

MICHIGAN
MASONIC
CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION



**IMPACT
REPORT
2024**



Bottom Line...YOU make all the difference!!

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I reflect on the incredible generosity and impact I've witnessed, I am both humbled and awe-struck.

People often underestimate their contributions, but every dollar matters--it creates ripples of change. Our donors, perhaps unknowingly, create a chain reaction of kindness.

Each dollar resonates far beyond its numerical value--it touches lives, uplifts spirits and fosters hope, leaving an indelible mark on our Masonic family and on our communities.

From the depths of my heart, thank you! Together we're writing a story of impact, one chapter at a time.



KELLY THOMPSON

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

During this fiscal year, the Foundation received total cash contributions in the amount of \$990,475.23.

Requests: \$393,493.08

Contributions: \$497,751.46

Charity Accounts: \$99,230.69

LEADERSHIP

The Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation board was ably led this past year by Mrs. Jan Cross, Grand Secretary, OES.

Jan Cross, President
Blair Schadler, Vice President
Eugene Abbaticchio, MWGM
William Sauget, RWDGM
James Huff, RWSGW
Michael Roberts, RWJGW
William Finkel, RWGS
Larry Inscho, RWGT
Caroline Ambrose, Trustee
Todd Schmitz, Trustee
Kevin Perry, Trustee
William Wagner, Trustee

By The Numbers

Masonic Assistance
\$2,101,721.00

Michigan Masonic Home Operations
\$15,949,756.00

Doig Chapel
\$506,000.00

Lodge and Chapter Charity Accounts
\$573,479.48

S.A.Y. Detroit
\$500,000.00

By The Numbers

Youth Groups
\$36,000.00

Widows & Orphans
\$740.00

Outside Relief
\$32,622.00

Masonic Service Association
\$7,500.00

National Masonic Fdn. for Children
\$7,500.00

LODGE CHARITY ACCOUNTS

Before the inception of LCA, only 40% of our lodges were able to take part in community support and brotherly relief. As of today we have a 98% participation rate! Because of our lodges, the fingers of Masonic philanthropy are reaching every part of the state!



Delta Lodge #195's unwavering support for the Escanaba Robotics team exemplifies the profound impact community involvement can have on youth development. Investing in these young innovators not only fosters a passion for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) but also cultivates essential life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and perseverance. Encouraging and supporting youth programs like this is crucial for nurturing the next generation of leaders and thinkers.



PROFOUND IMPACT

St. Joseph Lodge #437 used their Lodge Charity Account to support Present Pillars; an organization built to empower men and fathers to seek the tools they need to stabilize their lives so that they can be the dads of their dreams.





\$573,479.48

Kindness and charitable giving are deeply ingrained within the principles of Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star. The Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation, in partnership with our lodges and chapters, have a support structure that helps members make positive contributions to communities and to our membership in the form of Lodge and Chapter Charity Accounts.



CHAPTER CHARITY ACCOUNTS

In 2023 we rolled out the Chapter Charity Account program so OES chapters had the same opportunities as the lodges to use this program to help enrich their membership and spread impact into the communities. At the end of year one, we had 65% chapter utilization!



HOUSING INSECURITY

Okemos Chapter No. 267 chose to support Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Lansing Chapter, a charity that builds beds for children and also provides bedding.

WOMEN IN CRISIS

Linden Chapter donated some of their funds to H.I.S. Restoration Ministries mission, a Maternity Home to provide a house of refuge and a safe place for adult women, 18 years and older, who find themselves homeless during pregnancy.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Roseville Chapter No. 468 used their Chapter Charity Account to support Wigs 4 Kids, a nonprofit organization who brings together stylists and hair donors who want to help children experiencing hair loss from alopecia, trichotillomania, burns, chemotherapy or any other medical causes of hair loss. When the right connections are made, regular people can make real changes in these children's lives every single day.



The Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation's longstanding partnership with SAY Detroit has produced impactful solutions to challenges faced by thousands of Detroiters each year.

