



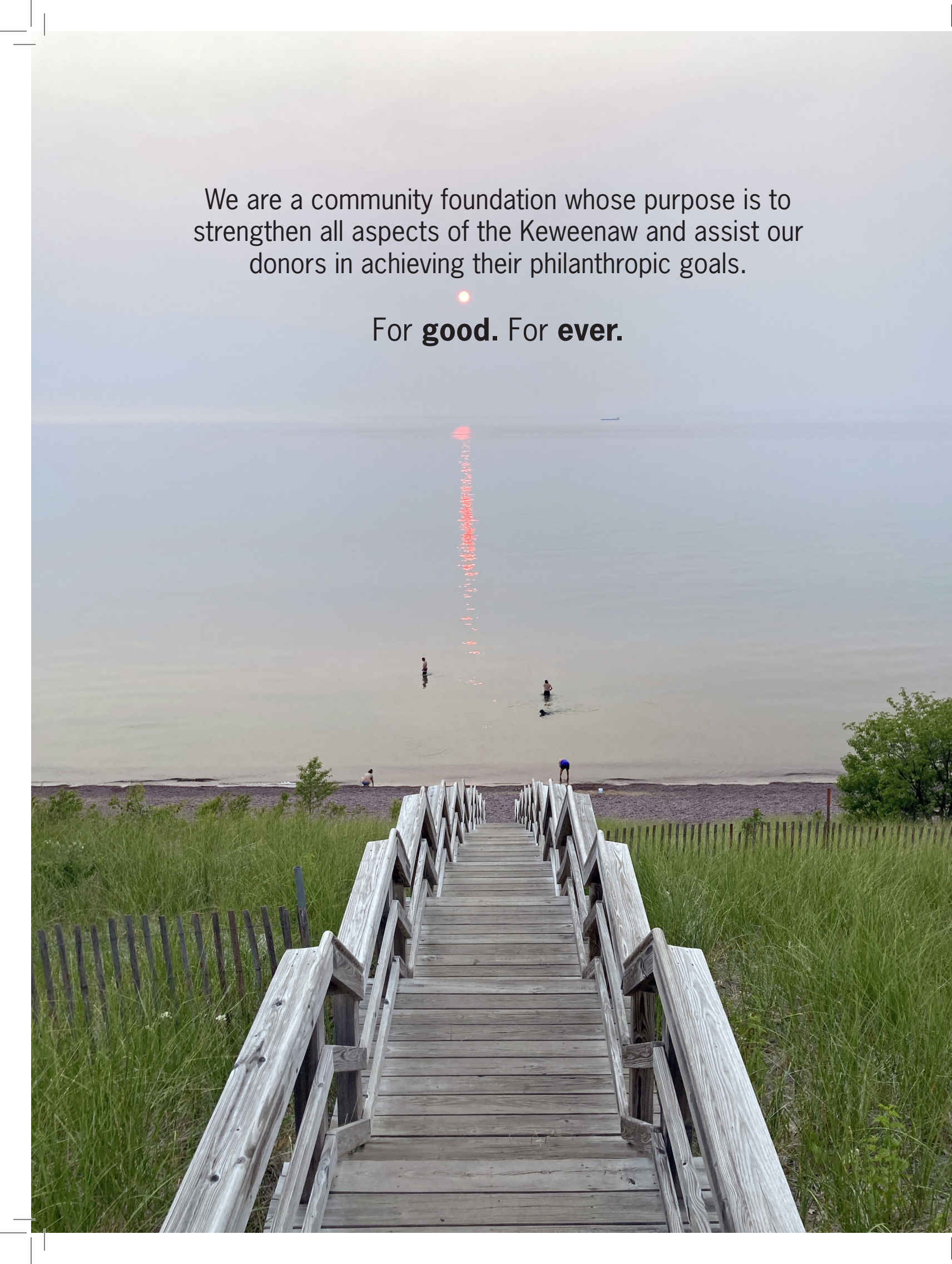
Keweenaw

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

For good. For ever.®

2021 ANNUAL REPORT





We are a community foundation whose purpose is to strengthen all aspects of the Keweenaw and assist our donors in achieving their philanthropic goals.

For **good.** For **ever.**

WHO WE ARE

Established in 1994, the Keweenaw Community Foundation serves as a catalyst for lasting change, a partner for local organizations, and a resource for emerging community needs.

WHAT WE DO

We provide sustainable financial support to organizations for projects aimed at addressing local needs and strengthening our community.

WHERE WE HELP

Our focus is in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties. Altogether, the Foundation's funds represent organizations, programs, and donors, creating a network of support. Each enriches all aspects of the place we call home, now and for generations to come.

A LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITY

Keweenaw Community Foundation's purpose is to strengthen all aspects of the Keweenaw Peninsula and assist our donors in achieving their philanthropic goals. For good. For ever. This mission continues unwaveringly. In that spirit, the Board is excited to introduce our new Executive Director, Robin Meneguzzo. Robin has a rich history of community involvement and support that she brings to the Foundation and its mission.

Additionally, the Foundation recently became an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula (CFUP), a U.P. wide consortium of community foundations. The move, which will provide most of the back-end work at lower cost, allows our local staff to focus on the local needs of the Foundation and the community. The Keweenaw Community Foundation will join eight other Upper Peninsula community foundations that have a similar relationship with CFUP.

There is more good news. Our investment portfolio has performed well, reversing the losses incurred in the previous year and then some. This increased performance has allowed the Board to increase their grantable spending this year, ensuring that the resources directed for our community continue to make a positive impact.

As we navigate this exciting new chapter, I assure you that on behalf of our Board, we are committed to the mission to serve you and our community. For good. For ever.

– John Lehman, Board Chair

BOARD MEMBERS

John Lehman, *Board Chair*
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We are currently seeking board members.
Please reach out to mail@keweenawgives.org to inquire about applying to serve as a board member for the Keweenaw Community Foundation.

OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Community,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Robin Meneguzzo, and I am the new Executive Director of the Keweenaw Community Foundation. Some of you may know me from my previous role in the community as a Nurse Practitioner. I have worked in a variety of healthcare settings over the last 15 years, and during that time I have learned and continue to believe that 'health' is not solely the physical and mental well-being of individuals. The environment and communities in which we live play a significant role in the health of the individual and the whole.

As I worked with patients, it became clear that this understanding of what truly creates 'health' needs to be considered, not only at the individual physical level, but at the systems and community level. That is why I am here at the Foundation, to work to improve the health and well-being of this community.

The Foundation is transitioning, which certainly seems fitting for the times we find ourselves in today. Change can be challenging but it can also be advantageous, using new and creative ways to solve problems and approach our work. I possess passion, commitment, and a deep desire to be a part of finding solutions for this community. In addition, I bring a unique background to this role that creates depth and new perspectives to help meet the Foundation's mission to strengthen this community.

I am excited to be here and look forward to meeting and learning from all of you. It is the work and expertise that you tirelessly commit to this community that creates the strength our community is proud of. I want to thank you for the work that you do, the time you commit and the financial support you provide to this beautiful place we call home.

With gratitude,
Robin Meneguzzo, FNP-C



TRANSITIONS AT THE FOUNDATION

As you know, Keweenaw Community Foundation's purpose is to strengthen all aspects of the Keweenaw Peninsula and assist our donors in achieving their philanthropic goals. For good. For ever. This mission continues whether the times are good or challenging. We have some great news to share with you about changes we are making that will enable us to serve you better.

Our organization has grown from a small number of community funds to well over 100 funds in a very short time. In our effort to keep expenses low, we have maintained a very small staff of dedicated people who believe in our mission and service to the community, and conduct many of our activities through a group of dedicated volunteers from our community.

The Board recognized that structural changes were needed to effectively pursue our mission as our organization continues to grow. Our Board reviewed many options, and chose the one that makes the most sense both in terms of functionality, efficiency, as well as one that best supports our overall mission.

To that end, the Board decided the best way forward is to affiliate with the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula (CFUP), a U.P. wide consortium of community foundations, which can provide most of the back-end work at lower cost and frees our local staff to focus on fund development and community giving.

We want to assure you that all funds are secure and functioning well and will continue to be dedicated to the Keweenaw. With our new affiliation with CFUP, the Foundation may receive donations which will be processed by CFUP. Investments continue to grow, and funds will continue to be granted based on the donor's intent. You can find out more about CFUP on the following page and at www.cfup.org.

As we navigate this exciting new chapter, be assured that the Foundation remains committed to the mission to serve you and our community. For good. For ever.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE UPPER PENINSULA

Mission

CFUP's mission is to better the lives of area residents and to adhere to the directions from its donors, now and in the future.

Where CFUP Began

In 2002, the Council of Michigan Foundations took a leading role in attempting to get the Upper Peninsula community foundations to work together. All of these community foundations were invited to take part in the discussions to shape the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula. On January 1, 2003, CFUP's collaboration began with eight Upper Peninsula community foundations.

