

MICHIGAN BASEBALL FOUNDATION *2023 Annual Report*

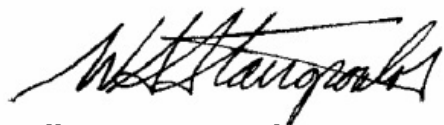


As we approach the end of another successful year at Dow Diamond, we reflect on the achievements of the Michigan Baseball Foundation (MBF), not only within 2023 but since our inception. Amidst the changing landscape, one constant remains: MBF's commitment to our communities, youth enrichment, and philanthropic endeavors across the Great Lakes Bay Region. These strides have been made possible through the tremendous support of fans attending Loons games, Loons partners, individuals at Dow Diamond events, and our generous contributors through the MBF Dow Diamond All-Stars donor program.

In addition to charitable giving through grants, MBF has partnered with the Great Lakes Loons to provide substantial financial support to nearly 400 organizations, encompassing bussing grants on school kid's days, donations, contributions to economic development, and various grants totaling nearly \$1.4 million to non-profit organizations in the Great Lakes Bay Region. In 2023, we continued our charitable giving with grants awarded to 17 non-profit organizations across 7 counties in the region totaling \$89,157.

Looking ahead, MBF is dedicated to maintaining Dow Diamond as the premiere Minor League Baseball facility and events center in the nation. Investments totaling over \$4.5 million are under way and will continue over the next several years to meet Major League Baseball's new facilities standards and address Dow Diamond's infrastructure needs. Dow Diamond saw improvements during the off-season, including a new padded outfield wall system, a dedicated female locker room, a new 1,000 square foot workout facility, expanded clubhouses and batting tunnels, and a new umpire locker room. This Fall, Dow Diamond will see another enhancement with a full transition to LED field lighting with enhanced show quality moments for guests attending Loons games. Dow Diamond has become synonymous with player development, with 105 former Loons rising to the Major League Baseball level.

Your support of the Michigan Baseball Foundation is deeply appreciated, as it ensures Dow Diamond remains a community gathering place and focal point in our region. The following pages will highlight accomplishments from Dow Diamond, the Great Lakes Loons, and Sports Radio 100.9 The Mitt over the past years – all made possible by the support from fans, partners, and donors. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you to the ballpark.



