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ROLLIN M. GERSTACKER FOUNDATION



2008 ANNUAL REPORT

❖ Family Services ❖ Social Services ❖

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PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION

The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation was founded by Mrs. Eda U. Gerstacker in 1957, in memory of her husband. Its primary purpose is to carry on, indefinitely, financial aid to charities of all types supported by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gerstacker during their lifetimes. These charities are concentrated in the states of Michigan and Ohio.

The 2009 recession is affecting this foundation, as it has affected most such organizations, because of a sharp curtailment in financial resources that afflicted us at the end of 2008 and the beginning of 2009.

In 2007 the foundation distributed some \$10.5 million in 164 separate grants, and in 2008 that number dropped to \$8.8 million, a 16 per cent decline over the year before, again in 164 separate grants.


However, we have currently fulfilled all our multi-year commitments to our grantees, in full and on time, and we expect to be able to continue that practice. On the other hand, we have had to tell applicants for new grants that we cannot consider any new projects at this time.

In 2008 we were able to pay off, ahead of time, one of the largest commitments in our 51-year history, a pledge of \$5 million to the Michigan Baseball Foundation.

Our only other major commitment in 2008, a roughly \$1 million grant to the Chippewa Nature Center for a major expansion program, has also been paid off. We are thus in good financial condition, without overly heavy advance commitments, in the face of an economic situation that continues to appear grim.

The trustees will greatly miss the dedicated efforts of our Administrative Assistant, Mary McDonough, who retired this year after 20 years of outstanding service. We are fortunate to have an excellent new Administrative Assistant in Ruth Ann Wright who, with the collaboration of family trustee Lisa Gerstacker has introduced the trustees to a new software program which greatly improves the trustees' ability to more efficiently evaluate grant proposals.

I wish also to express my appreciation to the Gerstacker trustees who have donated their time and considerable expertise to the mission of the foundation. It is a pleasure working with each of you.



Gail E. Lanphear, President

❖ Grantees During 2008 ❖

Gifts to charities started with \$875 in 1957, grew to \$8,813,979 in 2008, and have totaled \$167,859,220 in the 51 years of operation.

The major share has gone to the following:

- General support for the Midland community
- Support for communities surrounding Midland
- Colleges and universities
- Social services
- Youth work
- Health care and research

The 2008 grantees were as follows (grantees of prior years who received a total of \$100,000 or more from the foundation are also listed).

GENERAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR MIDLAND –	2008	Total Grants to Date
Midland Area Community Foundation	\$32,694	\$11,633,694
City of Midland for various community projects	-	7,990,411
Michigan Baseball Foundation	1,000,000	5,000,000
Greater Midland Community Centers, Inc.	530,000	4,984,000
Midland Public Schools	320,000	2,338,598
United Way of Midland County	143,000	2,236,500
Chippewa Nature Center	950,000	1,910,000
MITECH+	200,000	1,600,000
West Midland Family Center	25,000	1,523,000
Midland County Council on Aging	-	1,346,000
Midland Soccer Club	-	1,264,000
County of Midland, Michigan	-	1,248,900
North Midland Family Center	40,000	1,179,310
Midland King's Daughters	201,000	1,148,000
Midland Area Homes	58,000	917,500
Education and Training Connection (ETC)	-	887,470
Midland County Educational Service Agency	25,000	871,575
Midland County Fair Board	-	750,000
Midland Area Chamber Foundation	5,000	690,000
Midland Tomorrow (formerly MEDC)	18,000	640,713
Cleveland Manor, Midland	1,000	561,000
Midland Charter Initiative	-	430,000
Central Middle School Auditorium	-	425,000
Midland County Growth Council	-	295,000
American Red Cross, Midland/Gladwin Chapter	5,000	275,000
Literacy Council of Midland County	30,000	226,479
Wildlife Recovery Association, Shepherd	15,000	185,000
Midland County Habitat for Humanity	50,000	178,000
Midland Happy Diners	-	157,000
Midland Greenbelt	-	150,000
Affordable Housing Alliance of Midland County	-	145,000

