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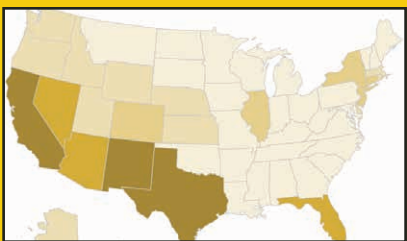
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CMU joins nation in remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

Hundreds kick off series of events to honor and continue civil rights leader's legacy



Courtesy Photos

CMU kicked off its annual celebration Monday remembering the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a community peace brunch and march from campus to downtown Mount Pleasant.

Speakers at the unity brunch included CMU President George E. Ross, finalists of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Contest and the president of CMU's Organization for Black Unity. In the afternoon, hundreds of students and community members braved cold temperatures to walk from campus to downtown Mount Pleasant in honor of Dr. King. The march concluded with remarks from the vice president of the CMU chapter of the NAACP.

"There are still many injustices in the world, but it is important that we stand together and display acts of change and care," said CMU senior Adrienne Bright of

Flushing.

Students also took part in a day of service to honor Dr. King's commitment to giving back to our communities and those in need. Projects included the creation of blankets for children in foster care, valentine cards for veterans, murals and more. The day of service was coordinated by the Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center.

CMU's MLK Week events continue with a voter registration drive and special viewing of the film "Selma" with First Lady Ross on Tuesday, speaker Shaun King on Wednesday evening and the annual Unity Ball Saturday.

For a full list of CMU's 2016 MLK Week events, visit the Multicultural Academic Student Services website.

Resolve to become a lifesaver this year

Michigan Blood celebrates National Blood Donor Month



Franjione brothers (from left to right) Ben, Sam, and Jesse.

Courtesy Photo

MIDLAND, MI. (January 13, 2016) – Back in 1986 when Gregg Franjione became a blood donor, he didn't realize how much impact blood donation would have on his life. He just knew that giving blood was "an easy way to help out others," but admits he "never thought about the recipients much."

Franjione and his wife Laurene of Midland had three sons over the course of eight years. It was at the birth of their youngest son, Benjamin, that they received the frightening diagnosis that baby Ben had Tetralogy of Fallot – a combination of four congenital heart defects. Ben needed open heart surgery in order to survive, and multiple blood transfusions were a key part of his surgery and recovery.

As if one health scare in the family wasn't enough, the words, "Hodgkin's Lymphoma" took the family down another frightening path in 2004 with middle-son Jesse's diagnosis. With loving support from the community, Jesse and family

geared up for many chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Jesse also needed multiple blood transfusions to keep his blood counts at a safe level, which helped bring him into remission.

With more than 11 gallons of blood donated over the course of Franjione's life, he says there is no amount he could give that would offset what his family received through generous donations of time and blood.

"Today, my wife and I would be the parents of only one child – not three – if it wasn't for the gift of blood donations from others," said Franjione.

Through their experience, the Franjione family wants to help others. They pay it forward as often as they can and advocate for blood donation, even if some are medically unable to donate on their own.

National Blood Donor Month

January is National Blood Donor Month and Michigan Blood joins the Franjione family in their challenge to others to become regular

blood donors. Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate. For additional information about donating blood or to make an appointment, individuals can visit www.miblood.org. Donations collected by Michigan Blood help save the lives of patients in more than 50 Michigan hospitals including Covenant HealthCare, St. Mary's of Michigan, MidMichigan Health, Caro Community Hospital and Genesys Regional Medical Center. Donations given outside of Michigan Blood do not stay local or have direct local impact.

Below is a listing of local mobile blood drives:

2/01 - New Covenant Church, Gathering Room, 13176 N. Linden Rd, Clio, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 2/01 - Shield of Faith Ministries, Childrens Room, 10322 Swan Creek Rd., Saginaw, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 2/02 - Auburn Area Branch Library, BUS, 235 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
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 2/02 - Caro Community Hospital Auxiliary, Basement, 670 Gilford Rd, Caro, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/02 - Faith Lutheran Church, Beyer Gathering Room, 3033 E. Wilder Rd, Bay City, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 2/02 - Garber High School, Library, 213 Pine St., Essexville, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
 2/02 - Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, REAP room, 200 Congress Ave, Saginaw, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 2/03 - Clare Area Donor Site at Pere Marquette Library, Basement, 185 E 4th St., Clare, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/03 - Orchid Unique Orthopedic Solutions, Bus, 6688 Dixie Highway, Bridgeport, 5:00 am to 11:00 am
 2/03 - Schoolcraft College, Student Activities Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
 2/03 - St. Charles Area Donor Site at St. Charles United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 301 W. Belle Ave., St. Charles, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/04 - Chesaning Area Donor Site at Chesaning-Brady Fire Department, Fire Station, 1632 Brady St., Chesaning, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/04 - Gladwin Community, Meeting Room, 1312 N State St., Gladwin, 12:00 pm to 6:30 pm
 2/04 - Schoolcraft College, Student Activities Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/05 - Arthur Hill High School, Media Center, 3115 Mackinaw St., Saginaw, 8:00 am to 1:30 pm
 2/05 - Birch Run Area Donor Site at St. Mary's of MI - Birch Run, Meeting Room, 9900 E Birch Run Rd, Birch Run, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
 2/05 - Chesaning Area Donor Site at Chesaning-Brady Fire Department, Fire Station, 1632 Brady St., Chesaning, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/05 - East End Blood Drive at Dow Diamond Donor Center, Dow Diamond Donor Center, 825 East Main St., Midland, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/05 - St. Paul Lutheran School, Parish Hall, 4941 W Center St., Millington, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 2/08 - Gladwin First United Methodist Church, Parish Hall, 309 S M-18, Gladwin, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/08 - Valley Lutheran High School, Media Center and Parking Lot, 3560 McCarty Rd, Saginaw, 7:30 am to 2:30 pm
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 2/09 - Frankenmuth High School, Lobby of Bronner Auditorium, 525 E Genesee St., Frankenmuth, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/09 - U.S.A. High School, U.S.A.H.S.-Library, 2203 Wildner Rd., Sebawaing, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
 2/10 - Lacure Elementary, Gymnasium, 12167 Lewis Rd., Clio, 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm
 2/11 - All Saints Central High School, Parish Center, 710 Columbus Ave., Bay City, 7:45 am to 11:45 am
 2/11 - Central Michigan University, POWERS 136, 1200 S. Franklin St., Mount Pleasant, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/11 - St. Mary's of Michigan Standish Hospital, West Entrance, Rear, 805 W Cedar St., Standish, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/12 - Beaumont Hospital - Troy, Classrooms 1-4 by Garden Cafeteria, 44201 Dequindre Rd., Troy, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 2/13 - Blessed Sacrament Kof C #13452, Social Hall, 3109 Swede Ave., Midland, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
 2/15 - Knights of Columbus Council #4232, Parking Lot - Blood Bus, 4840 Shattuck Rd., Saginaw, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 2/15 - Knights of Columbus Edenville 12660 Our Lady of Grace at St. Anne Church Edenville, meeting room, 5738 S M-30, Edenville, 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm
 2/16 - Bay City Central High School, Inside Old Gym, 1624 Columbus Ave., Bay City, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/16 - Owendale-Gagetown High School, Library, 7166 Main Street, Owendale, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/17 - Academic Career Education Academy, conference room, 884 E Isabella Rd., Midland, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 2/17 - Freeland High School, Gym, 8250 Webster Rd., Freeland, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/18 - Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak, Administration Building Lower Level Classroom, 3601 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm
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 2/18 - Beaverton High School, Media Center, 3090 Crockett Rd, Beaverton, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
 2/18 - St. Charles High School, Library, 881 W Walnut St., St. Charles, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/19 - Knights of Columbus - Birch Run, BUS, 11105 Dixie Highway, Birch Run, 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/20 - Christ Redeemer, Bethany Room, 2700 Waldron Rd., Lake Orion, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm
 2/22 - Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic, Main Room, 2106 S Gray Road, West Branch, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 2/22 - Saginaw Spirit Saves, Show Room, 5925 State St, Saginaw, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 2/23 - Saginaw Valley State University, Thompson Student Activities Room, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/23 - Swan Valley High School, Wrestling Room, 8400 O'Hern Rd., Saginaw, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/24 - Caseville Public High School, Gymnasium, 6609 Vine St., Caseville, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 2/24 - Pinconning Knights of Columbus #2986, main room, 326 N Water St., Pinconning, 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm
 2/24 - Saginaw Valley State University, Thompson Student Activities Room, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 2/24 - Sola Health & Fitness, Sports Court, 1555 East South Blvd., Rochester, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 2/25 - CPI / Lubrizol, BUS, 2200 James Savage Rd., Midland, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
 2/25 - Midland High School, Gym, 1301 Eastlawn Dr., Midland, 7:45 am to 2:00 pm
 2/25 - Trinity Lutheran School Monitor, Gym, 20 E Salzburg Rd., Auburn, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 2/26 - Meridian High School, Media Center, 3303 N. M-30, Sanford, 7:45 am to 2:00 pm
 2/27 - Frankenmuth Area Donor Site at Covenant Healthcare Building, Basement, 600 N Main St., Frankenmuth, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 2/28 - St. William Parish, Activity Center, 531 Common St., Walled Lake, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 2/29 - Freeland Area Donor Site at Freeland SportsZone, Community Hall, 5690 Midland Rd., Freeland, 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm

