



Growing Good IN BARRY COUNTY

BARRY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Community

As we look back on the past year, we're reminded that the good that we see growing is the result of dedicated individuals coming together to improve lives in Barry County. Together, with partners, grantees, and friends like you, we're investing in initiatives to strengthen our community and to help build the kind of place all Barry County residents deserve to call home.

Affordable housing, youth leadership, improved access to outdoor experiences, and a new local fresh food infrastructure are just some of the ways we are achieving our vision. Each story in this report represents access, opportunity, and belonging. We hope these stories inspire you as much as they inspire us.

As we pursue our mission of improving lives by bridging resources and fostering collaboration, we thank you for your continued trust, support, and belief in what's possible. The good we plant today becomes the roots of tomorrow, and we're grateful to be growing it with you.

With appreciation,



Bonnie Gettys, *President and CEO*



Jennifer Haywood, *Chair of the Board of Directors*



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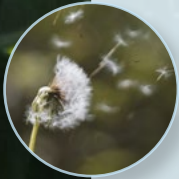
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Growth on the Horizon

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:

A visionary approach to solving the need for housing

As housing costs continue to rise, Barry County is exploring new ways to make homeownership more accessible without compromising long-term community stability. One strategy is the introduction of a community land trust.

A community land trust is different from the traditional real estate model. With a land trust, the land remains owned by a public or nonprofit entity, while the homeowner owns only the house itself. This model reduces the upfront cost and removes the burden of property taxes tied to the land.

This program makes home ownership more affordable for families who might otherwise be priced out of the market.

Land trust homes come with built-in protections. Buyers can build equity in the home, but resale restrictions ensure the home remains affordable for the next owner. That way, the trust preserves long-term affordability across decades, rather than just serving one homeowner at a time. As an added benefit, the trust doesn't require homes to be located next to one another; it's a flexible model that can work across an entire county.

Looking ahead, the community is optimistic about the impact the land trust model could bring. Barry County aims to create a sustainable path to homeownership that prioritizes affordability. The land trust represents a step toward ensuring that families can build roots here for generations to come.





January 2026

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11	12	13	14	Leadership Barry County Opening Retreat		Chamber Annual Dinner & Awards Celebration
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day			15	16	17
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						Hastings Music School Dinner Theater
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Cultivating Community

NASHVILLE'S COMMUNITY HEART & SOUL

At its core, Community Heart & Soul is about capturing the values and hopes of citizens to shape a future to reflect their vision. Nashville's journey with this process is well underway, as the town progresses through Phase 2 of the four-part Heart & Soul process: Imagine, Connect, Plan, and Act. This year, local leaders and volunteers have been busy gathering stories from residents about what they love, what improvements they want to see, and what they hope for their town's future. The focus is on connecting with residents of all ages and backgrounds to understand what matters most to them. These community stories will ultimately guide future planning and investment.

Duska Brumm, a Nashville resident and BCF Program Officer, says this program is pivotal to the town's future. "By listening to one another's stories, we are building a shared vision of what matters most to our people," she said.

The team has gathered stories from places like the high school, the antique festival, and the public library. Already, one common theme is emerging: residents value Nashville's sense of a close-knit community. Eventually, these stories will help shape local improvements. Suggestions so far include downtown renovations, new festivals or events, and shared gathering spaces like a community pavilion.

"Through collective efforts, we can build a future on what Nashville residents dream for their own community," Brumm added.

It is clear that
the town's greatest
asset remains **its people**
and their willingness to
shape the future.

– Duska Brumm, BCF





February 2026

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8	9	10	11	12	13	Green Gables Haven Auction Valentine's Day 14
15	Presidents' Day 16	17	18	19	Scholarship Applications Close 20	Tapestry: Carole King HPAC/TAC 21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

A photograph of a track and field area with a green grass field and a black running track with white lane markings. The background shows trees with autumn foliage under a cloudy sky.

Memories Continue to Bloom

**GUENTHER
MITTELSTAEDT**
Maple Valley
Scholarship



There are different ways to leave a legacy. Some people spend a lifetime building theirs. Others are honored by those who want to ensure their memory lives on in meaningful ways. For Guenther Mittelstaedt, both are true.