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	2008	Total Grants to Date
Midland Explorers Boosters	7,500	139,000
Midland County Project D.A.R.E.	-	133,000
Midland Community Tennis Center	-	112,600
Midland County Bar Association	-	110,000
Midland Volunteers for Recycling	20,000	109,900
Midland County Law Enforcement Center	-	100,000
Dahlia Hill Society of Midland	20,000	95,000
Midland Lady Explorers Softball Club	6,000	34,500
Blessed Sacrament Parish School	12,500	
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OTHER COMMUNITY SUPPORT

City of Coleman	-	1,326,000
Bullock Creek Schools	-	649,000
Homer Township Fire Department	-	500,000
Meridian Public Schools	-	468,274
United Ways of Saginaw and Bay Counties	-	400,000
United Way of Bay County	15,000	276,500
Montessori Children's House & Elementary School	50,000	255,000
Great Lakes Center Foundation	-	250,000
Children's Zoo at Celebration Square, Saginaw	25,000	234,000
United Way of Gratiot County	10,000	220,000
Freeland Community Sports Association	100,000	200,000
United Way of Gladwin County	10,000	191,675
Pere Marquette District Library, Clare	-	166,500
Coleman Community Schools	5,000	155,000
Clare Chamber of Commerce (Rail-Trail)	-	150,000
Clare School District	-	150,000
Saginaw Family YMCA	-	150,000
United Way of Saginaw County	10,000	131,000
United Way of Isabella County	20,000	125,000
United Way of Clare County	10,000	102,300
Bay County Library System	-	100,000
Ludington Recreation Soccer Board	-	100,000
Rosebush Interfaith Retirement Corporation	-	100,000
Hemlock High School	16,260	78,969
Clare County Habitat for Humanity	10,000	75,000
Gladwin County Habitat for Humanity	10,000	70,000
Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, Saginaw	50,000	50,000
READ Association of Saginaw County	5,000	35,000
Saginaw County Vision 2020	10,000	35,000
Legacy of Learning, Boulder, CO	20,000	35,000
Gladwin Community Schools	1,000	32,000
Michigan Council on Economic Education (MCEE)	30,000	30,000
Hope Township Parks Commission	11,300	27,300
Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum	25,000	25,000
Saginaw Township Soccer Association	20,000	20,000
BaySail, Bay City	10,400	15,400
Bay Arenac ISD	12,150	12,150
GreenHouse Gathering Place, Saginaw	10,000	10,000
Pinconning Plays, Inc.	10,000	10,000
Making Words Count Inc., Bay City	2,850	2,850
Steam Railroading Institute (SRI), Owosso	2,500	2,500

	2008	Total Grants to Date
COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS		
University of Michigan	400,000	10,695,482
Michigan Molecular Institute	300,000	6,829,000
Albion College	300,000	6,678,000
Michigan State University	30,000	3,954,600
Saginaw Valley State University	300,000	3,863,500
Northwood University	-	3,763,500
Alma College	200,000	3,501,000
Hiram College	30,000	3,261,000
Central Michigan University	320,000	2,915,500
Delta College	50,000	2,228,000
Kalamazoo College	30,000	1,061,000
The College of Wooster	30,000	708,000
Mid Michigan Community College	42,500	602,156
Southern University	30,000	566,500
Tuskegee University	30,000	564,500
Prairie View A&M University	30,000	563,500
Grambling State University	30,000	560,500
Hope College	31,250	544,500
Finlandia University	30,000	513,000
Case Western Reserve University	-	500,000
Purdue University	-	500,000
University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School for Public Policy	100,000	500,000
University of Findlay	-	459,600
Lawrence Technological University	-	454,000
Davenport University	-	358,000
Hillsdale College	30,000	295,000
United Negro College Fund	15,000	261,500
Chemeketa Community College of Salem, Oregon	40,000	225,000
Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program	20,000	212,000
Calvin College and Seminary	-	200,000
University of Pennsylvania	6,000	192,000
Lake Superior State University	25,000	110,000
Gerald R. Ford Library, University of Michigan	-	100,000
Western Michigan University	-	100,000
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	50,000	50,000
MUSIC & ARTS		
Midland County Historical Society	10,000	1,391,500
Midland Center for the Arts	30,000	1,226,000
The Pardee Home Foundation (California)	-	941,462
Brazos Fine Arts Council, Inc., Texas	-	800,000
Matrix Midland	10,000	465,500
Music Society	20,000	424,500
Interlochen Center for the Arts	25,000	352,500
Saginaw Art Museum	25,000	305,000
Creative Spirit Center	20,000	270,000
The Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder, CO	25,000	200,000