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Latinos in the 2016 Election: Michigan

BY GUSTAVO LÓPEZ AND RENEE STEPLER

This profile provides key demographic information on Latino eligible voters and other major groups of eligible voters in Michigan. All demographic data are based on Pew Research Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2014 American Community Survey.

Hispanics in Michigan’s Eligible Voter Population

Population and Electorate in the United

States and Michigan, 2014

The Hispanic population in Michigan is the 20th largest in the nation. About 477,000 Hispanics reside in Michigan, 0.9% of all Hispanics in the United States.

Michigan’s population is 5% Hispanic, the 38th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.

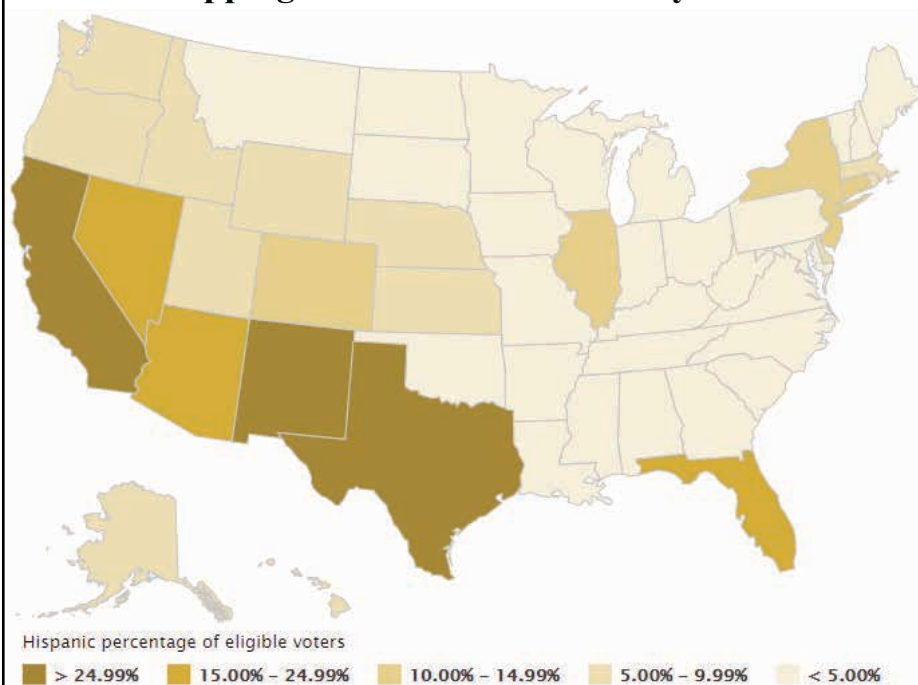
There are 231,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Michigan—the 18th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks

first with 6.9 million.

Some 3% of Michigan eligible voters are Hispanic, the 33rd largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.

Some 49% of Hispanics in Michigan are eligible to vote, ranking Michigan 20th nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, 79% of the state’s white population is eligible to vote.

Mapping the Latino Electorate by State



Note: Eligible voters are defined as U.S. citizens, ages 18 and older. The District of Columbia elects two non-voting delegates to the Senate.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of 2014 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS); Alaska, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and West Virginia estimates are from American FactFinder (2014 ACS 1-year estimates, tables B05003 and B050031)

Population and Electorate in the United States and Michigan, 2014

	U.S.	Michigan	Michigan state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	318,857	9,910	10
Hispanics (thousands)	55,251	477	20
Percent Hispanic	17.3	4.8	38
Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	224,963	7,421	8
Hispanics (thousands)	25,486	231	18
Percent Hispanic	11.3	3.1	33
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	46.1	48.5	20

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2014 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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Values and Behaviors

Financial decisions are not made in isolation. People's values, whether they pertain to long-term security or an appreciation for status cars, significantly impact what they do with their money.

If you've always spent your money to make your home beautiful, you'll probably score high on physical values.

If you've taken great trips throughout the world but don't have a single decorator pillow in your apartment, your physical value score is probably pretty low.

Conflicts in Values

People don't fall into one value realm or the other. Everyone has a mix of values: some work together, some conflict.

You might want to buy a hybrid car because you value the environment, but you also might feel yourself leaning toward a gas-guzzling SUV because you're the family chauffeur and you want to identify with all the other soccer moms in the neighborhood.

Other people prioritize inner values, contributing to an emergency savings fund because it gives them a sense of security. But those saving tendencies can sometimes conflict with a social desire to travel with friends or a physical value to buy their children a new wardrobe each school year.

Values Change

Values also change throughout a person's

life. So you should take the LifeValues Quiz every time you go through a significant life change.

When you're young and single, spending on fun with friends (high social, low physical) might be most important to you. But for many people, those values take a backseat when they get married or have their first child.

Regardless of how much money you have, your values — and conflicts in values — affect your financial decisions. But if you recognize what is driving your financial behaviors, you will have more control over your financial well-being in the future.

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Treasury Approved SmartZone Extension

MOUNT PLEASANT, MI - State Treasurer Nick Khouri and Michigan Economic Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer Steve Arwood approved the recommendation by the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) and City Commission to extend the tax capture in the SmartZone for an additional five years. A renewed focus in the SmartZone will expand opportunities to generate jobs and investment in the community.

“Obtaining state approval was the final milestone necessary towards the progressing development of the SmartZone land,” said Central Michigan University Research Corporation President and CEO Erin Strang. “New efforts are geared towards attracting and solidifying business development and job creation.”

The Mount Pleasant SmartZone land is 300 acres of Central Michigan University property primed for commercial development. The close proximity to the University and partnership with the City of Mount Pleasant

provides opportunities for students, faculty and staff to interface with business professionals working in their interrelated fields.

“We look forward to continuing a productive relationship with the Mount Pleasant SmartZone and the CMURC team in moving Michigan’s economy forward,” said MEDC’s Vice President of Entrepreneurship & Innovation Fredrick Molnar. “SmartZones were created to facilitate state programs for entrepreneurs, fostering companies with high growth potential around innovative technologies.”

Per criteria requirements, the SmartZone will provide reports for companies created, jobs created and investment to all companies, along with an annual report and regional collaboration. The LDFA monies should significantly increase with the new dedicated focus, time and plan of the development.

While plans are still in the works for the land, CMURC is in discussion with potential developers and tenants. Development could come to fruition as soon as spring of 2016. Approximately 900 jobs have been created

since inception through May 2015, with 500 additional jobs projected over the next five years, according to Strang.

About CMURC

CMURC is a nonprofit business incubator focused on advancing economic development in the community by leveraging the resources of Central Michigan University, the Mount Pleasant SmartZone, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund. Local, regional, and statewide partners assist to accelerate the success of entrepreneurs, growing businesses, and jobs. CMURC is a single source of contact providing physical space and essential business services. CMURC encourages interaction and partnerships, which accelerates emerging organizations to develop their ideas and bring them to market quickly.