Guenther Mittelstaedt began teaching at Maple Valley Junior-Senior High School in 1973. A German immigrant and first-generation college graduate, he brought with him a passion for history, geography, and athletics. For more than 35 years, he shaped the lives of Maple Valley students as both a teacher and a coach. Whether he was leading a varsity football team to the state finals or encouraging junior high students in the classroom, Coach Mittelstaedt was known for his unwavering belief in young people's potential.

When Guenther passed away in May of 2025, the Maple Valley community lost not only a beloved educator and coach, but a neighbor and friend as well. His life is a reminder that one person's dedication can leave a lasting mark on an entire community. To honor that impact, his family created the Guenther Mittelstaedt Memorial Scholarship, which will begin awarding its first recipient in 2026.

Even though Guenther eventually relocated upon retirement, the hearts of his family remain tied to the place where he spent so much of his life. Creating this scholarship was their way of ensuring his influence and values continue to shape future generations. At the Barry Community Foundation, we see time and again how families choose to honor loved ones in ways that give back, turning personal legacies into opportunities for others to succeed.





March 2026

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Daylight Savings Begins						
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15	Barry Health Access Grant Applications Due	St. Patrick's Day YAC Grant Applications Due	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Harvesting Local Bounty

MILL STREET MARKET

In Hastings, a new community-driven food and wellness project is sprouting. Mill Street Market is a 10,000-square-foot community food center on track to open in the summer of 2026. Envisioned as a hub for fresh food, childcare, and healthy living, this Barry Community Foundation project is led by Executive Director Allison Hinton, and is supported by the B. Healthy initiative.

This \$3.8 million project has big goals: support local farmers and food producers, expand access to nutritious food, provide affordable daycare, and offer a licensed commercial kitchen for food-based businesses to grow.

“We’re giving farmers, food makers, and families the tools they need to grow,” explained Hinton. Farmers and producers will consign their goods and receive 70% of the proceeds, which, in comparison, is more than the narrow profits they often receive through traditional distribution channels.

Mill Street Market will staff the storefront, manage inventory, and handle sales so local producers can spend more time growing. The building will include a retail market and an on-site café, serving fresh coffee and food made with local ingredients. The other half of the space will house a childcare center aimed at being affordable to Barry County families while offering competitive wages to its staff.

This model allows local producers to sell their fresh products while extending their business opportunities. By processing, storing, and repurposing their goods on-site, farmers and entrepreneurs are supported every step of the way.



- 
- support local farmers
 - expand access to nutritious food
 - provide affordable daycare
 - offer a licensed commercial kitchen



April 2026

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12	13	14	Income Tax Deadline	DKEF Spring Gala		Barry-Roubaix
19	20	21	TAC Jazz Festival	Liberty Call: Great Lakes Navy Band HPAC/TAC		25
					24	
26	27	28	29	Wilson H. Craig, Jr. Grant Applications Due	30	

Scattering Seeds



HUNDREDS OF AREA
STUDENTS RECEIVE
SCHOLARSHIPS
EVERY YEAR

Every spring, students of Barry County are awarded scholarships to support their next career-focused steps, wherever that may lead them.

The Barry Community Foundation partners with the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation and the Delton Kellogg Education Foundation to provide a robust scholarship program for Barry County students, which is indicative of what happens when a community believes in its people and invests in their future potential. Currently, 150 different scholarships are available to help students pursue their passions.

With more than 100 volunteers reviewing hundreds of applications, the scholarship program is built on fairness, thoughtfulness, and donor intention. The volunteers' protocol ensures each foundation adheres to strict IRS guidelines for charitable giving. Behind every scholarship is a donor, family, or business that trusts the foundation to steward their generosity.

Some recipients will pursue four-year degrees. Others will enter trade schools, certificate programs, or head straight into the workforce. These scholarships are investments in people, not just diplomas. Some may return to reside in Barry County. Others may build lives far away. But no matter where they land, their lives have been positively impacted and supported by the community from where they came.