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	2008	Total Grants to Date
Bay County Historical Society/Museum	-	196,500
Midland Symphony Orchestra	10,000	162,000
The Denver Center for the Performing Arts	25,000	150,000
Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art	10,000	149,500
Midland Theatre Guild	10,000	147,500
Midland Concert Band	10,000	143,500
Studio 23/The Arts Center, Bay City	-	110,000
State Theatre of Bay City	-	105,000
The New Detroit Science Center	-	100,000
Brazosport Symphony, Brazosport, TX	5,000	78,500
Chinese Cultural Ongoing Program, Midland, MI	10,000	20,000
Sanford Historical Society	5,000	19,000
Mason County District Library, Ludington	10,000	10,000

SOCIAL SERVICES

MidMichigan Community Action Agency, Inc.	20,000	587,000
Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Midland, MI	35,000	514,000
Arnold Center, Midland, MI	20,000	457,000
David Reece Memorial Fund, Midland, MI	-	408,000
Hidden Harvest, Saginaw	15,000	408,000
Ten-Sixteen Treatment Centers, Midland, MI	-	359,701
FACE, Clare	-	305,000
City Rescue Mission of Saginaw	25,000	255,000
Circle of Health Partnership, Midland	30,000	230,000
Lansing Area Parents' Respite Center	20,000	180,000
The Open Door, Midland, MI	25,000	180,000
Bay Area Women's Center	-	155,000
Family & Children's Services, Midland, MI	20,000	135,000
Food Bank Council of Michigan, Lansing	10,000	126,000
Accion International, Boston	10,000	105,000
Michigan's Children	10,000	105,000
CORY Place, Inc., Bay City	12,500	102,500
Homeward Bound, Phoenix, AZ	-	100,000
Safe & Sound Child Advocacy Center	25,000	86,000
Women's Aid Service, Inc., Mt. Pleasant	15,000	60,000
New Dimensions, Bay City	10,000	30,000
Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester	11,000	19,000
Exceptional Horsebackriders of Saginaw County	5,000	15,000
Hands Extended Loving People, Ludington	5,000	15,000
Listening Ear Crisis Center, Mt. Pleasant	5,000	10,000

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Eagle Village, Inc., Hersey	31,455	1,166,410
Lake Huron Area Council #256; Boy Scouts of America	-	695,400
Michigan 4-H Foundation	25,000	514,000
Starr Commonwealth Schools, Albion	20,000	469,000
Spring Hill Camps, Ewart	-	285,000
State YMCA of Michigan	-	246,000

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	2008	Total Grants to Date
Teen Ranch, Inc.	-	218,500
Midland Young Life	-	202,000
MidMichigan Big Brothers Big Sisters- Clare & Gladwin Counties	10,000	200,000
THE ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids), Midland, MI	25,000	200,000
Bay Area Family YMCA	200,000	200,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan	55,000	166,000
YWCA of Boulder County, Boulder, CO	-	120,198
Fraternal Northwest Little League, Midland, MI	30,425	100,225
Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Lake Orion, MI	15,000	95,200
Michigan Youth in Government	5,000	65,000
Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan	10,000	43,000
Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County, Texas	10,000	40,000
Clare Little League	15,000	33,000
Midland Mentors-Midland County Juvenile Care Center	13,865	13,865
Campfire USA - Midland County Council	1,000	12,000
Michigan State University Extension	6,000	12,000