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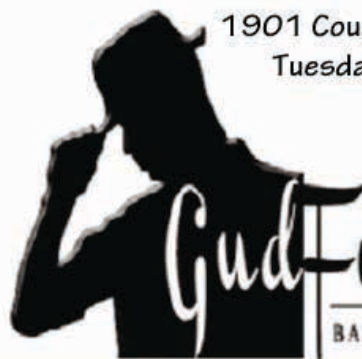
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5 tips about the Health Insurance Marketplace

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1. The Health Insurance Marketplace is for people who don't have health coverage

If you don't have health insurance through a job, Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or another source that provides qualifying coverage, the Marketplace can help you get covered.

If you have job-based insurance: You can buy a plan through the Marketplace, but you'll pay full price unless your employer's insurance doesn't meet certain standards. Most job-based plans do meet the standards.

If you have Medicare: You can't switch to Marketplace insurance, supplement your coverage with a Marketplace plan, or buy a Marketplace dental plan. Learn about Medicare and the Marketplace.

2. What you pay for insurance depends on your income – and you'll probably save

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- If you don't have coverage in

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- In some cases, you might qualify for an exemption from the requirement to have health insurance.

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Source: <https://www.healthcare.gov/quick-guide/>

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MiHIA Announces 2016 Board of Directors

The Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc. has announced its 2016 Board of Directors roster and recognized departing members for their years of service.

Re-elected board members include Catherine Baase, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of The Dow Chemical Company; James Borin, community volunteer; Brenda Coughlin, M.D., President and CEO of Health Delivery, Inc.; Linda Kennan, Vice President of Corporate Stewardship at the Dow Corning Corporation; Diane Postler-Slattery, CEO of MidMichigan Health; and Thomas Veverka, M.D., Surgeon at MidMichigan Physicians Group. Returning board members who were elected to Executive Board member posts include Catherine Baase, M.D., The Dow Chemical Company, as Board Chairperson. Diane Postler-Slattery, MidMichigan Health, as Vice Chairperson, Sandra Lindsey, MSW, LCSW Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority as Secretary, and James Borin, Community Volunteer as Treasurer.

“In the changing landscape of healthcare, MiHIA is a catalyst to help healthcare organizations, like MidMichigan Health, navigate

in a new world,” says Postler-Slattery. “The work that we are doing collaboratively with other healthcare organizations in our region, sets us apart as a leader in initiatives such as DPP and Choosing Wisely. I am extremely proud to be part of this wonderful organization.”

New MiHIA board members include Greg Dorrien, Executive Director of the West Midland Family Center; Matthew Felan, President and CEO of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance; George Kikano, M.D., Dean of the College of Medicine at Central Michigan University; Judith Ruland, Dean of the College of Health Human Services at Saginaw Valley State University; and Joel Strasz, Health Officer of the Bay County Health Department

“Historically, there has been a divide between medicine and public health. CMU’s College of Medicine is committed to educating the next generation of physicians to serve the state of Michigan and to positively impacting community health in mid and upper Michigan. The privilege of serving on the board of MiHIA is a natural fit for myself and the CMU College of Medicine,” says Dr. George Kikano,

M.D., Dean of Central Michigan University’s College of Medicine. “I am truly excited about this opportunity and looking forward to collaborating with MiHIA in building programs to make our communities healthier.”

MiHIA also recognizes exiting board members: Sally Decker, PhD., Professor and Director of Nursing at Saginaw Valley State University, Bruce Hill, CEO of the Buckeye Health Institute, and Mike Krecek, R.S., MA, Midland County Department of Public Health. Decker will be staying on as an active committee member.

“I am excited about staying connected with MiHIA even though my official term is up,” says Decker. “Communities worldwide have learned that making progress toward health means working together and having a backbone organization that includes consumers, providers, payers, and educators with shared goals. In this community, MiHIA serves as this backbone and has great potential for movement toward continuous improvement of health. I want to be a part of making real change for our region and its residents.”



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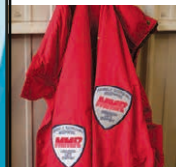
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Michigan-based Clinically Integrated Network Announces Selection of President and CEO



William J. Mayer Courtesy Photo

Michigan – The clinically integrated network (CIN) established in July 2015 by six leading Michigan health systems (Allegiance Health in Jackson, Bronson Healthcare in Kalamazoo, Covenant HealthCare in Saginaw, Lakeland Health in St. Joseph, MidMichigan Health in Midland and Sparrow Health System in Lansing) has recently selected its President and Chief Executive Officer. The 12-member Board of Managers of the CIN, announced the selection of one of its board members, William J. Mayer, M.D., M.P.H., as the first leader of the organization, which has yet to be named.

Mayer comes from the Bronson Healthcare system where he served most recently as senior vice president, managed

care and community health. His executive responsibilities over the past decade at Bronson have included: president and medical director IBA Health Plans (2005-07); vice president medical staff clinical quality (2007-09); chief quality officer (2009-11); and chief medical informatics officer (2011-15). He is also currently on the faculty of Western Michigan University Homer Stryker, MD School of Medicine.

Mayer's career history includes positions with the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD; Wyatt Health Care Consulting (now Towers Watson) in Washington DC; the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek; and the L. Lee Stryker Center at Kalamazoo College. He received his Bachelor's degree from Amherst College, his Doctor of Medicine degree from State University of New York at Buffalo, and his Master of Public Health degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

"I am honored to be selected for this extraordinary opportunity", says Mayer. "It is a privilege to be working together with the outstanding people of our six founding health systems to build upon our collective track record of excellent health care. I look forward to partnering with physicians and collaborating with patients, employers, and health plans across the state to deliver better health at a more affordable cost in the months and years ahead."

Board President Dennis Swan, President and CEO of Sparrow Health System, notes, "In addition to his experience as a physician, Dr. Mayer's vast leadership experience in a health system, a managed care plan, a self-insured employer, a national health care consulting firm and in education give him unique insights into how to effectively partner with others to improve healthcare and deliver greater value. We are fortunate to have Dr. Mayer as our chief executive officer and welcome his talents and leadership skills."

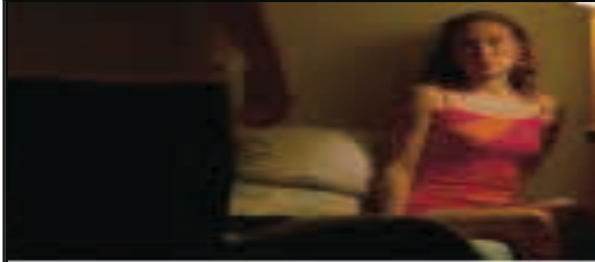
Critical to the success of the CIN is a physician-led, data driven approach to sharing

best practices that will help member organizations reduce variations in care, lower total health care costs and improve the health of patients and communities served by the network. Guiding this work along with Dr. Mayer is the Network's Board of Managers. They are:

- Georgia Fojtasek, RN, EdD, President and CEO, Allegiance Health
- Ray King, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Allegiance Health, President & CEO, Jackson Health Network
- Frank Sardone, President & CEO, Bronson Healthcare
- Bill Mayer, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President, Managed Care and Community Health, Bronson Healthcare – ex officio
- Kevin Albosta, Chief Financial Officer, Covenant HealthCare
- Michael Slavin, MD, Medical Director, Covenant HealthCare PHO
- Loren B. Hamel, MD, President & CEO, Lakeland Health – Board Vice Chairperson
- Ken O'Neill, MD, Vice President, Clinical Integration, Lakeland Health
- Diane Postler-Slattery, PhD, President & CEO, MidMichigan Health – Board Secretary
- Madhura Mansabdar, MD, Chief Clinical Integration Medical Officer, MidMichigan Health
- Dennis Swan, President & CEO, Sparrow Health System – Board Chairperson
- Harman Nagler, MD, MHSA, Vice President of Clinical Integration, Sparrow Health System

About the clinically integrated network:

The clinically integrated network has been established by six of Michigan's leading health systems; Allegiance Health (Jackson), Bronson Healthcare (Kalamazoo), Lakeland Health (St. Joseph), Covenant HealthCare (Saginaw), MidMichigan Health (Midland) and Sparrow Health System (Lansing). The mission of the clinically integrated network is to develop and deploy a unique care delivery model aimed at keeping people well and providing greater value across the healthcare continuum.



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In honor of National Mentoring Month, who is or has been a mentor to you in your life and why is that relationship important to you?

