



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

33  
YEARS  
CELEBRATING

# ENHANCING STERLING HEIGHTS QUALITY OF LIFE



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# Support

## YOUR COMMUNITY

The Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation is celebrating its 33rd year as a certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents through cultural, educational and recreational opportunities in perpetuity.

The Foundation offers you the opportunity to support your community and enhance the quality of life for area residents in many ways. You may make a financial contribution to any of the 36 endowment funds the Foundation manages, create a new endowment fund that supports a special interest or honors a person important to you, include the Foundation in your will or trust, make a gift of real estate, donate a major gift through a bequest, or a charitable remainder distribution from an I.R.A., make a life insurance contribution or a charitable gift annuity. You may donate personal property, make a gift of appreciated stock, donate remaining retirement plan assets, make a gift of an interest in a closely held or family business or transfer an interest in a family limited partnership limited liability company.

The Foundation continually strives to partner with area businesses and residents to support programs that strengthen the City's wide range of cultural, educational and recreational opportunities.

Through your donation to the Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation, you can assist local area students with college scholarships, provide evenings of supervised fun for area teenagers, be a part of Sterlingfest, Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations, and support your local parks, community center, nature center, library, area seniors, youth programs and more. You can leave a legacy for generations to come in perpetuity.

Your Foundation is an approved 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, which offers potential tax benefits for you. Tax law changes make it important for you to contact your financial advisor to ensure your donation is credited properly.

Your gift to the Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation helps ensure that you, your family, neighbors and generations to come will continue to enjoy the finest cultural, educational and recreational opportunities that make Sterling Heights a great place to live, work, raise a family, and conduct business.

Please make a financial investment in your community so that we may grow our ability to provide ever increasing quality initiatives and programs that enhance the life of all Sterling Heights area residents.

You may do so by obtaining a Donation Form from the City Community Relations Department by calling 586-446-2470. You may also discuss your giving ideas with your lawyer to ensure the latest tax advantages. You may also contact Foundation executive director Karl G. Oskoian at [oskoian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oskoian@sbcglobal.net) with your giving questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Karl G. Oskoian

Executive Director, President Emeritus, Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation



Dr. Martin J. Brown

President, Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation

# 11th Annual "Puttin' on the Ritz" Gala

Recognized Dr. James O. Sawyer, IV  
President, Macomb Community College

With the ninth annual Mayor Richard J. Notte Civic Service Leadership Award.

*The Foundation thanks its Ritz Gala sponsors:*

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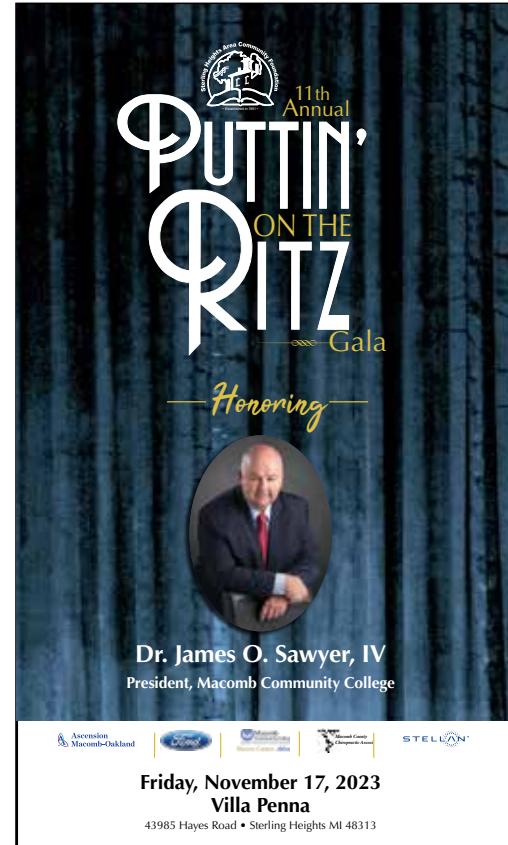
**Rotary**  
Club of Sterling Heights



## IN-KIND SPONSORS



*Villa Penna*



IN 2023  
Community invests  
**\$192,196** INTO FOUNDATION

The Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation thanks the following residents, businesses and community leaders for their 2023 support and financial contributions:

Admiral Metals, LLC  
American Polish Century Club  
Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.  
Clark and Beth Andrews  
Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital  
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BMRS Property, LLC  
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First State Bank  
Ford Motor Company  
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Lake Michigan Credit Union  
Ron and Mary Lamparter  
Michael Lazzara  
Angie and Curt Lommen  
Macomb Community College  
Macomb County Chiropractic Association  
Jeffrey Mandziuk  
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Michael Notte  
Wayne Oehmke  
Karl and Cheryl Oskoian  
Mark Pasik  
Ventzel and Susan Potochnik  
Bruce and Leslie Reinhart  
Rotary Club of Sterling Heights  
Gerald and Patricia Rowe  
Selfridge Air National Guard Base  
Community Council  
Iqbal Singh  
Richard Sparks  
Stellantis  
Sterling Heights Fraternal Order of Police  
Suburban Ford, Sterling Heights  
Stacy Ziarko  
Vibe Credit Union

Community

*"The Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation experienced another successful year in 2023, fulfilling its mission to help improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents by providing increased cultural, educational and recreational activities while growing its asset base and strengthening its brand throughout the City and Macomb County," said Karl G. Oskoian, the Foundation's Executive Director and President Emeritus. "We have grown the Foundation consistently since its inception in 1991 and significantly accelerated our growth passing significant financial milestones and strategic goals. We are excited and proud of our progress and remain focused on continued sustainable growth and increasing community service in our mission areas to improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents in perpetuity."*



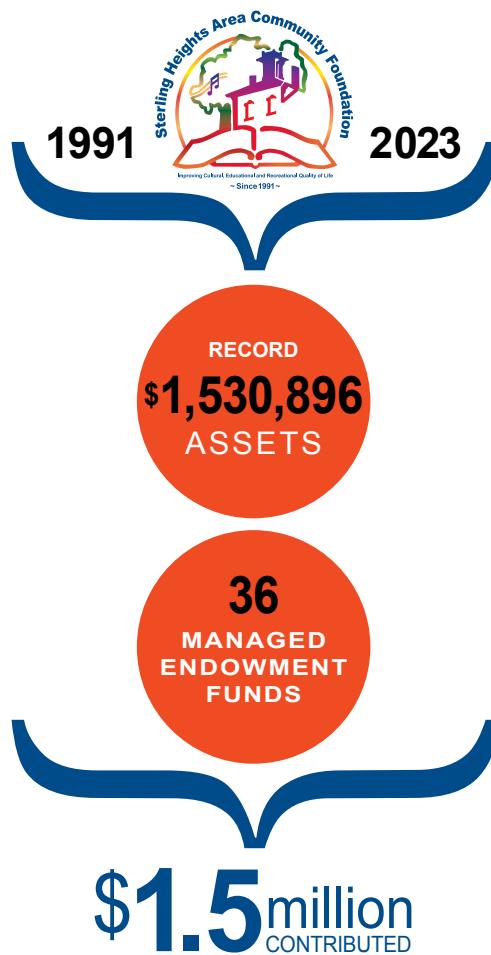
## 35 Managed Endowment Funds



**BAE Systems STEM Scholarship Endowment**  
**Clinton River Trail System Endowment**  
**Community Arts Endowment**  
**Community Foundation General Endowment**  
**Doebler Family Library Children's Endowment**  
**Doebler Family Foundation Endowment**  
**Doebler Family Rotary Park Endowment**

Dr. Martin Brown Endowment for Children with Special Needs  
Donna Bozymowski Endowment for Children with Autism & Special Needs  
Ford Motor Company Veterans Day Endowment  
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #118 Imus Park Endowment  
Friends of the Sterling Heights Public Library Fund Endowment  
General Dynamics Land Systems Engineering Scholarship Endowment  
Ann Marie Givens International Language Endowment  
Ronald Himmeler Science Scholarship Endowment  
Karl G. Oskoian Endowment for the Arts & Culture  
Lil Adams Memorial Endowment to Benefit Turning Point  
Macomb County Chiropractic Association Endowment for Children with Autism  
Mandziuk & Son Alex J. Miesel Endowment  
Mark A. Hackel Junior Leadership Macomb Endowment  
Mayor Richard J. Notte Public Service Scholarship Endowment  
Mayor Richard J. Notte Vocational Education Scholarship Endowment  
Martin Luther King Scholarship Endowment  
Michael S. Lazzara Endowment for Sterling Heights Youth Football  
Marling Beautification Endowment  
Oracle Endowment for the Arts Endowment  
Ruby and Mark Pasik Sterling Heights Dog Park Endowment  
Professional Public Management Education Endowment  
Quality of Life Endowment  
Barbara W. Rossmann Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation Endowment  
Rotary Club of Sterling Heights Endowment  
Selfridge ANG/Base Community Council College Scholarship Endowment  
Stellantis Education Endowment  
Tobacco Quality of Life Endowment  
Tom Kroll Scholarship Endowment  
Wujek Calcaterra and Sons Endowment