HEALTH CARE & RESEARCH

MidMichigan Medical Center	-	2,524,424
American Council on Science & Health	-	1,108,000
Mental Health Association in Michigan	50,000	878,000
MidMichigan Visiting Nurse Association	-	724,781
Association for Children's Mental Health	40,000	573,000
Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter	-	490,000
Midwest Eye Banks	25,000	470,000
National Parkinson Foundation	50,000	460,000
Midland Center for Accessible Health Care	-	450,000
Alzheimer's Association	40,000	370,000
Michigan Community Blood Centers	-	260,000
Gratiot Medical Center, Alma	40,000	238,726
Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, Manistique, MI	100,000	200,000
Michigan AIDS Fund (CMF)	-	196,000
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter	15,000	184,000
National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Lone Star Chapter	15,000	184,000
Southwest SIDS Research Institute	-	181,000
NAMI Michigan, Lansing	-	179,000
National Schizophrenia Foundation	-	170,000
Masters & Johnson Institute	-	129,000
Cancer Services, Midland, MI	8,000	122,820
Midland-Gladwin Mental Health	-	118,000
National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression	-	117,500
UNOS (United Network for Organ Sharing)	15,000	115,000
Central Michigan District Health Department, Mt. Pleasant	12,500	103,500
Brazosport Health Foundation, Inc., Texas	-	100,000
Recordings for Recovery, Midland	5,000	88,000

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	2008	Total Grants to Date
World Medical Relief, Inc.	6,500	87,500
The Detroit Institute for Children	25,000	75,000
Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan	10,000	70,000
St. Joseph Health System Foundation, Tawas	15,000	60,000
Covenant HealthCare, Saginaw	5,000	55,000
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	10,000	50,000
Alzheimer's Association, Midland Regional Office	10,000	20,000
Woodland Hospice & Morey Bereavement Center, Mt. Pleasant	5,000	5,000
 CHURCHES		
Bethany Presbyterian Church, Cleveland	35,000	831,000
Salvation Army of Midland	35,000	777,500
 OTHER		
The Nature Conservancy	-	1,375,000
American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research	20,000	871,000
Chemical Heritage Foundation	-	820,000
Mackinac Center for Public Policy	30,000	787,500
The Little Forks Conservancy, Midland	240,000	743,000
The Conservation Fund	-	525,000
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	50,000	450,000
Council of Michigan Foundations	9,600	332,900
Heritage Foundation	15,000	316,000
Creative Adoptions, Inc., Littleton, CO	25,000	300,000
Lake Jackson Historical Association, Texas	-	250,000
Matching Grants of Trustees, Admin. Asst.	35,230	243,455
Grand Traverse Conservation District	25,000	237,100
Historical Society of Michigan	-	212,200
Michigan Sheriff's Association	-	104,615
Society of Plastics Engineers	5,000	35,000
Total Disbursements	\$8,813,979	\$167,859,220*

*Includes untabulated gifts of prior years.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE,
EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET
ASSETS-MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

For the year ended December 31, 2008

Revenues and gains (losses)

Interest	\$ 1,736,392
Dividends	6,020,944
Net realized loss on investments	(2,634,746)
Net unrealized loss on investments	(78,538,299)
Loss from limited partnerships	(45,357)
Total revenue and gains (losses)	<u>(73,461,066)</u>

Grants

Grants authorized

Grant payments made	8,813,979
Grant funds returned	—
Decrease in grants authorized but unpaid	(3,491,119)

Total grants 5,322,860

Other expenses

Administrative	448,644
Federal excise taxes	73,765
Other taxes	<u>35,031</u>
Total other expenses	<u>557,440</u>

Total grants and other expenses 5,880,300

Decrease in unrestricted net assets (79,341,366)

Unrestricted net assets at beginning
of period 183,816,686

Unrestricted net assets at end of period \$ 104,475,320

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS,
LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

As of December 31, 2008

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents \$ 7,373,476

Investments:

Marketable securities (at fair market value):

The Dow Chemical Co. (2,260,993 shares) 34,118,384

Chemical Financial Corp. (349,683 shares) 9,749,162

Stocks - other 30,904,587

Corporate bonds 6,766,050

Government bonds 15,527,729

Mutual funds 6,154,802

Total marketable securities 103,220,714

Limited partnerships 418,056

Real property 205,612

Total investments \$103,844,382

Prepaid federal excise tax 242,098

Total assets \$111,459,956

Liabilities

Grants payable \$ 6,984,636

Unrestricted net assets 104,475,320

Total liabilities and unrestricted net assets \$111,459,956

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