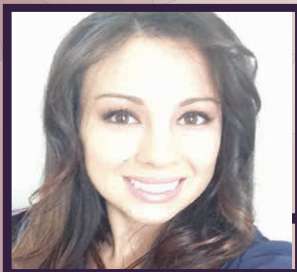
My mother Ethel Lindsay has been my mentor my entire life. She is a strong woman of faith who has continued to be an example of strength and encouragement through life's lessons, and for that I am forever grateful.

Darren Lindsay, Saginaw Resident



Growing up and even now, my sister Andréa has been my mentor and positive role model. She has always motivated me and affirms that I am on the right track even when things do not seem that way. She is able to be honest with me and most importantly she cares about my success.

Liz Szul,
Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority



Dr. Juanita Catchings has been a huge influence in my life as far as a mentor. She is invested in my personal and professional development, and without her coaching and positive influence I honestly don't think I would have made it to this point in my life.

Tim Walker, Youth Involvement Coordinator
Saginaw MAX System of Care



From the faculty at Central Michigan University to professionals I've met at events to colleagues at former jobs, my mentors have been instrumental in my career. They have opened doors in my career and helped me navigate difficult situations.

Rachel Esterline Perkins, Associate Director of Public Relations
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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson
Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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EDUCATION



Filing Taxes for the First-Timer

Part 1

Overview:

Filing Taxes doesn't have to be complicated for newcomers. The more you learn about the tax system, the less stress you'll feel when filing your first tax form.

Your first time doing anything is usually a challenge. You don't know what to expect. You're not exactly sure what to do or if you're doing it correctly. Will you have everything you need? And what are the ramifications if you make careless mistakes?

A lot of such questions may be going through your mind if you are preparing your income taxes for the first time. What you don't know, could make each element of the form on which you file your return make sense. Many taxpayers cheat themselves out of deductions by not keeping good records.

Who Files:

Before giving yourself a headache over

Internal Revenue Service rules, one expert says, determine if you have to report your income at all.

Atlanta-based Cora Parks, author of the blog Tax Today, said first time filers need to see if they received enough income for the year to trigger the filing requirement. "This amount is determined by the person's filing status, age and dependency status," Parks said. For example, if you are married and filing separately, you must file an income tax return if your gross income was \$3,950. If you are single and under age 65, and made at least \$10,150, you must also file. Chart A of "1040 Instructions 2015 details 10 separate filing statuses and the corresponding income threshold for filing.

On the other hand, a self-employed individual who earned the same amount won't get off so easily, Parks says. Such a person is

responsible for the entire amount of taxes due the government – rather than only half, as is the case with an individual from whose pay income taxes have been withheld and forwarded to the government by the employer.

Filing doesn't have to be complicated for newcomers. Because most first-timers are dependent-free and not bogged down with various claims, they're eligible to use the Internal Revenue Services' Form 1040EZ. Single and married filers may use this two-page document if they meet all of the seven requirements detailed on the back of the one-sheet form. Among those requirements: Your taxable income must be less than \$100,000. Regardless of whether or not you are required to file, you may want to do so, because if your employer has been withholding taxes, you may be owed a tax refund.

WHY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By: M.T. Thompson

Why Black History Month or any special time to reflect on our history? Does it really serve any necessary function? To look critically at our history once a year is to invite pain and anger. To look back and poke around in our past is to invite unpleasant sensations of shame and agony. So why bother?

We study African American History because it gives us hope, courage and strength to continue this long, bone-weary struggle towards freedom. We have struggled and sacrificed to advance towards the American Dream at great cost. We have never lost hope, nor can we today.

The study of African American History can help black people develop a positive self-image and racial pride. Before an individual can develop a positive sense of self-worth and confidence certain very basic questions must be answered. These questions include: Who am I? What am I? Where did I come from? What can I achieve? These questions are generally answered based on an individual's observation of the world around him and through education.

The availability of white role models and the public school system have historically helped answer these questions in a positive way for white children. Social studies, European History, U.S. History and similar courses focus on the accomplishments of white people and their contribution to civilization. It teaches them that they are the sons, daughters and direct descendants of kings, queens, explorers, inventors and other high achievers. It properly motivates and mentally conditions them and they eventually reach a state of mind where being a doctor, lawyer, engineer or another high achiever is no big thing. It's expected of them. These beliefs are reinforced by the white child's observation of the world around him. There is no shortage of positive role models in the White Community. High performance takes place in the framework of high expectations.

What about the black child who seeks to answer this same set of questions? Who am I? What am I? Where did I come from? What can I achieve? In many cases, the black child leaves the public school system with the misunderstanding that he is nothing more than

the direct descendent of a slave or second class citizen. As a result, he is ashamed of his heritage and reasons that he can only achieve those things a slave or second class citizen can achieve. In many cases, his observations of the world around him reinforce these conclusions as he unsuccessfully searches for black role models to emulate. This can cripple and kill young black confidence and ambition before it has an opportunity to take root and grow. High performance takes place in the framework of high expectations.

A true appreciation of Black History can instill both racial pride and individual confidence. It can help knock down mental clouds of inferiority. We must give our children a sense of pride in being Black. Our emphasis on blackness and Black History during the sixties and seventies and the unprecedented surge of racial pride had a very positive motivating affect.

My generation hit the streets and college campuses convinced that Black was/is beautiful and that we could conquer any foe and overcome any opposition.

JUMP TO PG 27, Why Black History Month

COMMUNITY

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Cold is Cool - 4th and 5th Graders Ski Free!

The Michigan Snowsports Industries Association (MSIA) wants to give Michigan kids an opportunity to get out, have fun and get healthy this winter. This is why MSIA has established a state-wide program that provides every 4th and 5th grader the opportunity to ski for free. Students can obtain a "Cold is Cool" Ski & Ride Passport that gives them up to three free lift tickets or trail passes at 30 participating ski areas, plus additional discounts on the slopes and in Michigan ski shops.

In addition to the lift tickets donated by the participating ski areas, the Cold is Cool Passport also includes a coupon for 20% off a helmet purchase and \$15 off the purchase of \$100 at over 50 participating ski shops. Some ski areas have also included coupons for equipment rental and free or discounted lessons.

Proof of 4th or 5th grade status is required. One page of a report card or progress report is sufficient. If the child is home schooled, the parent or guardian can include a note stating the child's grade equivalent. Please note! Put your child's name and address in the "Ship To" column if you are ordering online.

MSIA charges \$20 for the Cold is Cool Passport, to cover printing, shipping and postage fees.

In order for fourth & fifth graders to use the free lift or trail pass coupons, a paying adult must accompany them. With the Passport, up to two kids can ski free with each paying adult. The Passport is valid through April 30, or the end of the 2015/16 ski season.

Go to <http://goo.gl/L0nX82> for more information and to get your child's passport today!

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February 10, 2016 (**Ash Wednesday**)

Worship 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: February 17, 2016 Worship 7:00 p.m.

February 24, 2016 Worship 7:00 p.m.

March 2, 2016 Worship 7:00 p.m.

March 9, 2016 Worship 7:00 p.m.

March 16, 2016 Worship 7:00 p.m.

March 24, 2016 (**Maundy Thursday**)

Worship 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

March 25, 2016 (**Good Friday**)

Worship 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Celebration Of Easter

March 27, 2016 Worship 9:30 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

915 Federal Ave.

Saginaw, MI 48607

Phone: 989-754-0489

Pr. Connie Sassanella

Legacy Civic Fund hosts 4th annual gala at Temple Theatre, honors award recipients



American Legion Post 312

Courtesy Photo



Roger Kahn, Rhonda Butler, and Sister Louis Sheaffer



Courtesy Photo

SAGINAW, MI – The Legacy Civic Fund, a community non-profit, hosted their 4th annual gala on Sunday, January 17 at the Temple Theatre in downtown Saginaw with WNEM News 5 Colette Boyd. The fundraising event was hosted in celebration of this year's award recipients Dr. Roger Kahn, Rhonda Butler, Leotis Faulk c/o American Legion Post 312, and Sister Louis Sheaffer (Posthumously). The Legacy Fund Award is presented each year to an individual and/or organizations whose service exemplifies the spirit of civic engagement,

service, and volunteerism in the community.

