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## The Survivor

The Great War took the lives of 18 million people around the world. 28 of them were from Gladwin County. To honor those who made that sacrifice, a statue stands in Ross Lake Park. Most Beaverton residents are familiar with the long-standing piece. Erected on Flag Day in 1925, "The Survivor" World War I monument depicts a brave soldier standing guard next to one dead and one wounded compatriot.

Created over the winter and spring months in 1925 by Helmuth von Zengen, the artist used a steel structure mounted on a concrete base following by layers of burlap and concrete. The monument has proudly stood for all to see and reflect on the toll of war.

Eventually, the elements took their own toll on the monument, and in 2018, nearly 100 years after it was built, it was beautifully restored. The City of Beaverton received many donations toward the \$25,000 restoration effort, including a \$5,000 grant from the Gladwin County Community Foundation. The grant reflects the community foundation's desire to help fund projects and programs that impact a wide range of community members. "The Survivor" monument is one example of a project that everyone can appreciate.



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# Annual Report 2018



**GLADWIN COUNTY**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



## Your community, your foundation.

The essence of a community foundation is many people putting their money together to address the diverse needs where they live. Year in and year out, that's where we utilize community gifts to help meet needs here at home in Gladwin County. As money is endowed, the gifts grow forever, providing ongoing support to help our community prosper.

Your Gladwin County Community Foundation works to impact arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services, and recreation. We do this in a variety of ways. Most notably, our grant program provided over \$65,000 in 2018 toward projects and programs that better our communities.

In this annual report, you'll learn about the impact we're having throughout Gladwin County by bringing donors together for positive change. We invite you to learn more about your community foundation and how you can make an impact right here in Gladwin County. Through grants, scholarships, and collaboration with community leaders and initiatives, together we're creating a more prosperous Gladwin County.

## YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL

The Gladwin County Youth Action Council (GladYAC) is a group of local youth who are giving back to the community through service, leadership, and philanthropy. Any youth aged 12 to 19 who is either living in or attending middle school or high school in Gladwin County is eligible to join. The student-led group has a grant budget and meets regularly to decide which projects impacting students in Gladwin County to help fund.

### Contribution Card

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
To make a credit card contribution, please go to [gladwinfoundation.org](http://gladwinfoundation.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

If this gift is to a fund that supports a specific organization, that organization will be notified unless otherwise noted (Name and address only, not dollar amount).

Please DO NOT notify the organization that I have made this gift.

If this gift is in honor or memory of someone, please complete the following:

This gift is in *honor of*: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in *memory of*: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the following individual(s) of this honor/memory gift.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## How can you help?

Your community foundation provides a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

Would you consider becoming a member of GCCF? Each donor has a unique giving experience, tailored to suit his or her philanthropic goals.

Members of GCCF are any person who annually donates any amount to any fund. Want to get even more involved? Consider opening your own donor-advised fund. For details, please contact the community foundation at 800.909.9661.

## 2018 FINANCIALS

Total Assets: ..... \$3,046,105

Contributions: ..... \$251,019

\*Grants Awarded: ..... \$65,100

Scholarships Awarded: ..... \$61,500

All assets are invested to benefit Gladwin County

\*This amount includes grants from Donor Advised Funds

## 2018 GRANTS AWARDED

### Northern Michigan Mobile Child Advocacy Center: \$7,825

The mobile child advocacy center is expanding their program offerings to help with child abuse prevention efforts. This project will increase awareness and help shed light on an often hidden issue occurring within our communities.



Skeels Christian School: \$1,177.08  
(Youth Action Council grant)

The Skeels Christian School library utilized an outdated system to track books. A new software program was purchased so students could access ebooks from any device and search for/find hard copy books on several subjects.

### Beaverton Rural Schools: \$5,000 (\$2,500 from YAC, \$2,500 from GCCF)

A new program focusing on student attendance was implemented at Beaverton Rural Schools. This project provides incentives to students, better connects families, and builds partnerships between school systems to help remove barriers to attendance early on before it negatively impacts learning.

### City of Beaverton: \$10,000

A new police cruiser was purchased to replace a vehicle over the recommended mileage limit for efficiency. The 2018 Dodge Charger was outfitted with all necessary equipment essential for a municipal police vehicle.

### City of Beaverton: \$5,000

The WWI monument known as "The Survivor" in Ross Lake Park was in a state of decay. Built in 1925, the statue finally underwent a renovation in 2018.

### Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority: \$10,000

The Cedar River Corridor Plan will highlight the assets of this public corridor to help preserve the area as a wildlife corridor. It also includes a plan for long-term governance and management of the area.

### Grout Township: \$1,672 – Pavilion addition (TOWN matching grant)

This TOWN (Treasuring Our Wonderful Neighborhoods) matching grant was provided to Grout Township to outfit the new township pavilion with 2 charcoal grills, 15 eight-foot tables, and 100 metal chairs.



Gladwin Community Arena Fitness Center: \$10,000  
(\$6,544 from YAC, \$3,456 from GCCF)

New equipment was purchased to keep the Gladwin Community Arena skating rink safe and fun for all. Funds will help maintain the free skate program for families who can't afford rentals or their own skates.

### MidMichigan Community Action Agency: \$3,500

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) received funding to help recruit, train, and organize volunteer tax preparers to assist low/moderate income individuals and families with tax preparation.

### Teacher Mini Grants:

As part of the Gladwin County Community Foundation's continued efforts to grow with the community and offer support where it's needed, a new teacher mini-grant program was established. These grants of up to \$250 can go toward any project or program that positively impacts or enhances learning for local students. Any teacher can apply throughout the school year.



- Beaverton Jr./Sr. High School: \$250 – Classroom library
- Gladwin High School: \$225.60 – Physical education equipment
- Beaverton Jr./Sr. High School: \$250 – Robotics/computer training
- Beaverton Jr./Sr. High School: \$250 – Teacher tablet
- Beaverton Jr./Sr. High School: \$250 – Science supplies
- Beaverton Jr./Sr. High School: \$250 – Life learning skills materials
- Gladwin High School: \$250 – Weather patterns observation materials