



## THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MEETS A HIGHER STANDARD

*Charlevoix County Community Foundation has recently been re-accredited with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®—the highest standards for philanthropic excellence.*



**Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™**

We work to support the causes our community cares about, from protecting our local lakes and rivers to enhancing culture through libraries and arts centers. National Standards says that we meet the most rigorous standards in philanthropy and is a promise to our community that we'll continue to do this good work together, right here in Charlevoix County.

National Standards is not mandatory. We chose to go above and beyond by affirming our commitment to excellence and accountability. Our accreditation provides assurance that we have sound policies and practices in place. In short, it means we meet the highest standards for local giving. "Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a trusted partner, working to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come," noted Chip Hansen, president. "We are so pleased to be re-accredited in recognition of the quality work of staff, board, and committees on behalf of our community."

To receive accreditation with National Standards, Charlevoix County Community Foundation submitted our policies and procedures to a rigorous review of 41 National Standards in four key areas of community foundation operations, including donor services, investment management, grantmaking, and administration.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® program was established in 2000 in cooperation with the Council on Foundations. For more information about National Standards, visit [www.cfstandards.org](http://www.cfstandards.org).