"We are very proud to have honored this year's recipient of the 4th Annual Legacy Fund Award," said Stacy Erwin Oakes, founder of the Legacy Civic Fund. "Whether you know Dr. Kahn as a cardiologist or a public servant it was clear that he had touched the hearts of many. Whether you know Rhonda Butler from the Saginaw Public Libraries, or the lady behind the puppets, it was clear she had proven to be a resilient selfless servant. Whether you know Leotis as

Lee, or Commander of American Legion Post 312, the American Legion Post 312 has proven to be patriotic servants abroad and in this community. Whether you knew Sister Louis Sheaffer as Sister Sheaffer or Sister, no one could deny that she was a selfless servant."

Also honored at last night's event were Adam Thomas Richardson and Michael Buchanan, recipients of this year's Legacy Civic Fund scholarship awards. As part of its mission, Legacy Civic Fund strives to remember the past, honor the present, and invest in the future through scholarships that allow undergraduate students to successfully continue their studies.

Adam Richardson attends Michigan State University and plans to apply to graduate school and become a Global Market Analyst. Michael Buchanan attends Valparaiso University and plans to attend law school and become a Corporate Attorney. Both recipients received one thousand dollar scholarships.

The Legacy Civic Fund was founded to improve the quality of life through civic engagement and activities that embrace the arts and focus on creating a thriving community through emphasis on education, financial literacy, housing and health awareness.

In November of 2015 the Legacy Civic Fund provided community-wide diabetes awareness programs, partnering with local health leaders to sponsor health fairs and screenings for early warning signs of the disease.



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Dear Chef:

On behalf of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra, we are excited to tell you about the return of our fun-filled, entertaining event, "100 Men Who Cook". As the event name indicates, we're looking for 100 men to join us for an evening of food, friends and music. Most of the chefs from last year are already signing up for this year.

As one of our 100 chefs, your responsibility would be to prepare one of your favorite dishes and then share it with guests attending the event that night at Apple Mountain Resort in Saginaw. We're planning on hosting approximately 400 guests, but don't worry about feeding the masses! As each chef will only be sharing a "taste" of their best dish, you would need to plan on preparing a minimum of 30 sample servings of your recipe. You and the other chefs will have stations set-up to serve your food. Your recipe will be included in the commemorative "100 Men Who Cook" cookbook as a gift to those in attendance.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016
Location: Apple Mountain Resort
Time: 6-7:00 Cocktails and Conversation
7:00 Parade of Chefs
7:15 Food Tasting and Festivities
8:30 – 9:00 Closing Remarks

If you're interested in being involved, contact the chairperson or co-chair listed below.

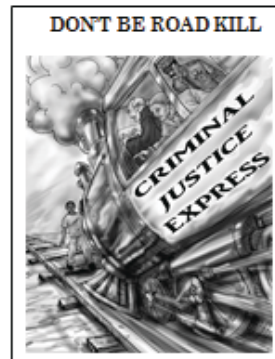
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Kristina Kukla, Co-Chair at marketing@
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AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Presented By: Hon. M.T. Thompson, Jr., The Men Of Bethel A.M.E. Church,
Word Up Community Magazine and The Michigan Banner



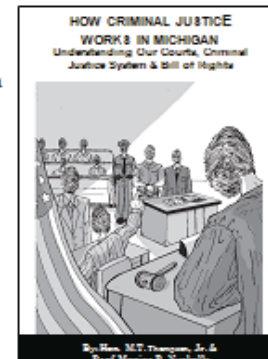
WORKSHOP

WHERE: Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, Michigan

WHEN: Saturday,
February 20, 2016
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

COST: Free.

Call (989) 755-7011 to register in
advance. Lunch will be provided
by the Men of Bethel



Black lives matter! The videos of one police killing after another and the over incarceration of African Americans has focused new attention on the criminal justice system.

Every African American has been or will be affected by the criminal justice system. One out of every three Black men will spend time in jail or prison. Our incarceration rate is six times the national average. Since 1980 Black men in Michigan have went to prison at 13 times the rate they have went to college. Michigan has more Black men in prison than college.

Most Black folks who come face-to-face with the criminal justice system are like deer caught in the headlights of a fast approaching train. They have no idea of what's about to happen to them or how to get out of harm's way. Many of them will end up as road kill. Run over by a criminal justice system they did not know how to deal with.

To reduce your chances of being run over and becoming road kill, you need certain basic information. Dealing with the police or going to court without knowing how the courts work, what your rights are, how to assert your rights or what the basic rules of the court system are is like trying to play basketball without knowing what a foul, double dribble or three point shot is. It's like trying to play baseball without knowing what a foul ball, strike or home run is. You need certain basic information to survive the criminal justice system.

This workshop will:

1. Explain the Michigan Court System and what happens in each of Michigan's six courts.
2. Explain a person's constitutional rights if they are accused of a crime and how to exert those rights; and
3. Explain the different steps in a criminal case and what happens at each step.

The workshop will also cover: the 3 types of police stops and what the police can and cannot legally do during each stop; what to do if you are stopped by the police; racial profiling and much more.

FROM PG 23, Why Black History Month

We must recapture that collective sense of urgency and intensity which served as the impetus for much of our progress during that period. The study of Black History is the study of black heroes and role models who broke the shackles of circumstances through courage, inner-determination and hard work. The stories of Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, W.E.B. Dubois, Marcus Garvey, Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Jackson and Barack Obama calls each of us forward to greatness.

We need a new surge of hope and confidence. A disproportionate number of us are giving up the struggle to be somebody without a fight. There is a growing black street force which spends most of its time just hanging out. They have tried so often and failed so many times that they have given up hope. There is nothing more discouraging than to want to work, to look for work, and forever be unsuccessful in finding it.

This street force includes a frightening number of black teenagers who have rejected the American dream of getting ahead by getting a good education and working hard. They see the American dream did not work for their kin and they have no reason to believe it will work for them. The psychic damage sustained in Black America as a result of job and income deprivation cannot be overemphasized. It is increasingly difficult to sustain moral and social stability and our community is moving towards critical mass. A dream deferred will eventually explode.

We only have one course open to use. We must continue the struggle, whatever the odds. We have to create opportunities where they don't exist and take advantage of every opportunity that does exist. We have to walk through every door that is open, get a foot in every door that is cracked, knock on every door that is closed and kick in any door that is locked. We must take up our own plight with compassion and convictions.

The New Ezekiel Project's 20th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast

"Tied in a single garment of destiny"

'We must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools. **We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an escapable network mutuality.** And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured.' - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

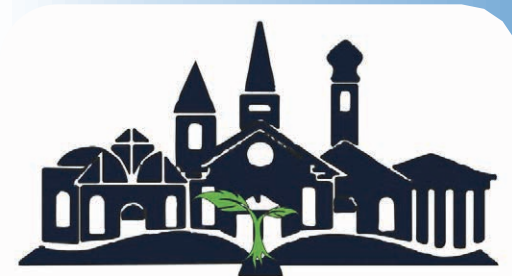


Speaker: Rev. Rodney Lyde
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NON PROFIT NEWS

Saginaw Community Foundation grants \$230,361.88 in latest grant cycle

SAGINAW, MI – Between Oct. 9 – Dec. 14, 2015, Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) granted \$230,361.88 supporting 44 programs and projects via its designated, donor advised and competitive grant processes. During 2015, SCF granted more than \$1.15 million.

“Every person who has supported the foundation – whether through donations, volunteering or advocacy – has helped us give much needed support to area programs. It’s people like you who truly help make an impact in Saginaw and make our community a better place,” said Reneé Johnston, president and CEO of the foundation. “We strive to grant funds to support programs that will make a difference in our communities.”

Programs managed by a variety of organizations were supported, including SVRC Industries, the Saginaw Valley Concert Association and Westlund Guidance Clinic. During this most recent grant cycle, grants awarded were funded by The Dow Chemical Company communityGives Youth Volunteer Grant Program, the Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund, the Nexteer Steering the Future Fund, the SCF Unrestricted Fund, as well as various designated and donor advised funds.

Currently, SCF manages 25 unrestricted funds, 66 designated funds and 49 donor advised funds.