May 2026

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Grand Rapids Symphony HPAC/TAC 3	4	5	Thornapple Players Spring Production 6	7	8	9
Mother's Day 10	11	12	Thornapple Players Spring Production 13	14	15	16
17	18	Leadership Barry County Graduation 19	20	21	22	23
24	Memorial Day 25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Sprouting New Leaders

LEADERSHIP BARRY COUNTY YOUTH QUEST

Each summer, a small group of high school students from across Barry County gather at YMCA's Camp Algonquin to take part in Youth Quest, a program that teaches leadership, teambuilding, and creative problem solving. Led by a team of facilitators, Youth Quest serves as a deliberate effort to help teens grow into stronger leaders. This year's group included six students from Hastings, four from Maple Valley, and two from Thornapple Kellogg.

"We definitely want to get more students involved," said Dave Solmes, longtime facilitator, "and the main goal of Youth Quest is to get kids from all different backgrounds." Solmes emphasized that Youth Quest isn't just for natural leaders or straight-A students; it's designed to reach a wide and diverse mix of individuals, especially those who might one day give back to Barry County.

During the weekend, students work through problem-solving activities and group challenges technology-free. The goal is to encourage connection, collaboration, and to learn how to work with those who bring different perspectives than they do. Although many students arrive not knowing each other, they leave having formed strong bonds.

"Youth Quest had me do things I thought were impossible for me to accomplish, pushing me to greater heights both physically and mentally. I learned how to work patiently with a team, how to communicate well, and the importance of optimism. I believe we all grew differently over camp, but by the end of it, we left with a sturdy understanding of good leadership," explained Shannon Kistler, 2025 Youth Quest Participant.

Youth Quest is a meaningful part of Barry County's youth development and will continue to equip young leaders with the skills they need to succeed. Whether they return to their hometowns or move on to new places, Youth Quest alumni carry with them the value of leadership and community.



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patiently with a team,
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June 2026

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14	Thornapple Players Drama Camp	16	17	18	Juneteenth	20
Father's Day	Thornapple Players Drama Camp	23	24	25	Bill Porter Golf Outing	27
28	29	30				

In every strong community, there are those who generously and consistently show up. They lend their time, their talents, and most of all, their hearts. At the center of everything we do are the volunteers who make things happen, not for recognition, but out of love for their neighbors and commitment to making a difference.

In July of 2025, during the annual Soul Celebration, we honored three extraordinary individuals with the Servant's Heart Award for their compassion and dedication to serving their community.

A longtime pillar of BCF, Fred Jacobs has generously given both his time and insight to our

organization. Serving since the inception and formation of BCF, Fred is known for asking the right questions at the right time. His thoughtful approach and deep historical knowledge have made him an invaluable voice in our work. Fred feels inspired by Barry County's long history of giving.

Dr. Kim Norris brings a commitment of two nine-year terms to the Board of Directors. Her service has been shaped by her upbringing and deepened through her career in medicine. Since joining the Barry Community Foundation Board, Kim has become a dedicated advocate for the idea that one person has the ability to make valuable contributions to a community.

Lastly, Bob Byington has been instrumental in establishing BCF as a leader in Barry County, providing pro bono legal counsel from the very beginning. His behind-the-scenes support has ensured that the decisions have been grounded in integrity and legal clarity. "His work has been instrumental in helping us to grow and thrive, ensuring everything we do is built on a strong and ethical framework," shared Bonnie Gettys, CEO.

Generous Hearts Nourish Our Community



From left to right:
Dr. Kim Norris,
Fred Jacobs, and
Bob Byington



July 2026

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Enjoying the Beauty of Our County

COMMUNITY GRANTS IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO LAKES AND PARKS

In Barry County, outdoor adventures are becoming more accessible through community grants that help open outdoor experiences to everyone. Two recent initiatives supported by the Barry Community Foundation are leading the way: an all-terrain track chair at Historic Charlton Park and an adaptive kayak launch at Camp Manitou-Lin.

