

Chip Hansen

To: Chip Hansen
Subject: Trustee Topics - March 10, 2022

Hello Trustees,

Ok, I confess. I'm getting spring fever. It's feeling like spring in the office, too . . . the environmental grant cycle moving forward, the scholarship application review process in full swing, preparing for our summer events, and thinking BIG . . . preparing for the upcoming Strategic Planning retreat and kicking off our work to prepare for the staffing transitions that are ahead of us. So, buckle up . . . and enjoy!

Mark Your Calendars . . .

- The C3F "30th Anniversary Gala Open House" will be held at The Boathouse in East Jordan from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th. Grey Gables will cater the "invitation-only" event, which we hope will attract 150+ guests.
- Be sure to check your email next Thursday, March 17th. You will receive a Unanimous Written Consent communication seeking approval of the Environmental Cycle grant awards. We're trying to get the award notices out before Spring Break . . . hence the need for UWC. Thanks!

Light at the End of the Tunnel . . .

- Ashley and the Environmental Advisory Committee will meet on March 16th. They will review, rank and recommend grant awards for the 10 proposals (totaling \$173K) that have been submitted for consideration.
- Mishelle and her Scholarship Review Committees are in full swing, with nearly 50 volunteers actively reading and ranking the 340+ applications that were submitted.
- The Youth Advisory Committee is meeting in our office today, working with Mishelle to review the results of the YAC survey. The top concern among teens . . . **anxiety**. It's been a rough couple of years for everyone, but we can be pleased that our YAC will be thinking about how they can help make things better for our young people moving forward.

Money Matters . . .

- Gifts in February totaled \$41,547, pushing gifts to \$143,047 for the year.
- Fund Evaluation Group reports the General Investment and ESG Pools fell by 2.1% and 3.5% respectively in February. The Pools are down 7.6% and 9.3%, respectively, YTD. Total assets fell to \$58,306,418.

News and Notes . . .

- I attended housing solutions meetings in Boyne City and East Jordan this week and I'm really excited about the progress we're making. So much activity, and, importantly, several opportunities for C3F's new *Housing Solutions Fund* to engage in supporting local initiatives.
- The SUN Fund was active this week, providing a \$625 grant to East Jordan Middle/High School to support an upcoming prom-related "impaired and distracted driving" seminar (and activities) for students. The total cost of the project is \$5,500, with support from EJPS and the EJ First Responders.
- Sara, Matt and I will meet next week to plan the upcoming Investment and Finance Committee meeting agendas, and Sara and I will collaborate to construct the Executive Committee and Board of Trustee agendas.
- Sara and I met with Lyn Jenks this week to finalize the agenda for the upcoming Strategic Planning Retreat. The Retreat will be filled with opportunities to review, reflect and report, providing the raw materials that will form the heart of our next Strategic Plan.

Closing Comments . . .

This weekend Laura and I will head south to Northville to celebrate Cooper's 2nd birthday. Cooper was born on March 12, 2020 . . . literally the first day of the COVID lockdown. Cooper spent his first year mostly at home with his mom and dad, who, of course, was working remotely. He went to well-baby visits and visited relatives, outdoors. He sat in his first shopping cart about 6 months ago, and on Sunday morning, he will go out to breakfast with his grammy and papa and the rest of our family. This will be his first visit to a restaurant. It will feel, I think, almost normal.

It feels almost normal in our offices now, too. With pandemic conditions improving, we moved to a "mask optional" position this week. The change has been refreshing. It's been so nice to see our team smile and to hear their chatter and laughter. These are the things that I have missed the most.

I know the pandemic has changed my outlook on so many things . . . and filled me with equal doses of worry and hope. Those feelings linger today. In the broadest sense, I "hope" that things will get better, but I "worry" that they won't. Like the kids in our schools . . . I might be **anxious**, too. Mostly, though . . . I'm feeling more hopeful and more empowered.

Why?

Because, in a few weeks we will work together at our Strategic Planning Retreat. We will review the results of our Community Survey and discuss "who" we are and "what" we can become. We will identify what is BEST about us, and what we might hope to improve. In every way . . . this exercise will lean forward, not backward. I can't think of anything more hopeful . . . or more empowering . . . than to work collectively to:

"Enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come."