A \$50,000 grant was awarded to SVRC Industries specifically to support the new Outdoor Farmer’s Market pavilion that will be built at the SVRC Marketplace, providing a permanent home for the Downtown Saginaw Farmers’ Market. SVRC Industries is redeveloping the iconic former Saginaw News building in downtown Saginaw into a 100,000 square foot mixed-use facility, to be named SVRC Marketplace, supporting an indoor/outdoor farmers’ market, food processing hub, university sponsored-incubators, culinary arts

training programs, demonstration kitchen, cooler space, offices and retail spaces. Funding for this grant was provided from the SCF Unrestricted Fund.

A \$5,000 grant was awarded to the Saginaw Valley Concert Association to support its 2015-16 concert season. The season, which began on Nov. 15, 2015 and concludes on Apr. 24, 2016, features live performances at the Temple Theatre in Saginaw. This season’s performers include Thomas Pandolfi – a classical pianist who features the works of George Gershwin, the University of Michigan Men’s Glee Club, Rhonda Vincent and The Rage – an American bluegrass group, and The Capitol Steps. Funding for this grant was provided by the SCF Unrestricted Fund and the Senior Citizens Enrichment Fund.

Westlund Guidance Clinic in Saginaw was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant to aid in the expansion of its Autism and Behavioral Treatment Program. Currently, the program focuses on treating clients with a diagnosis of Autism from ages 18 months to 6 years. Beginning in 2016, expansion of benefits statewide will include those individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder ages 18 months to 21 years. This grant will allow Westlund Guidance Clinic to create more treatment areas and expand services to serve more clients. Funds for this grant were provided by the At-Risk Youth Fund and the YWCA Fund for Women & Children.

Organizations interested in applying for a grant through SCF can learn more at saginawfoundation.org/site/grants, or contact Kendra Kempf, program officer, at (989) 755-0545 or kendra@saginawfoundation.org.

The following SCF funds provided designated and donor advised (non-competitive) grants, Oct. 9 – Dec. 11, 2015:

A String Instrumental Program Fund – \$2,420

First Presbyterian Church (Saginaw Strings Tuition assistance for the 2015 fall session)

Circle Michigan Fund – \$326

Allen Park Public Schools – \$160 (Arno Elementary School to attend The Henry Ford Museum)

Bellaire Public Schools – \$166 (JRRodger Elementary School to attend to the Michigan State Capitol)

Nancy Claramunt Dance Foundation Fund – \$2,500

SCF – Nancy Claramunt Dance Scholarship \$1,000

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Community Advancement Network Fund – \$3,888

Children’s Zoo at Celebration Square (Fund development and board governance education)

Dow communityGives Fund – \$6,000

Birch Run Community Schools – \$1,000 (High School Robotics Team)

Merrill Community Schools – \$1,000 (FIRST Robotics Team)

Saginaw Kiwanis Foundation – \$1,000 (Saginaw Golds 11U Baseball Team)

Saginaw Township Community Schools – \$3,000 (Heritage High School Latin Club, \$1,000; Heritage

High School Robotics Team, \$1,000; JV Pom Pon Team, \$1,000)

The Edward & Erna Ederer Family Foundation Fund – \$2,500

Covenant HealthCare Foundation – \$1,000 (support the annual fund drive)

READ Association of Saginaw County – \$1,500 (purchase books from the Reading Is Fundamental [RIF] program)

Nexteer Community Improvement Fund – \$2,635

Buena Vista Township (community center support)

JUMP TO PG 30, Saginaw Community **Found.**

United Way's Sharing Tree Program has a Big Impact on Those in Need

Thousands of children and adults shared in the joy of the holiday season. Because of the community's generous support, United Way's Sharing Tree program collected and distributed 9,076 holiday gifts valued at \$344,120.

Gift requests were as diverse as our population. A 94 year old man received a new veteran's hat, a young girl from a single parent family needed new clothes and a struggling family received a gift certificate to help keep their house heated this winter.

"Thank you for fulfilling our need for emergency clothing," shared a local school administrator. "Through Sharing Tree, we are able to provide our students with sweatpants when they don't have clean clothes."

United Way meets unexpected and year-round community needs through Sharing Tree as well. A grandmother suddenly found herself with custody of her two grandchildren right before Christmas. Unable to provide gifts for the kids, she turned to a local agency for help. The agency had requested toys through Sharing

Tree for situations just like this and was able to provide the family with a special first Christmas together.

"It is so heartwarming to see the generosity of Midland County in action," shared United Way Executive Director Ann Fillmore. "This year, we saw thousands of gifts that included so much more than individuals had requested."

The caring folks at 98FM KCQ and their listeners joined in the holiday spirit. They adopted five local families. With the help of deejay Jim Kramer, gift cards and thoughtful presents for the whole family were personally delivered the week before Christmas.

"We are grateful for the support of KCQ and their listeners," shared Holly Miller, Vice President of United Way of Midland County. "They took a very personal interest in learning about the families' circumstances and inspiring listeners to brighten the holidays for these families in a big way."

Requests for help were coordinated through 55 local non-profit agencies and schools.

Sharing Tree tags were distributed through 63 businesses and churches that hosted more than 80 tree locations throughout the community.

"Sharing Tree is a true community success story," shared Ann Fillmore. "It brings together businesses, agencies, churches, schools and over 300 community volunteers to ensure the holiday wishes of people in need are fulfilled."

For more information about Sharing Tree or United Way of Midland County, call (989) 631-3670 or visit: www.unitedwaymidland.org.

ABOUT UNITED WAY OF MIDLAND COUNTY:

United Way of Midland County works to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life – Education, Health and Self-Sufficiency. They recruit the people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. They invite everyone to be a part of changing out community by giving, advocating and volunteering.

FROM PG 29, Saginaw Community Found.

David G. & Lois B. Wilkins Donor Advised Fund – \$3,568

Jump Fresh Youth Academy (support for dance recital in December)

Wolohan Enterprises, Inc. Fund – \$2,500

Delta College Foundation (support for the Possible Dream Program)

The following organizations received grants to support programs/projects via various competitive grants available through SCF:

Boy Scouts of America, Ojibway District – \$15,000 (\$10,000 from the Lulah C. McMullen & Family

Endowment Fund; \$5,000 from the FORCE Youth Advisory Committee)

Saginaw Scoutreach

BSA Water & Woods Field Service Council – \$2,666 (from the Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund)

Regional Support for the STEM in a Box Program

Gamma Kappa Kudos – \$4,000 (from the Nexteer Steering the Future Fund)

Phi Delta Kappa Midwestern Regional Conference

Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance – \$4,372.24 (from the SCF Unrestricted Fund)

Art Wave

Hearts for the Community – \$15,000 (from the Lulah C. McMullen & Family Endowment Fund)

Wrought Iron Fence

Hospital Hospitality House – \$3,500 (from the SCF Unrestricted Fund)

Room Safes

Kids Run the Nation, Saginaw – \$8,000 (\$4,272 from the Carl Werth, Sr. & Ruth Werth Memorial

Fund, \$2,028 from the SCF Unrestricted Fund; \$1,700 from the YWCA Fund for Women & Children)

Kids Run the Nation – Saginaw Expansion

RISE Educational Consulting – \$1,500 (from the FORCE Youth Advisory Committee)

Girls in the Lab

Saginaw Intermediate School District – \$11,700 (\$10,000 from the SCF Unrestricted Fund; \$1,700 from the YWCA Fund for Women & Children)

SISD Career/College Advisor Calendar Extension

Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity – \$20,000 (\$8,000 from the Dow Corning Donor Advised

Fund) – Equipment and Training; (\$12,000 from the Lulah C. McMullen & Family Endowment Fund) –

Neighborhood Revitalization

Saginaw Valley Concert Association – \$5,000

(\$3,000 from the SCF Unrestricted Fund; \$2,000 from the Senior Citizens Enrichment Fund)

SVCA Season 2015/2016

SVRC Industries – \$50,000 (from the SCF Unrestricted Fund)

SVRC Marketplace

Saginaw Valley State University – \$10,000

(\$8,000 from the Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund)

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Regional Support for the Garden to Plate Education, Wellness and Health Initiative; (\$2,000 from the SCF Unrestricted Fund) – Veterans' Mural Project

Westlund Guidance Clinic – \$10,000 (\$8,300 from the At-Risk Youth Fund; \$1,700 from the YWCA Fund for Women & Children)

Autism and Behavior Treatment Program

The following school districts received Grants for Excellence Teacher Mini-Grants (a competitive grant program at SCF) to support educational programs at specific schools:

Frankenmuth School District – \$5,000

Frankenmuth High School – \$2,500 (Computer Programming with Arduino and Raspberry Pi Boards)

List Elementary School – \$2,500 (Makerspace ... Creating STEM Minds)

Saginaw Public Schools – \$1,483

Arthur Hill High School (Reading and publishing project)

Saginaw Township Community Schools – \$2,033

Arrowwood Elementary School (Ukuleles for Youngsters)

Swan Valley School District – \$1,483

Swan Valley High School ("Soar to Create")

Non Profit Directory

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Saginaw County Community Action
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Christ has
welcomed you, for
the glory of God."
— Romans 15:7*





PRAISE CONNECTIONS & LIFE

Delta College Sponsors Saginaw's First Gospel Singing Competition

Saginaw, MI, January 19, 2016— In an effort to promote inclusion and diversity during Black History Month, Delta College is sponsoring its first ever Great Lakes Bay Region Gospel Singing Competition.