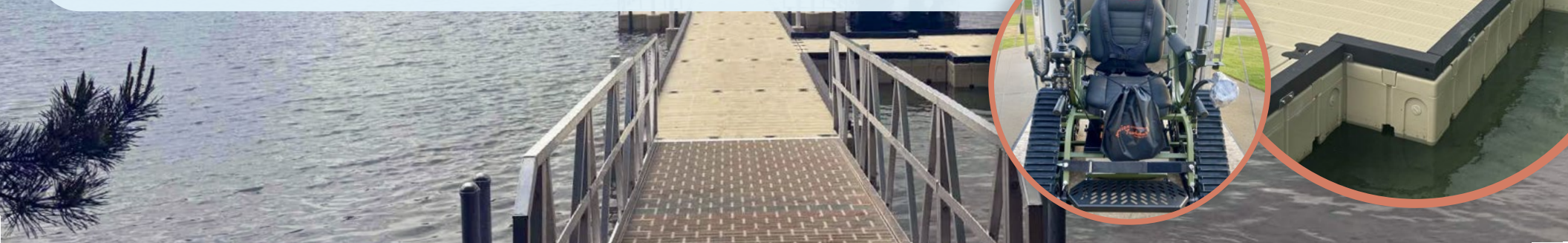
At Charlton Park, a \$10,000 grant from BCF helped fund the purchase of an all-terrain wheelchair. Offered free of charge, the chair allows individuals with mobility challenges to explore areas of the park's historic grounds and trails with greater freedom.

Charlton Park staff have been testing the track chair on different trails to determine suitability for access. Part of this planning is pre-determining various routes for novice versus experienced users. The park has plans for demonstrations at Barry ISD, Thornapple Manor, the Commission on Aging, and any other group that requests a demonstration for potential users.

"We want people to know this is a resource for those who need mobility assistance and enjoy the outdoors," said Dan Patton, Barry County Parks Director.

At Camp Manitou-Lin, a new adaptive kayak launch is opening the lake to even more people. The specially designed equipment allows individuals with physical limitations to safely transfer into kayaks. With this addition, campers of all abilities can now experience kayaking on Barlow Lake. This upgrade is already making a difference in the lives of campers and stands as a model for future accessibility efforts across the region.

Together, these projects reflect Barry County's growing commitment to outdoor spaces that welcome everyone, regardless of age or ability. By investing in inclusive infrastructure, the community is opening the outdoors for all to enjoy.





August 2026

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9	10	11	12	13	Delton Founders Festival	15
16	Healthy Youth & Healthy Seniors Grant Applications Due	18	19	20	Hastings Summerfest	22
23	24	25	26	27	Name-Your-Price Garage Sale for Hastings Music School	29
30	31					

Thought Garden

Since 2001, the Fresh Food Initiative has served as a vital resource in Barry County, providing fresh food to hundreds of households each week. The program, coordinated through the Barry County United Way, aims to connect local families with healthy food options in a welcoming, accessible way. Each week, nearly 250 households receive boxes of fresh food through a drive-through model, based in the parking lot of the Green Street Methodist Church in Hastings. Volunteers help unload 10-15,000 pounds of food each week, fill boxes, and distribute them to community members.

The program's roots trace back to a small but meaningful investment. One of the Fresh Food Initiative's earliest supporters was the Barry Community Foundation, which issued a \$1,000 grant to South Central Food Bank, where the food is still purchased from today. That initial funding helped spark what would become a lasting partnership. In 2001, BCF granted \$2,000 to launch the Fresh Food Initiative site here in Barry County.

Many assistance programs have eligibility requirements, which can leave out people who may not qualify on paper, but still experience food insecurity. The Fresh Food Initiative helps bridge that gap by offering fresh food to anyone in need, no questions asked.

"We know this program is an asset to our community as it is the only non-income-qualifying food program in Barry County," says Morgan Johnson, Barry County United Way Fresh Food Initiative coordinator. "The community foundation is always our biggest support system, and we know that together, we can make incredible things happen."

A SEED OF AN IDEA PROVIDES FRESH FOOD

“...and we know that **together**, we can make **incredible** things happen.”





September 2026

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6	Labor Day	8	9	10	United Way Day of Caring and Kick-Off	12
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Nurturing Legacy Rooted in Community

BLOOD FAMILY



For the Blood family, giving was a tradition passed down through generations. Rooted deeply in Barry County, the Blood family has influenced the well-being of this community through their genuine care for agriculture.

