

## ICBF PRESENTS CHECK to VETERAN'S COURT

On November 10, 2016, the Ingham County Bar Foundation presented a check for \$ 5000 to the Friends of Ingham County Veteran's Treatment Court. This was the sixth consecutive year the Foundation has made a substantial donation to the Veteran's Court. The Foundation has, in total donated \$ 23,000 to support the efforts of the Veteran's Court.

At the presentation, President of the Veteran's Court, Larry Salstrom stated that past grants from the Foundation have permitted the Friends to pay for a wide range of assistance to many Veterans, including necessary, emergency or unpaid expenses for indigent Veterans before the Court such as eye glasses, hearing aids, monitor equipment, fuel oil, counseling fees, bunk beds, utility bills and funeral travel expenses. The ongoing generous grants from the Foundation will again, permit the Friends to assist Veterans before the Ingham County Veteran's Treatment Court.

The Court is experiencing a great deal of success with the program. The overwhelming majority of participants complete and graduate from the program and reintegrate back into society as responsible citizens. Many of the Veteran's participating in the Court are working, attending school, have found stable housing, received help for substance and mental health related problems and have reconnected with their families for the first time in years.

In presenting the check, Pete Sheldon, Board member of the Foundation stated:

"Larry - - on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ingham County Bar Foundation it is my distinct honor and pleasure to present to you this check for \$5,000, constituting the Foundation's grant to Friends of Ingham County Veterans Treatment Court for the 2017 calendar year. In this connection, our organization is also proud to be able to say that we have provided financial support to the Veterans Treatment Court each year since it was formed in 2010. Including this \$5,000 check, the Ingham County Bar Foundation has made grants totaling \$23,000 to the Veterans Treatment Court since it was formed.

I know I speak for all members of our board when I say that I hope that our Foundation will be in a position to continue providing financial support to the Veterans Treatment Court to assist it in carrying out the important services that it provides to veterans in carrying out its mission. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you and your organization's volunteers for the assistance you and they have provided the Foundation in connection with our Golf Fundraising Event for the past several years".

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