Music is a universal part of every culture and race. This competition will highlight the diversity of praise seen in the countless number of churches throughout our community. Let's lift every voice together in praise!

We are inviting all traditional and contemporary choirs, praise teams and groups from the trities to compete for first, second and third place prizes. All choir groups are welcome.

No registration fee! Sign-up and show up! Application deadline January 29th 2016. Competition to be held on February 26th 2016 at Victorious Believers Ministries at 7:00pm. Online application and contest rules can be found at www.delta.edu/student-engagement/multiculturalservices.

So, get your group together for rehearsals, warm up your vocal cords and see if you got what it takes to be the "Best of the Best" in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact John Neal at 989-686-9117 or johnneal@delta.edu.

Modern Day Cure offers free download from new album



Modern Day Cure

Courtesy Photo

SAGINAW, MICH. (January 18, 2016) — Modern Day Cure, a Contemporary Christian worship band from Michigan, has released its new EP Promises and is offering a free download from the album.

The foursong EP is the band's third record, produced by Tyrus Morgan and Jay Speight of Lift Music Co. in Nashville, Tenn. The band released the album in October 2015 after

hosting a release show in their hometown of Saginaw. The album has been embraced across Michigan and received national attention in CCM Magazine.

"Promises combines the best of worship, vocal artistry, and liveband power, all into one EP—this trio really knows how to rock, but doesn't shy away from delivering poignant praise," said Kevin Sparkman, editor for CCM



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Pastor Dennis Cotton and 1st Lady Felicia Cotton

Magazine. "I love how Modern Day Cure adds a needed dimension to the sphere of the worship genre, yet holds their own as a legitimate band on any stage."

Listeners can get a free download of Promises, the titletrack of the album , at www.moderndaycure.com . The song was inspired by the band's journey since their start in 2012.

JUMP TO PG 35, Modern Day Cure

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3317 Lapeer Street
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

State of the State 2016: Immediate action for the challenges of today, opportunities for tomorrow*Snyder to Flint: 'I will fix it'*

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder devoted his sixth State of the State address to the immediate challenges facing Michigan today and actions being taken to solve them – foremost among them, the crisis in Flint, the condition of Detroit Public Schools, and Michigan's economic future.

"To the people of Flint, I will fix this. You did not create this crisis and you do not deserve this," Snyder said. "I want to tell you that you are not alone. The State of Michigan stands with you. I will spare no resource to effectively and permanently solve this crisis and ensure you have the quality of life you deserve."

The governor explained the immediate actions being taken to help Flint residents, including daily door-to-door distribution of bottled water, water filters, filter replacements and water testing kits. More than 21,000 homes have been visited this month by volunteers and emergency responders. In addition, he detailed budget recommendations to keep Flint on Detroit's water system through the end of 2016, to replace water supply pipes and fixtures in Flint schools, and to fund specialized staff locally in Flint for follow-up care for affected residents.

An official request to the Legislature to address immediate, short-term funding to ensure everyone in Flint has clean water will cover costs such as:

- Replacement of fixtures in schools, daycares and hospitals;
- Treatment of children with high lead levels, including diagnostic testing, nurse visits and environmental assessments;
- Child and adolescent health centers and additional support for children's health

care access;

- An infrastructure integrity study for pipes and connections, using outside experts;
- Providing aid to the city for utilities.

Long-term health monitoring for children exposed to the water and potential replacement of water infrastructure and service lines will be addressed through the governor's traditional budget recommendation, which will be shared on Feb. 10.

The governor also talked openly about fixing the problems in state government that led to this crisis.

"Apologies are not enough. My immediate concern is with healing Flint and ensuring all residents there have clean water. But I will also work to address the breakdown in state government that led to this crisis so that it never happens again. You have my word that we will fix this, and everyone who works for state government must know - any situation like this must come to my attention immediately. No delays, no excuses. We are accountable."

The Flint water crisis is an extreme example of how infrastructure replacement is desperately needed. But Flint is not the only municipality that will need to have water transmission pipes and other components of underground systems upgraded.

"Our state faces very real challenges at this point. We have deteriorating infrastructure – infrastructure we don't see every day like we do with roads. Many cities have aging water systems and pipes that need to be upgraded. Flint has been the catalyst for this, but it isn't just Flint and it isn't just Michigan. This is a national problem, and we are going to have

Michigan solutions."

Gov. Snyder is calling for local and state officials as well as independent experts to work together on long-term solutions to infrastructure challenges. Top priorities include: water infrastructure, energy and electrical grids, broadband support, and upgrading the Soo Locks. A task force will be appointed to examine these issues and make recommendations for action.

The crisis in Flint is a tragic reminder that Michigan cannot truly be strong when Michiganders are suffering. This is a statewide challenge, and it isn't the only one. In 2016 the most pressing education issue is restructuring the Detroit Public School system.

Detroit schools are failing at the most basic fundamentals of education: teaching children. Gov. Snyder will continue working with the Legislature to reform the entire structure of DPS, so that not only can current students achieve more and have a better chance for future success, but measures will be put in place to ensure a complete failure to educate schoolchildren never again happens in a Michigan district. The district's debt must be restructured so that the \$1,100 per-student spent on debt service can be spent on classroom resources.

For more State of the State information, visit www.michigan.gov/stateofthestate and join the conversation at #misots16.

For updates on Flint water, please visit www.mi.gov/flintwater.

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Gov. Rick Snyder appointments Mike Finney to the City of Flint Receivership Transition Advisory Board

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced the appointment of Mike Finney to the City of Flint Receivership Transition Advisory board.

The board was first named in April 2015 after the city of Flint transitioned back to local control.

"I am confident that Mike, a Flint native, will work diligently with local leaders to ensure continued financial stability, which is especially imperative as we work to transition executive authority back to Mayor Weaver," Snyder said.

Finney, former executive director of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and current chief executive officer of Community Ventures of Michigan, was appointed to the post by Gov.

Snyder on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. He replaces Dr. Robert McMahan, who resigned earlier this month.

Other members of the city of Flint RTAB include: Frederick Headen, representing the State Treasurer, David McGhee, representing members with relevant professional experience, and Beverly Walker-Griffea, representing members with relevant professional experience. Members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

For more information about Public Act 436 of 2012, the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, visit the Local Government Fiscal Health page on the Department of Treasury's web site at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

FROM PG 32, Modern Day Cure

"No matter what we've gone through, God has come through for us time and time again, said Tamar Chipp, lead singer for the band. "He has been faithful to his promise concerning our lives and we want to share this hope with others. We want people to know that God keeps his promises."

The band is currently booking for their Promises tour in 2016. To find more information about the band, visit www.moderndaycure.com. For booking inquiries, individuals can email info@moderndaycure.com.

About Modern Day Cure:

Modern Day Cure is a contemporary christian worship

band from Saginaw, Mich. founded by Aaron Chipp, Tamar Chipp, and Tifani Autry, all of Saginaw. The heart of Modern Day Cure is to exalt Jesus, share His truth, and see people changed by His power. Their name is inspired by Hebrews 13:8, which states "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." To the band, this truth makes Him the modern day cure. They believe Jesus is the answer the world needs today.