Ardath Blood grew up in Barry County, raised on her family's farm in Carlton Township alongside her brother David. Their parents, Sherley and Vida Blood, instilled in them a love for tradition, hard work, and community. Though Ardath eventually relocated, she stayed connected to her roots.

She was married in the First Presbyterian Church in Hastings and spent much of her early life within its walls, which is now home to the

Barry Community Enrichment Center. She sees BCF as a reflection of the values of compassion and generosity she was raised with, inspiring her to establish the S. C. Blood Family Fund to honor her predecessors and the legacy they left in Barry County's agricultural history. The fund supports agricultural education and heritage preservation throughout Barry County, particularly in the rural northeast corner where the Blood family farm once thrived.

Every grant given through this fund carries the Blood family name, and with it, Ardath's love for Barry County and her desire to give back to the place that shaped her.

Photos from left to right: Sherley, Vida, and Ardath Blood.





October 2026

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11	12	13	14	Barry County Bar Assc., BCF & YAC Grant Applications Due 15	16	Arts and Eats Tour YAC Roof Sit 17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Barry County Manufacturing Week 26	27	28	29	30	Halloween Wilson H. Craig Jr. Grant Applications Due 31

Nourishing Future Growth

INVEST BARRY—The Local Grind

Invest Barry has fueled growth at The Local Grind, a coffee shop in Delton that serves as a welcoming gathering place for coffee enjoyers as well as students, neighbors, and anyone looking for a friendly space to work, relax, or spend time with friends.

An Invest Barry loan helped create new opportunities for The Local Grind to grow and serve, keeping energy and enterprise right here at home. That's what Invest Barry is all about: supporting the economic strength of Barry County through mission-driven investment strategies. The program ensures that money made in Barry County stays in Barry County. By offering low-interest loans, it lowers the barrier for local entrepreneurs to grow their businesses, while repayments cycle back into the fund to support future investments.

Through the loan, The Local Grind was able to install a commercial kitchen, which opened the door to a new menu of fresh-baked goods and food items. Other much-needed renovations throughout their space, including new siding, were made possible with the funds from this Invest Barry loan.

Kristina Harrington, the owner of the shop, says the loan has been essential to their growth, supporting everything from food preparation to day-to-day operations. "We often say, how did we ever do this before?" she said.

The story of The Local Grind is one rooted in community spirit. Even the space itself tells that story. Nearly every table, chair, and decoration has been donated or passed along by friends, customers, and supporters who love the shop and want to see it thrive. It's a space shaped by the people who care about it; where every detail reflects the community's belief in the value of local business.





November 2026

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8	9	10	Veterans Day Thornapple Players Fall Production 11	12	13	14
15	16	17	Thornapple Players Fall Production 18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	Thanksgiving Day 26	27	Small Business Saturday 28
29	30					

Planting a Forest of New Homes

HOUSING UPDATE

Across Barry County, new housing investments will serve the needs of residents and increase affordable and attainable housing.

Currently, in Barry County, nearly 150 new housing units are either in planning or under construction. One of the most exciting projects is under construction on Mill Street in Hastings. Through Michigan's bipartisan redevelopment program, Hastings has secured funding to transform long-vacant lots into housing and shared community spaces. The Riverwalk Lofts will consist of three multifamily buildings with a total of 135 residential units, with an additional building serving as the Mill Street Market.

We've also partnered with local craftsman, Jason Tietz, to introduce Shuffle Houses. These are single-level homes under 1,200 square feet, designed for someone to be able to "shuffle" through the home without any change in elevation. These homes are perfect for first-time buyers or those looking to downsize. To date, there are seven Shuffle Houses in our county: three complete and four in the planning stage.

As these homes help to fill Barry County's urgent need for housing, we're excited to continue creating opportunities for people to live affordably throughout the community.





December 2026

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20	21	22	23	Christmas Eve 24	Christmas 25	26
27	28	29	30	New Year's Eve 31		

Financials

Program Highlights

KICKSTART TO CAREER

Each year Barry County kindergartners receive a deposit-only, long-term savings account at Highpoint Community Bank seeded with \$50.