Founded by author and philanthropist Mitch Albom in 2006, the nonprofit identifies, develops and executes proactive strategies to create more equitable and thriving communities. Thanks largely to annual funding support from the MMCF, SAY Detroit provides pathways to success through programs which house the unhoused (Working Homes/Working Families); increase educational outcomes and opportunities (SAY Play Center); improve the health of the uninsured and underinsured (SAY Family Health Clinic and Mi Cycle), and strengthen relationships between local citizens and police (Better Together).

“Without question, support from the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation has strengthened our mission since our partnership began in 2016,” Albom said. “It has allowed us to invest in ways that address both the immediate and long-term needs of our low-income population and lift entire communities.”





SAY Play has been lauded by community leaders, including Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, for its various achievements as one of the city's top nonprofit learning centers. This past year they include producing 100% graduation rates for its 8th and 12th graders, along with every member of its 3rd through 5th grade literacy cohort improving one-grade level or more in reading.

In May 2024, the nonprofit's Working Homes/Working Families program, which provides rehabilitated and fully furnished homes to housing insecure families each year, awarded a working mother a house located just two blocks from the SAY Play Center, where her three children receive academic support and dinner each day. By receiving a mortgage-and-rent free house, the first-time homeowner, who is a medical assistant, has been able to save money for college.

SAY Detroit is so grateful for the MMCF's support that it celebrates "Michigan Masons Day" each fall with a student-led variety show and pizza party. Every spring, Albom and SAY Detroit's leadership team travels to Alma to celebrate its partnership with a meet-and-greet and book club meeting with residents of the Michigan Masonic Home. In June 2024, residents were treated to the creative insight behind Albom's latest book, "The Little Liar."



THE LITTLE EXTRAS

That have **BIG** impact

We are so grateful and blessed to have such amazing donors that always have the residents and staff of the Michigan Masonic Home in their hearts!

GOLF CART

Multiple individuals and lodges joined together to purchase this adapted golf cart so the residents could get out and enjoy trips around the campus.

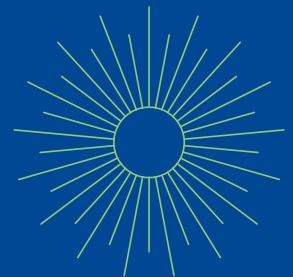
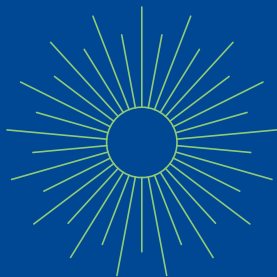
SWEET TREATS

We have a few different donors that provide treats for the residents and staff around different holidays.





THANKS to our generous donor, Judy Edwards, the Masonic Home is the proud owner of the OBIE system. The OBIE uses an intelligent, sensor-equipped projector that turns any surface into an interactive area, which is easy to use, manage and sanitize. It comes with an immersive gaming platform that helps shape engaging and diverse challenges, for body and mind. The games are designed to help reduce cognitive declines by increasing participation, happiness, alertness and socialization through activities that bring residents, care teams and family members closer to each other – in the moments where it's needed the most. Thank you Judy!



A huge thank you to Margaret Yeager and another who wishes to remain anonymous; the front porch at the Michigan Masonic Home got a nice furniture transformation. The residents love the pop of color and the comfortable seating!!!





Byron Lodge #80
F&AM

Hillsdale
Lodge #32
F&AM

Pere Marquette
Lodge #299
F&AM



Solomon's Key
Lodge #580
F&AM

Imlay City
Friendship
Chapter No. 252
O.E.S.

In Loving Memory of
Ray Abbey, PGP
From the "ButterBee's"



The Michigan Masonic Home campus has been graced with new benches, thoughtfully placed in honor and memory of lives well lived. These benches serve as a tribute to the cherished memories and enduring legacies of those who have touched our hearts. They offer a peaceful spot for reflection and remembrance, allowing residents and visitors to celebrate the beauty of life.



Thanks to the generous donations from our community, the residents now have a beautiful new patio swing to enjoy. This wonderful addition was made possible by the tireless efforts of the amazing volunteers from Alma Lodge #244. Despite the scorching heat and bright sun, these dedicated individuals spent their afternoon assembling the swing, ensuring that the residents have a comfortable and relaxing spot to unwind. Their hard work and commitment truly embody the spirit of community and service...The Masonic Way!