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BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

OAKES ESTATES

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. _____ of Buena Vista Charter Township; to provide for a service charge in lieu of taxes for a proposed dwelling project for persons of low income, with concentration on serving veterans who require supportive services, to be financed or assisted pursuant to provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 (1966 PA 346, as amended, MCLA Section 125.1404 et. seq. MSA Section 116.114 (1) et. seq. the "Act"), and to amend the effective date of the Ordinance

**BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
HEREBY ORDAINS:**

Ordinance No. _____, which was adopted by the Township on _____, 2012,, is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 1:

This Ordinance shall hereafter be known and cited as the "Oakes Estates Tax Exemption Ordinance".

SECTION 2: PREAMBLE

It is acknowledged that it is a proper public purpose of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions to provide housing for its citizens of

low income and to encourage the development of such housing by providing for a service charge in lieu of property taxes in accordance with the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 (1966 PA 346, as amended. MCLA Section 125.1401 et. seq. MSA Section 116.114 (1) et. seq. the "Act"). The Township is authorized by this Act to establish or charge the service charge to be paid in lieu of taxes by any or all classes of housing exempt from taxation under this Act. It is further acknowledged that such housing for persons of low income is a public necessity, and as the Township will be benefited and improved by such housing, the encouragement of the same by providing certain real estate tax exemption for such housing is a valid public purpose; further, that the continuance of the provisions of this Ordinance for tax exemption and the service charge in lieu of taxes during the period contemplated in the Ordinance are essential to the determination of the economic feasibility of housing developments which are constructed and financed in reliance on such tax exemption.

The Township acknowledges that Erwin

Companies, LLC of 3241 Carter St. Saginaw, MI 48601 (the "Sponsor") has offered, subject to receipt of an allocation under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, to erect, own, and operate a housing development identified as Oakes Estates on certain property located at 2293 Farmer St. in Section 32 in the Township to serve persons of low income with a concentration on serving veterans who require supportive services, and that the Sponsor has offered to pay the Township on account of this housing development an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all taxes.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

(a) Act means the State Housing Development Authority Act, being Public Act 346 of 1966, of the State of Michigan, as amended.

(b) Annual Shelter Rent means the total collections during an agreed annual period from all occupants of a housing development representing rent or occupancy charges, exclusive of charges for gas, electric, heat, or other utilities furnished to the occupants. **JUMP TO PG 38**

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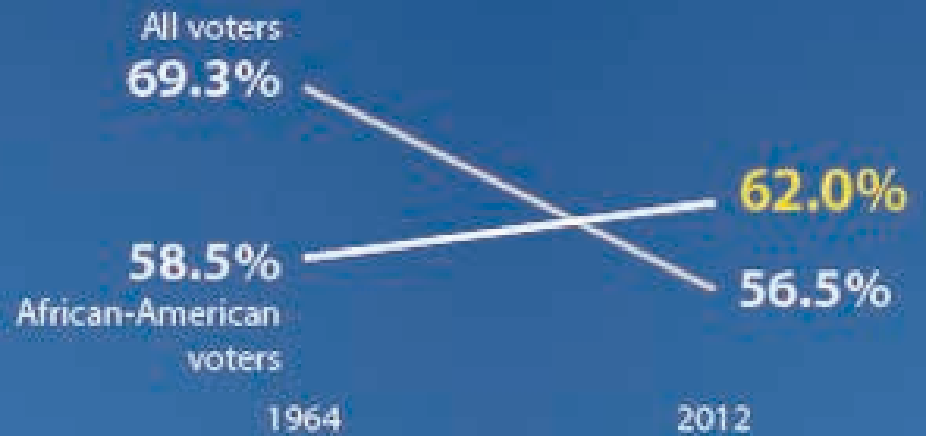
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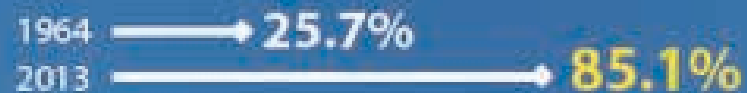
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FROM PG 36, Buena Vista Ordinance
(c) Authority means the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

(d) Concentration on Serving Veterans who require supportive services means affirmative marketing to veterans who require supportive services and providing services according to a service plan approved by the Authority

(e) Contract rents are as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in regulated promulgated to the U.S. Housing Act of 1947, as amended by the Housing and Community Developments Act of 1947. It is understood that such rents are meant to be the tenants' rental contribution plus any federal subsidies.

(f) Housing development means a development which contains a significant element of housing for low income persons and such elements of other housing, commercial, recreational, industrial, communal, and educational facilities as the Authority determines to improve the quality of the development as it relates to the housing for low income persons.

(g) Low income persons means persons and families eligible to move into a housing development financed by the Authority.

(h) Mortgage Loan means a loan made or to be made by the Authority to sponsors for the construction and/or permanent financing of the housing development.

(i) Sponsor means persons or entities which have applied to the Authority for, or previously received from the Authority, a mortgage loan to finance a housing development.

(j) Utilities mean fuel, water, sanitary sewer, and/or electrical service, which are paid by the development.

SECTION 4: CLASS OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

It is determined that the class of housing developments to which the tax exemption shall apply and for which a service charge shall be paid in lieu of such taxes shall be a development which is for low-income persons, which has a concentration on serving veterans who require supportive services and which is financed or assisted pursuant to the Act. It is further determined that Oakes Estates is of this class.

SECTION 5: ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE

The Housing Development identified as

Oakes Estates and the property on which it shall be constructed, shall be exempt from all property taxes from and after the commencement of construction. The Township, acknowledging that the Sponsor and the Authority have established the economic feasibility of the Housing Development in reliance upon the enactment and continuing effect of the Ordinance and the qualification of the Housing Development for exemption from all property taxes and a payment in lieu of taxes as established in this Ordinance, and in consideration of the Sponsor's offer, subject to receipt of an allocation under the LITHC program from the Authority, to construct, own and operate the Housing Development, agrees to accept payment of an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all property taxes. The annual service charge shall be equal to 4% of the difference between the Annual Shelter Rents actually collected and Utilities.

SECTION 6: LIMITATION ON THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE

Notwithstanding Section 5, the service charge to be paid each year in lieu of taxes for the part of the Housing Development which is tax exempt and which is occupied by other than Low Income Persons or Families shall be equal to the full amount of the taxes which would be paid on that portion of the Housing Development if the Housing Development were not tax exempt.

The term "Low Income Person or Families" as used herein shall be the same meaning as found in Section 15(a) (7) of the Act.

SECTION 7: CONTRACTUAL EFFECT OF ORDINANCE

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15 (a) (5) of the Act, to the contrary, a contract between the Township and the Sponsor with the Authority as third party beneficiary under the contract, to provide tax exemption and accept payments in lieu of taxes, as previously described, is effectuated by enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8: PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGE

The annual Service Charge in lieu of taxes as determined under this Ordinance shall be payable in the same manner as general property taxes are payable to the Township except that the annual payment shall be paid on or before July 1 of each

year.

SECTION 9: DURATION

This Ordinance shall remain in effect and shall not terminate so long as Housing Development remains subject to income and rent restrictions pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided that construction of the Housing Development commences within two years from the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY

The various sections and provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 11: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately, or as otherwise provided in the Charter. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict. _____

Dwayne Parker, Supervisor, Buena Vista Charter Township -- Gloria Platko Clerk, Buena Vista Charter Township

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I, GLORIA PLATKO, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Buena Vista and that the foregoing ordinance was introduced to the Township of Buena Vista and that thereafter said ordinance was adopted by a majority of the Township board by a roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Buena Vista held on the ____ day of _____, 2016 _____

GLORIA PLATKO, Township Clerk

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Carleton Green loves to help people — specifically, to create opportunities for others. It's why the sophomore communications major devotes himself to organizations driven to develop people's potential. Carleton is the vice president of SVSU's chapter National Society of Leadership Success, an organization on campus that emphasizes goal-setting and achievement. In fact, Carleton's chapter achieved a few goals of its own: in its first year, it has been named the Best New Organization and become the largest registered student organization on campus.

A brother in the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and a former mentor in the Great Lakes Bay Region Youth Leadership Institute, Carleton also recently became involved in AISIEC, an international organization that helps students arrange exchanges abroad. "I have done so much and have become involved in quite a few organizations," Carleton says. "I love that SVSU feels like my home away from home."



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