In 2023, the Foundation supported many community efforts with \$64,500 in financial grants and conducted a variety of activities to generate funds for investment and growth for ongoing disbursements in perpetuity to improve the quality of life of area residents through cultural, educational and recreational enhancements.



# Fulfillment

*Cultural Educational Recreational*

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

# Fulfilling

# STERLING OPPORTUNITIES

*"Since its inception in 1991, the foundation has contributed more than \$1.5 million to organizations and activities that support our mission to improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights Area residents through cultural, educational and recreational enhancements."*

Dear Community Residents,

We are proud to celebrate our 33rd year of helping improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents by enhancing cultural, educational and recreational opportunities in the community.

Year end assets totaled \$1,530,896, after 2023 grant disbursements totaling \$64,500 for a variety of activities supporting the Foundation's mission. Managed endowment funds grew to 36. Since its inception in 1991, the Foundation has contributed more than \$1.5 million to organizations and activities that support its mission.

In 2023, the Foundation supported many community efforts with financial grants and conducted a variety of activities to generate funds for future use in improving the quality of life of area residents.

*Some key 2023 initiatives included:*

## Grants

- 23 scholarships totaling \$26,000 were awarded to area high school seniors for their pursuit of a college degree or vocational training
- Secured 21 scholarships totalling \$34,000 for the 2024 Scholarship Program
- Macomb Science Olympiad
- Dodge Park 5K Run
- Music in the Park
- Dodge Park Farmers Market
- Library Summer Reading Program
- Play Place for Autistic Children
- City Skate Park
- City Dog Park
- City Youth Baseball and Softball
- City Police Department Drug Free Coalition Program
- Parks and Recreation utility vehicle

## Events

- Held the 11th annual "Puttin on the Ritz" community Gala recognizing Dr. James O. Sawyer, IV, President, Macomb Community College, with the ninth annual Richard J. Notte Civic Service Leadership Award for his leadership in growing MCC into the largest community college in Michigan and strengthening Sterling Heights and Macomb County by providing an outstanding educational opportunity to more than 30,000 local students annually to prepare themselves for success in their career of choice.



## Sponsorships

- City Sterlingfest
- Utica Community Schools Career Focus Luncheon

A diverse and talented board of volunteer directors, support staff and professional in-kind advisors has chartered and implemented an aggressive 2025-2027 Strategic Plan and a challenging 2024 Operating Plan to support the Foundation's continued growth and ability to fulfill its mission. City leadership is a valued and critical partner as we strive to improve the quality of life for all Sterling Heights area residents.

It is our privilege to act as stewards of the non-profit assets entrusted to us to ensure their continued growth, sustainability and income availability, in perpetuity, for future generations to fulfill the Foundation's mission.

Community-wide support continues to grow and will accelerate attainment of our long-range objectives and ever increasing annual support of the Foundation's mission areas to improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents through cultural, educational and recreational enhancements.

To those of you who have supported the Foundation, thank you. To those of you who are considering support through a financial, in-kind, or volunteer contribution, we encourage your participation.

Together, we will continue to help strengthen and advance Sterling Heights as a model city to be emulated nationwide; as a great place to live, work, raise a family, and conduct business.

Sincerely,

The signature of Karl G. Oskoian, Executive Director and President Emeritus.

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Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation

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# Mission...

Help improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents through enhanced cultural, educational and recreational opportunities in perpetuity.



## STERLING HEIGHTS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### *President Emeritus*

Karl G. Oskoian, General Dynamics Land Systems (1993-2015)

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Wally Doebler (1999-2016)

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Rick Reagan, Sears (1994-2006)

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