



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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Our mission is to advance the health and wellness in the West End community.

Our vision is to build a culture encouraging healthy lifestyles in the West End.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

WEST END HEALTH FOUNDATION

16

Grants
Total

8

Programmatic
Grants

3

Proactive
Grants

4

Partnerships

Capital Grants

Marquette County received \$8,250 for search and rescue, Courage Incorporated received \$10,000 for equipment upgrades, Marquette County Habitat for Humanity received \$10,000 for its home repair program, Michigamme United Methodist Institute received \$2,750 for a lawn mower at Camp Michigamme, Negaunee Senior Citizens Center received \$2,500 for Capturing Memories/Expanding Horizons, Pregnancy Services of Marquette received \$2,000 for Food and Freshen UP, Superior Shore Systems Inc. received \$4,500 for boxes for food, and the West End Townships Emergency Services Authority (WETESA) received \$10,000 for AED upgrades and replacement accessories.

Programmatic Grants

Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter received \$6,500 for West End Marquette County Dementia Outreach and Awareness Program, Cancer Care of Marquette County received \$10,000 for Patient Care Services, Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes received \$2,500 for Establishing Equity in Western Marquette County's Girl Scout Leadership Experience, Ishpeming-Negaunee-NICE Community Education Division received \$7,500 for Adult Basic Education (ABE) & Beyond 26, Room at the Inn received \$2,000 for Scattered Site Family Emergency Shelter, Northern Lights Child Advocacy Center received \$10,000 for Triage Response – Child Abuse, The Salvation Army of Marquette County received \$5,000 for Bridging the Gap, and the UP Children's Therapy received \$6,500 for Summer Speech Therapy Program.

Proactive Grants

The West End Health Foundation hosts a Proactive Grant Cycle every summer to focus on a specific health issue addressing the community. The theme for 2024 was Food Insecurity. Three grants were provided, \$12,750 to Partridge Creek Farm, \$11,840 to Negaunee Public Schools Lakeview School Garden, and \$25,410 for the Greater Ishpeming Area Commission on Aging for their West End Senior Grocery Getter Program.

School Based Wellness

Annually the West End Health Foundation provides the 4 school districts in its community with School-Based Wellness Funding to enhance their strategic priorities for students. The following programs were funded: NICE Community School District - \$25,000 for health and wellness improvements, Ishpeming Public School District - \$25,000 for student mental health support, Negaunee Public Schools - \$25,000 for a district health coordinator and Republic-Michigamme Schools - \$25,000 for mental health rescue.

Partnerships

The West End Health Foundation partners with two organizations for fundraising events to support health and wellness initiatives.

- West End Health Foundation Golf Classic to Benefit Marquette County Cares Coalition: The Foundation covers 100% of the expenses for the Golf Classic, thereby allowing every dollar raised to go directly to the Marquette County Cares Coalition (MC2), which totaled \$18,423. MC2 is a coalition that is committed to promoting the healthy development of young individuals.
- Start the Cycle Title Sponsor: The foundation sponsors this event with \$10,000 to cover the cost of purchasing bicycles and marketing for the Bike Raffle so that 100% of every raffle ticket sale goes directly back to the organization. By sponsoring this event, Start the Cycle was able to raise \$23,530!

Partnerships

- **Sideline Training:** The foundation provides a sponsorship of \$10,000 for sideline athletic training at three West End School Districts by sponsoring U.P. Children's Therapy to offset the costs of injury prevention during athletic events.
- **Swim Teal Lake Benefit for Diabetes:** The West End Health Foundation provides a matching grant to benefit Camp UPeninsulin. For every dollar raised by a swimmer for the Swim Teal Lake Benefit, the foundation matches the donation.



Multi-Year Grant

- **Great Lakes Recovery Foundation:** The West End Health Foundation continued to fund its pledge to the John Kivela Center Behavioral Health Campus of Great Lakes Recovery Centers in the amount of \$300,000. Great Lakes Recovery will be receiving \$60,000/year over 5 years.
- **Six Feet Over:** The West End Health Foundation pledged \$5,000/year for the Cleaning Fund to support families in the West End of Marquette County coping with suicide.

Community Donation/Sponsorships

The West End Health Foundation continues to support organizations in their fundraising events by sponsoring those that impact the health and wellness of the West End of Marquette County.

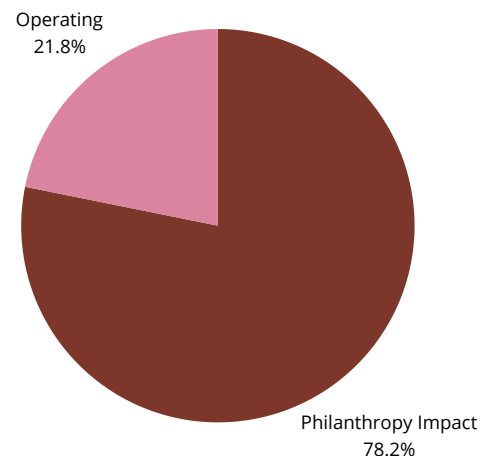
2024 PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT

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PHILANTHROPY BREAKDOWN

- ▶ Competitive Grants- \$100,000
- ▶ Event Partnerships - \$48,173
- ▶ School Partnerships - \$100,000
- ▶ Proactive Grants - \$50,000
- ▶ Community Donations- \$10,150
- ▶ Great Lakes Recovery Center - \$60,000

PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES



Philanthropic Impact: \$373,323

Total Operating: \$104,244

Total Budget: \$447,567

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

In 2023, the West End Health Foundation transitioned from a public charity reliant on fundraising to a private foundation focused exclusively on grantmaking. As a result, our charitable giving grew once again in 2024.

We continue to offer three competitive grant cycles each year, awarding \$50,000 per cycle. Additionally, we invest in school-based wellness by providing \$25,000 to every school district in the West End. Our \$300,000 pledge to the Great Lakes Recovery Center's John Kivela Center continues, and we've strengthened our partnerships with four key agencies to support health and wellness initiatives across our community. We also proudly sponsor local events, helping other nonprofits raise the funds they need to fulfill their missions.

One of the most significant changes this year was assuming the lease of our office building following the departure of the Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce. This shift has allowed us to deepen our community roots and help other organizations establish a physical presence. As part of this effort, the Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP) began subleasing the former Chamber space, creating the new West End Business Hub. Junior Achievement also joined us as a tenant. These partnerships bring together businesses, nonprofits, and youth programs—all working to build a stronger West End.

Our all-volunteer board is deeply passionate about improving the health and wellness of Marquette County's West End. With a sharper vision, more efficient operations, and increased giving capacity, we're proud to support the incredible organizations making a difference every day.

If you have questions about the annual report, the West End Health Foundation, or would like to get involved as a volunteer, we'd love to hear from you.

Sincerely, The Board of Directors

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