What CFUP Does

The Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula (CFUP) provides financial support to qualified tax-exempt organizations for projects aimed at solving community problems or enhancing life in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. CFUP provides a leadership role through service as a catalyst for change, an innovator to solve problems, a partner with other community organizations, and as a resource for solutions to emerging community needs. Support comes from the income of permanently endowed funds contributed by individuals, businesses, and organizations.

Affiliates

Alger Regional Community Foundation
Community Foundation for Delta County
Gogebic/Ontonagon Community Foundation
Keweenaw Community Foundation
Les Cheneaux Community Foundation
Paradise Area Community Foundation
Rudyard Area Community Foundation
Schoolcraft County Community Foundation
St. Ignace Area Community Foundation

Contact

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OUR FUNDS

DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS

A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum
Agnes & Elmo Negro Memorial Fund—
Calumet Skating Academy
Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter
Bay-Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America
Calumet Theater
Carnegie Museum
CLK Youth Hockey Endowment
Copper Country Autism Awareness
Copper Country Catholic Churches
Copper Country Community Arts Council
Copper Country Habitat for Humanity
Copper Country Humane Society
Copper Country Ski Tigers
Copper Country Suzuki Association
Copper Harbor Improvement Association
Copper Harbor Trails Society
Dial Help
Don't Do It Yourself (D.D.I.Y.)
Faith Lutheran Educational Resource
Glad Tidings
Gratiot Lake Conservancy
Houghton High School Alumni Association
Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association
John M. & Clara B. Wagner Memorial Fund
Kenneth Ryan Clark Memorial Fund
Keweenaw Community Foundation
Keweenaw County Historical Society
Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance
Keweenaw Family Resource Center
Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's
Keweenaw Land Trust
Keweenaw Natural Areas
Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Kiwanis – Nailbenders
Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative
Life Outreach Center
Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly
Martha & Floyd Memorial Heart & Hands
Society
Michigan Nature Association
Mont Ripley National Ski Patrol
Omega House
Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Portage Lake District Library
Portage Lake Little League
Portage Lake United Church
Richard and Ann Tieder Memorial Fund
Richard and June Ross Genealogy Fund

Robert W. Maatta Charitable Fund
Ruth L. Sablich Charitable Fund
Simple Kindness for Youth (SKY)
Slim McLean Memorial Hockey Fund
St. Vincent DePaul Friends-in-Need Fund
Swedetown Trails Club
U.P. Kids
UP Wildlife Habitat Fund
Wetland Mitigation Stewardship

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

Alec Fisher Scholarship
Anthony and Patricia Stark Endowment
Scholarship
Bernard F. Gaffney Memorial Scholarship
Faith Lutheran Church Educational
Scholarship
Houghton Rotary Scholarship
Jack Eberhard Memorial Scholarship
Richard and Clara Fedewa Scholarship
Ron and Lou Ellyn Helman Scholarship
Sean M. Williams Memorial Scholarship
Stuart Family Endowment Scholarship

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Funding Youth Initiatives
Herman Gundlach Fund
Zutter Family Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST ENDOWMENTS

Copper Country Youth Hockey
Environmental
Houghton County Historical Preservation
Joe Freed Empowerment Fund
KCF Youth Endowment (SLACK)
Keweenaw Cross Country Skiing
PHF Community Wellness and Outdoor
Recreation
Portage Lake Youth

SPECIAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Brick Project - Paving the Way
Camp 911
City of Hancock - Parks and Recreation
KCF Community Impact
Copper Country Alive Inside
Keweenaw Community Critical Incident
Stress Management Fund
Old Copper Complex

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

\$300,372

Made available to KCF funds for granting

102

Active funds

Over \$9.7 Million

Total assets managed

\$213,131

Granted to local community partners

*All data is for the 2021 Financial Year (April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021).
Finances have not yet been audited.

Everything the Keweenaw Community Foundation is able to do is the result of your support. Please help us continue to grow and strengthen the Keweenaw community long into the future. **Make your donation today!** 

STAY CONNECTED

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Twitter: [@KeweenawCF](https://twitter.com/KeweenawCF)

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

With over 100 funds there are a number of organizations and initiatives that you can contribute to. Supporting their programs and projects will make a difference in your community.



Use your device and scan the code above to be taken directly to our online donation form. You can also find out more about each fund and donate online at www.keweenawgives.org. If you prefer to mail your contribution, please use the address below and make sure to designate which fund you wish to support.

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Donations will go to the Keweenaw Community Foundation, a geographic affiliate fund of the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula.



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The Keweenaw Community Foundation (KCF) is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula (CFUP). Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. National Standards accreditation represents operational effectiveness to foster excellence in community philanthropy.