the Cook Family Foundation strives to strengthen institutions, extend their mission and enable their growth. Our goal is to help initiate change and promote sustainability within an organization, and as such the Foundation is willing to provide financial support for programs, facilities, equipment, staffing, professional development, contracted services, or other tools for positive change. Each year the Cook Family Foundation reviews grant proposals from community organizations with emphasis on key areas as highlighted in this listing of projects funded in 2014.

Community Organizations	\$148,318	University of Michigan	\$80,205
Nonprofit Capacity Building Program	\$35,600	Scholarships	\$60,600
Shiawassee Family YMCA	\$30,000	Scholarship Support	\$19,605
Owosso Fellowship Program	\$21,599		
Steam Railroading Institute	\$20,000		
Owosso Community Players	\$15,000		
Shiawassee HoPE Project	\$10,291		
Durand Union Station, Inc.	\$6,400		
Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership	\$5,000		
Other Community Grants	\$2,400		
Other Arts Grants	\$2,028		
		Additional Financials	
		Administration & Associated Costs	\$86,242
		Office Expenses and Memberships	\$30,259
		Taxes	\$5,350
		Professional Services & Fees	\$4,890
		Communications	\$3,876
		Other Grants	\$3,500
Education and Youth	\$102,000	Total Disbursements	\$713,409
Shiawassee Regional Education Services District			
Shiawassee Scholars	\$60,000		
Owosso Public Schools IB Programme	\$36,000		
Early Childhood	\$5,000		
Other Education and Youth	\$1,000		
Environment	\$248,770		
The Nature Conservancy	\$200,000		
Friends of the Shiawassee River	\$28,020		
Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN)	\$20,000		
Other Environment	\$750		

In the last five years, the Foundation has made grants totaling in excess of \$2.5 million dollars in five primary areas.



Bruce Cook Honored as 2015 Citizen of the Year

We don't practice philanthropy for the accolades, but every now and then it is nice to get a little appreciation.

Recently, the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce recognized Foundation President Bruce Cook as its 2015 Citizen of the Year. This most prestigious award is given to an individual who has "demonstrated an active interest and significant involvement in community affairs and has, through their efforts, contributed to the betterment of the community."

In addition to his role with the Cook Family Foundation, the award noted Bruce Cook's efforts to recruit students to the the University of Michigan, his work with the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership, and his 30 years of service with the Shiawassee Family YMCA.

"Owosso has given me and my family more than I have given to the community," said Bruce Cook upon being surprised with the award recognition at the weekly meeting of the Owosso Rotary Club.



Bruce Cook was honored as the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Citizen of the Year in February.

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