

SCF receives \$350K grant to aid in fight against violent crime

Project Safe Neighborhood grant renewed for additional three years

A \$348,836 federal grant, awarded to the Saginaw Community Foundation through the U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program. It will be used by a law enforcement and a community task force to reduce violent gang and gun crime in Saginaw. The grant will also support anti-drug and anti-gang instruction for students in the Saginaw Public School district.

The grant award was announced at a press conference at SCF on Oct. 7. Congressman Dan Kildee, Saginaw Police Department Chief Robert Ruth, Saginaw Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ramont Roberts, Saginaw County Prosecuting Attorney John McColgan, and SCF President & CEO Renéé Johnston were in attendance.

"Every Saginaw resident deserves to feel safe in their neighborhood. This federal grant will help reduce violent crime and make our community a safer place to live," Congressman Kildee said.

Launched two decades ago as an evidence-based and community-oriented response to serious gun crime, PSN is a key component of the U.S. Department of Justice's Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Violent Crime. The PSN approach is guided by four key principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities; supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place; setting focused and strategic enforce-



From left to right: Renéé Johnston, SCF President & CEO; John McColgan, Saginaw County Prosecuting Attorney; Chief Robert Ruth, Saginaw Police Department; Congressman Dan Kildee; Dr. Ramont Roberts, Saginaw Public Schools; Lt. Dan Kendzierski, Saginaw Police Department.

ment priorities; and measuring the results of our efforts. The fundamental goal is to reduce violent crime, not simply to increase the number of arrests or prosecutions.

Dawn Ison, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, whose division oversees the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in Saginaw, says: "Saginaw has the opportunity to greatly improve the quality of life for the residents of Saginaw who are most acutely affected by gun violence. This award is great news for Saginaw as it will provide the funding needed to help reach our goal of reducing gun violence."

According to Dr. Ramont Roberts, the awarding of the PSN grant will allow Saginaw Public Schools to continue support the socio-emotional needs of its students as well as their safety. "We look forward to our

partnership with local law enforcement officials to ensure that violence is reduced in the city and perhaps, more importantly, working together proactively by equipping our young men and women with the skills that will allow them to make sound decisions educationally and socially."

"The Saginaw Community Foundation is excited and honored to not only be awarded this opportunity, but also to work closely again with the Saginaw Police Department, other law enforcement departments and community partners who are committed to making the City of Saginaw a safe community. We appreciate Congressman Kildee's continued support for our work and our community," said Renéé Johnston, president and CEO, Saginaw Community Foundation. "Since we have previously been awarded this grant opportunity, and experienced



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FROM RENEÉ S. JOHNSTON

Philanthropy Has Might When We Unite

I recently stole this phrase from a session I attended at the Council of Michigan Foundation's 50th Annual Conference. The SCF team and I always look forward to this conference, and this year's conference was exciting, not only because it was in-person after being virtual for two years, but also because it was a 50-year celebration for our statewide philanthropic advocate.

There were definitely many different take-aways from the conference, but if anything, everyone walked away with the message: "It starts with 'us' – individuals, organizations and communities." I've said it before and I'll say it again – we are all philanthropists with the money we give, the people we help, the kindness we share, or even the simplest things we do **to support our village**. That is how it starts with "us."

Thank you to our incredible supporters, who have shared their philanthropic spirit by giving to the Saginaw Community Foundation throughout the year and to the Lucy R. Allen Cornerstone Fund – SCF's Operating Endowment. Your authentic spirit can encourage others to think about how they can support the community whether they give to SCF, or another amazing organization in the community.

The staff and I wish everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! We are looking forward to 2023, and I feel strongly that if we all come together with a united philanthropic spirit, we can and will make a difference in our village.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Reneé S. Johnston, President & CEO

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Community Impact Award

On Oct. 21, SCF president & CEO Reneé Johnston was presented with the Community Impact Award at the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce's annual Community Leadership Awards program at the HORIZONS Conference Center in Saginaw. Congratulations, Reneé, on this wonderful and well-deserved award!

Other award recipients were Mark Flegenheimer, president & CEO, Michigan Sugar Company (Dr. Samuel H. Shaheen Vision of Free Enterprise Award); Josh Schaeding, The Maple Grille Restaurant and Microbrewery (Outstanding Small Business Award); Pharrington Douglass and Ken LeCureux, Urban Racquet Sports Foundation (Spirit of Saginaw Award); and Donald Bachand, Saginaw Valley State University (Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award).