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with
LOVE

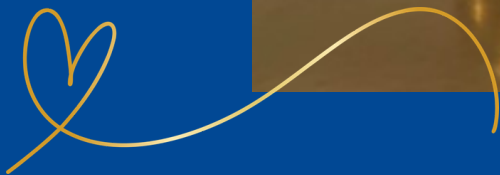


Every year the beautiful ladies of Okemos Chapter donate beautiful hand -crafted lap blankets for the Michigan Masonic Home residents and Gail Hahn donates home made fidget sleeves for our memory care residents!!





The residents were all screaming B-I-N-G-O the day this donation for prizes came in. Nothing has them feeling more victorious than selecting a sweet treat or other prize generously donated by various donors including our lodges and chapters!!



This donation was a BIG hit...Large print books added to the Reaching for the Stars Media Center!

FOREVER GRATEFUL

To our Amazing donors who give depth and breadth to what we do!!



**Composite Lodge #499
Doric Society**



**Ryan Clay
Grand Master's Club**



**Loretta Bonsall
Grand Master's Club**



**Tom & Shelia Huis
Doric Society**



**Judy Edwards
Grand Master's Club**

COMING SOON

Project to be completed in July, 2025 a serene sanctuary created through the incredible generosity of our donors. This tranquil space is designed to honor and remember, featuring a memorial wall that stands as a testament to cherished memories. The lush gardens, adorned with vibrant flowers, provide a picturesque setting for reflection and peace.

As you stroll through the charming rose arbor and under the graceful pergola, you'll find yourself immersed in nature's beauty. The reflection garden, also known as the scatter garden, offers a peaceful place for contemplation and remembrance. This garden is a gift to our residents, staff, and community, providing a haven of beauty and solace for all who visit.

We are deeply grateful to our donors for making this vision a reality. Their generosity has created a space where residents, staff and visitors can find comfort, inspiration, and connection.

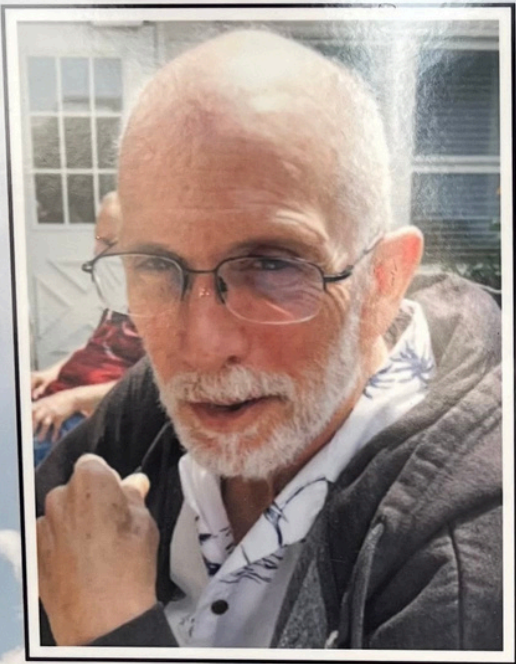




A garden is a friend you can visit any time



*“The pain passes,
but the beauty remains” - Renoir*



“PATE’S PATIO”

In Loving Memory of

**WILLIAM
“BILL” PATE**

*Please walk with Bill in the
courtyard he enjoyed.*

Our memorial wall will be a deeply moving tribute to those who have touched our lives in unforgettable ways. Each plaque is not just a name, but a story, a legacy of love, courage, and the profound impact they had on our hearts. This wall is a sanctuary of memories, where the essence of our loved ones is preserved and celebrated. It is a place where we can feel their presence, honor their journey, and find solace in the enduring connection we share; a testament to the beauty of their lives and the lasting imprint they have left on our souls.

It is an honor and privilege to serve!!



Kelly Thompson, Director



Theresa Quezada, Planned Giving



Kristina Ostrander, Annual Giving



Amanda Bass, Programs