That is, of course . . . the mission of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Let's live it.

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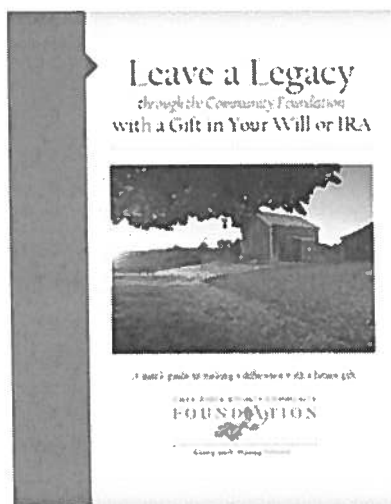
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Hello Trustees,

It's been especially quiet here this week. Ashley and Mishelle are remote during Spring Break, and, like many of you, Sara and Matt are enjoying some well-deserved time away. I've been flying solo in the office. It's amazing what can be accomplished when no one else is around! And, it came at a great time, as Laura and I will head to Florida's panhandle on Sunday, and the "alone time" in the office has helped me prepare in advance for our 4/21 Investment, Finance and Executive Committee meetings. Sara will handle things at the office until I return on April 13th, and I'll be checking e-mail daily in case anything that needs my attention comes up.

Today's edition of the "Topics" is short and sweet. Enjoy!

Gifts . . .

- Gifts in March totaled \$492,225, pushing the YTD total to \$635,272.

Grants . . .

- The SUN Fund was active last week:
 - ✓ \$800 to the Lake Louise Christian Camp to provide more than 200 seedlings to plant in their forests, which have benefited from selective harvests over the years.
 - ✓ \$1,000 to the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix Foundation to support the purchase of a book vending machine to be used as part of the positive behavior awards program at Charlevoix Elementary School.
- The Urgent Needs Fund will likely be active in mid-April. A proposal to support a significant investment in mental health services is expected from the McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

Good Things . . .

- Consistent with a line item in the 2022 Operating Fund Budget, we've finalized a proposal from Centaris (Petoskey) to upgrade our office phone system. We will move to a VOIP (Voice Over IP) system in mid-April. This is so good, as our old Avaya system dates back at least 20 years and has been malfunctioning a bit recently.
- We will hold a separate 30th Anniversary event on Beaver Island on Wednesday, June 8th. The event will be held at the St. James Yacht Club and will cater to our island friends,

current & former trustees, donors, Legacy Society members, and nonprofit partners. More details to follow.

- Ashley has worked with her communication colleagues at the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area CF and the Grand Traverse Regional CF to prepare a guest commentary highlighting the 30th Anniversary of each CF. Hard to imagine that the 3 CF's all got their start in 1992. Even more difficult to imagine are the cumulative assets of more than \$225 million and cumulative grants and scholarships of more than \$120 million. Simply. Amazing.
- Mishelle is finalizing the 2022 scholarship awards this week. The awards will be shared with students at each school's respective honors convocation in May.

Closing Comments . . . the Heart of the Matter . . .

As we close the first quarter of 2022 I am reminded about just how fast the time passes. In February, we celebrated Ashley's 3rd year at C3F. In the 2nd quarter, Matt will celebrate his first year at C3F and Sara her 6th. Mishelle will celebrate her 10th year in August. I'll celebrate my 12th work anniversary in early July. As an organization, we've been blessed by quality and continuity. Bob Tambellini (18 years), Laura (29 years) and Maureen (17 years) developed so many practices and procedures that we continue to use (and improve upon) daily. I'm grateful for the opportunity to stand on their shoulders. And I'm also grateful to work alongside Ashley, Mishelle, Sara and Matt. You've heard me say this many times, but it's worth repeating; "When we look for team members, we look for people with good hearts. We can teach people all the job-related skills they'll ever need. But . . . if they don't have a good heart, they will never be the kind of team member we need."

That's the heart of the matter.

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