5,687

number of accounts as of 6.30.2025

\$341,764

in public deposits

\$534,341

total holdings as of 6.30.2025*

\$180,235

in private deposits

**Including all public and private interest payments*

LEADERSHIP BARRY COUNTY

Leadership Barry County offers established and emerging leaders a unique opportunity to be part of a group that comes together to develop their professional and personal leadership skills.

617

alumni since inception in 1989

15

graduates in 2025

Supporting Organization

BARRY COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CENTER

Established in 2011, this building is owned and operated by the Barry Community Foundation. It currently brings together eleven partner organizations for centralized access to assistance and support services.

96% SAVINGS

Annual rental rates for our non-profit renters are 96% less than market rates

Based on \$10/sq foot rental BCEC saves nonprofit renters in BCEC building thousands of dollars each year.

Scholarships

Each year area students can apply for local scholarships offered through the Barry Community Foundation and our geographic affiliates, the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation and the Delton Kellogg Education Foundation.

BARRY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

41

scholarships administered

\$72,450

awarded in 2025

THORNAPPLE AREA ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION

46

scholarships administered

\$52,100

awarded in 2025

DELTON KELLOGG EDUCATION FOUNDATION

60

scholarships administered

\$125,000

awarded in 2025

125K
DKEF

72K
BCF

52K
TAEF

Granting

Each year, the Barry Community Foundation and its affiliate foundations generously grant money into our community. These dollars continue to support the ongoing needs of the people and organizations that call Barry County home.

145

funds that granted dollars into the community ending 6.30.2025

\$2,325,020

granted into the community ending 6.30.2025

Asset Breakdown

net assets as of 6.30.2025

\$3,034,561

Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation

\$3,224,407

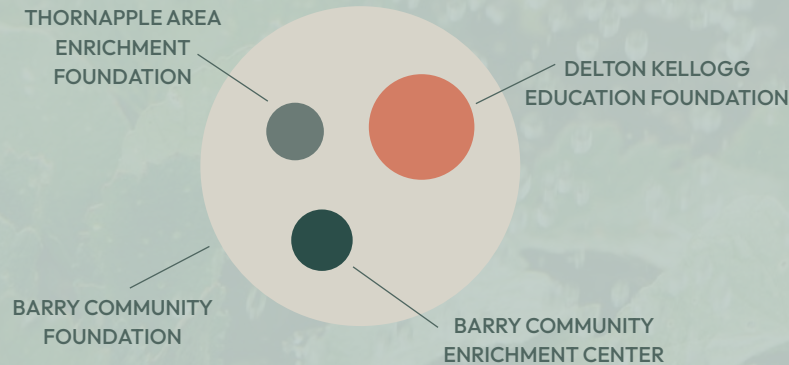
Barry Community Enrichment Center *(separate entity)*

\$5,505,328

Delton Kellogg Education Foundation

\$67,720,215

Barry Community Foundation *(total includes BCF and its supporting organizations)*



Gifts

\$7,179,905

dollar amount of total gifts

1,115

number of total gifts

INDIVIDUAL GIVING

Percentage of individual donors by year of giving

31%

first-time givers

21%

giving for 1-5 years

14%

giving for 6-10 years

12%

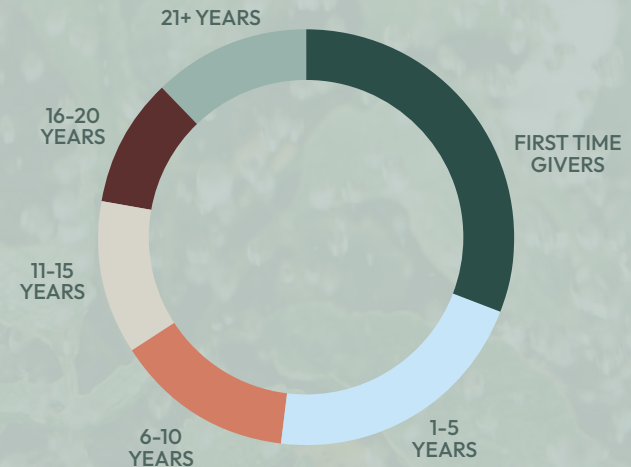
giving for 11-15 years

10%

giving for 16-20 years

12%

giving for 21+ years



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