

# Where does the money go?

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As you know, the Ingham County Bar Foundation is a IRC 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization founded in 2002 as a vehicle for lawyers and others interested in improving the administration of justice throughout Michigan but especially in the Mid-Michigan area.

The Foundation raises funds through contributions, memberships, an annual golf outing, and the occasional Judge's Retirement Gala.

Where does the money raised by the Foundation go, you ask?

It has gone to more than 30 different nonprofit organizations with a common thread: each has as one of its goals the promotion of access to justice.

A grant to Legal Services of South Central Michigan was used to provide members of the public with relevant, current information to assist in making the right choices on legal issues impacting them.

St. Vincent Catholic Charities used its grant to mobilize the immigration law community to promote comprehensive legal services to its clients throughout Michigan.

The Veterans Court used its support to work toward minimizing the rate of recidivism among

veterans who become defendants in criminal matters.

The Foundation has given assistance to the Greater Lansing Land Bank, City of Lansing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Elder Law of Michigan, Highfields, Inc., Advent House and many others. It also has supported several projects of the Ingham County Bar Association.

*Extending Your Influence* is the Foundation's Endowment campaign that is an ongoing challenge to lawyers and like-minded members of the community at large to build up the Foundation's Endowment to permanently assure the Foundation's commitments: educate the public about its legal rights and obligations and to ensure that legal services are made available to the public in nondiscriminating ways.

The Foundation encourages lawyers to consider making gifts to the endowment fund and to encourage their clients to do the same as part of gifting strategies. In this way we can each *Extend Our Influence*. □



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