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Berrien County Gives Back

BCF Awards \$368,000 in Scholarships

It was a record-setting year for the Berrien Community Scholarship program as a total of \$368,000 in scholarships were awarded to area students. The scholarships support graduating seniors, adults returning to school and current college students.

This year six new scholarships were added to the BCF family of scholarships: **Delta Kappa Gamma Rho Chapter Women in Education Scholarship, The Patrick Freehling Memorial Scholarship, The Patricia Gagliardo Kutz-Holland Trades Scholarship, Jean M. Heisner Medical Technician Scholarship, Maybury Scholarship and Wilson Family Scholarship.** To date, more than \$3.5 million has been awarded in scholarships since the scholarship program began.

“For some students, a scholarship can make the difference between whether or not they go to college,” said Berrien Community Foundation President Lisa Cripps-Downey. “This year, we are awarding more money to more students than ever before. BCF and our generous donors are excited

to help these students be more financially secure as they hit this milestone in life and help offset the cost of college.”

For a full list of BCF Scholarships and Scholars, visit www.berriencommunity.org/2022-scholars



The 2022 BCF Scholars at the Scholarship Celebration.

Backpacks For Good Needs You!

The dates are set for this year’s **Backpacks For Good** events and volunteers are needed!

Backpacks for Good events help families get ready to go back to school by providing free backpacks filled with school supplies, a mobile food pantry, and a host of resources from other agencies to help students get ready and excited for the



upcoming school year.

Volunteers are needed at each event!

To volunteer, please sign up on BCF website at www.berriencommunity.org/backpacksforgood

This year’s dates and locations are:

Brandywine & Niles Community Schools Students:

Thursday, August 11, 4 – 6 p.m.
Niles High School Parking Lot

Students Who Live In The 49022:

Tuesday, August 16, 4 – 6 p.m.
Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor Youth Campus

Coloma and Watervliet Schools Students:

Thursday, August 18, 4 – 6 p.m.
Coloma High School

www.berriencommunity.org
269.983.3304
Summer 2022



BCF Awards over \$116,000 in For Good Grants

Berrien Community Foundation is giving a boost in funding to nonprofits across Berrien County through **For Good Grants** to help them continue doing good work locally. From arts collaboration to job training, For Good Grants were able to support a wide variety of programs to benefit the community.

“One of the really great things about our For Good Grants is that we are able to award so many grants to a number of diverse nonprofits that touch every part of Berrien County,” said Berrien Community Foundation President Lisa Cripps-Downey. “Each round, we are always encouraged by the great ideas these organizations are working on and what they are doing.”

Another round of For Good Grants are available this year with a September 30 application deadline.

For Good Grants recipients include:

- **The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts** — sound equipment for outdoor venues
- **Benton Harbor Public Library** — public access computers
- **Box Factory for the Arts** — to help defray expenses for two productions
- **Lory's Place** — to support one year of the Community Grief Alliance Work
- **Community Healing Centers** — Niles Outpatient Mental Health programming
- **Eau Claire Public Schools** — weekend food program
- **Fairplain Presbyterian Church** — volunteer project support
- **Friends of Berrien County Animal Control** — spay/neuter program
- **Michiana Metro Lighthouse Chorus** — music
- **Mosaic CCDA** — job training institute
- **One Buchanan** — educational forums
- **Performing Arts Workshops** — Musical Theatre Experience workshops
- **Salvation Army, Niles** — weekend nutritional backpack program
- **Three Oaks Township** — restoration of the 1886 one-room schoolhouse
- **YMCA of Greater Michiana** — summer camp program
- **Buchanan Art Center** — free chamber music concerts
- **Oronoko Charter Township** — community park construction
- **Watervliet Public Schools** — drumline instruments and equipment



BCF Program Officer Christian Hurdle presents a For Good Grant to the YMCA of Greater Michiana. Pictured are L to R: YMCA's Mark Weber, Olivia Clemons, Janie Townsend and Hurdle.



The Acorn Theater crew celebrates a For Good Grant. L to R are Amy Black, Beth Kaskel, Laura Madsen Jolly (front) and BCF President Lisa Cripps-Downey.

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Save The Date

BERRIEN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION

LOOKING BACK ON 2022 AND CELEBRATING 70 YEARS SERVING BERRIEN COUNTY

9·21·22

Upcoming Grant Application Due Dates

September 30 -
BCF For Good Grants

October 15 -
Frederick S. Upton
Foundation Grants

Ongoing -
SWMI Cares Emergency
Grants