From left to right: Josh Schaeding, Mark Flegenheimer, Ken LeCureux, Pharrington Douglass, Reneé Johnston, Donald Bachand



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The following new funds were approved by the SCF Board of Directors between June 18 – Oct. 14, 2022:

Dr. Scott Amman Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship to be awarded to one Chesaning Union School's graduating high school senior who is pursuing a career in STEM or Career and Technical Education field. The scholarship is established in honor of the donor's late husband, who was an electrical engineer with a passion for mentoring the next generation of STEM and Career and Technical Education professionals. It will award \$500 annually.

Dan Liebrock Basketball Scholarship

\$500 scholarships to be awarded to two graduating high school seniors (one male, one female) who have participated in high school basketball for at least two years. This scholarship is established in honor of the donor's late husband, who was employed as a basketball coach in the Hemlock Public School District.

Gerald & Inez O'Brien Scholarship

Scholarship fund established in memory of Gerald and Inez by their children. Annually, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a high school graduating student in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Marjorie A. Orr Scholarship

This scholarship will annually award two scholarships at \$1,250 each, to students pursuing a medical-related field-of-study, including nursing, medical school and pharmacy school.

Frank Rios, Jr. Line Worker Scholarship

A scholarship to be awarded to an individual studying to be an Electrical Line worker. This scholarship is established in honor of Frank who worked for Consumers Energy as a line worker.

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Your fund will be endowed at the Saginaw Community Foundation. Earnings gained through investments will be used to make grants that address needs in Saginaw County. If you prefer, grants can be made anonymously.

To get started, meet with your professional advisor or contact the Saginaw Community Foundation at (989) 755-0545 or visit saginawfoundation.org for more information.

it takes a village

There are many passions in our village – the education of our youth, public safety, and the health and wellbeing of residents, just to name a few. At Saginaw Community Foundation, we are uniquely positioned to connect donors, just like you, to the causes you are most passionate about.

Since 1984, because of the contributions of individuals, families and local businesses, we have been able to support hundreds of organizations, and those organizations have helped support thousands of individuals across Saginaw County. **We're a place where diverse interests and different voices come together to make real change happen, building a flourishing community for all, for ever.**

When you choose to support your community foundation with a contribution to the Lucy R. Allen Cornerstone Fund, your donation will become part of our permanent operating endowment making it possible for us to continue to:

- **Support critical emergency needs** by assisting with public health initiatives (COVID-19 Pandemic, mental health, opioid addiction, etc.) in Saginaw County

- **Be a leader in our village** by convening groups and individuals to share resources, talents and visions to reach common goals – **neighbor helping neighbor**
- **Invest in projects** in our village that will generate **positive social returns**
- **Provide grants to help fund projects and initiatives** here in Saginaw County – **a \$45 million impact since 1984**
- **Award nearly 700 scholarships benefiting over 375 students** annually for post-secondary education
- **Offer our Youth First Program** – a valuable before, during and after school educational and character-building resource helping elevate academic performance for children in our community.

Now is the time to come together, support your village, and help create opportunities right here in Saginaw County. Your gift – regardless of size – will be a statement of support and belief in our ongoing mission **to bring people and resources together to build an equitable community and make a lasting philanthropic impact.** To make a contribution, visit saginawfoundation.org/site/cornerstone22 or complete and mail the donation form on the back page of this newsletter.



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PSN grant announcement

tremendous positive change to violent activity, I'm looking forward to further addressing crime and violence with this additional funding."

A task force of local, state and federal partners will use the grant to identify gang and gun crime hotspots in specific neighborhoods, enhance the Saginaw Public School District's School Resource Officer program to provide anti-drug and anti-gang instruction and build community trust, and develop a violence interruption program.

Task force partners include the Saginaw Police Department, Michigan State Police, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Attorney's Office, Michigan Department of Corrections, Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office, the Saginaw Public School District and community partners.

"This will help the Saginaw Police Department and its partners reduce the incidents of violent crime in the Saginaw region," Chief Ruth said. "This will help ensure a safer environment for everyone who lives, works and plays in the city of Saginaw."

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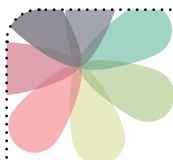
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