William Stavropoulos
Chairman and CEO

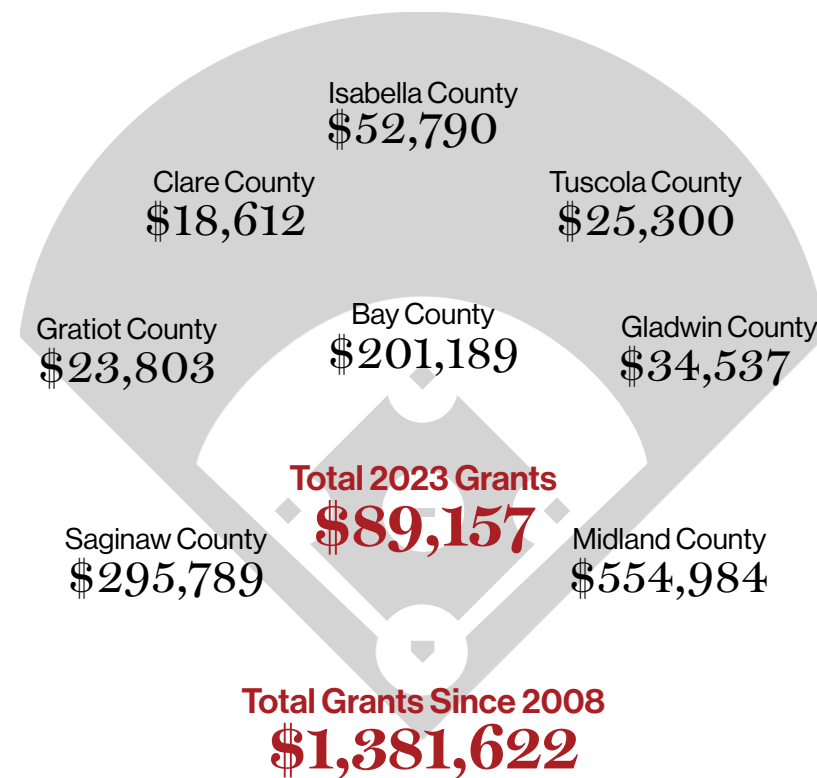




Creating Community Wins

Michigan Baseball Foundation's philanthropic efforts demonstrated remarkable diversity in line with our core mission. Alongside our continuous support for sports, fitness, and education, we have maintained strong partnerships with organizations dedicated to promoting inclusivity for individuals with developmental and cognitive challenges. Our steadfast commitment to this charitable outreach within our region remains unwavering.

In 2023, MBF positively impacted 17 non-profit organizations, granting a total of \$89,157. To date, our organization has contributed over \$1.381 million in charitable grants.



2023 Grants

Gladwin County

Tennis Court/Pickleball Courts \$5,000
Beaverton Community Athletic Park Association

Midland County

Youth Recreation & STEP Equipment \$5,000
Chippewa Nature Center, Inc.
Swerve Drive Project \$3,200
FRC Team 2619
Greater Together Project \$12,500
Greater Midland Community Centers, Inc.
New Beds for Women & Children's Shelter \$4,500
Midland's Open Door
Maintenance Fund \$10,000
Midland Miracle Field
Culinary Arts Program Revitalization \$12,000
Windover High School

Saginaw County

Learn to Skate & Play Program \$2,300
Greater Saginaw Amateur Hockey Assoc
Refurbish the Ram Stand \$1,607
Montrose Community Schools Digital Media
Loon's Nest Play Arena \$3,000
Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy
Let's Ride: Encouraging physical activity for runaway/homeless youth \$6,450
Saginaw County Youth Protection Council
Saginaw STEM \$5,000
Saginaw STEM
Camp Timbers Accessible GaGa Ball Pit \$4,800
Saginaw YMCA

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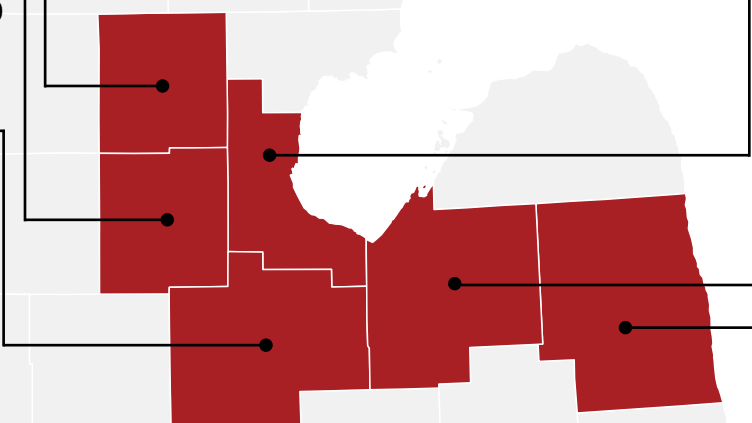
Covering 4 Dugouts \$2,000
Deckerville Parks and Recreation
Albrecht Field - Safety Improvements \$3,000
Sandusky Community Schools

Tuscola County

More Ways to Play - Playground Upgrade \$2,000
City of Vassar

Bay County

Auburn Park Ball Field Improvement \$6,800
City of Auburn



Dow Diamond Improvements



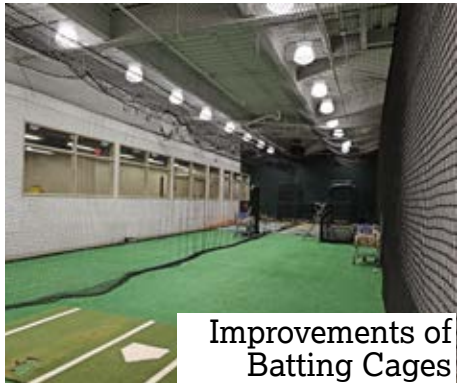
Installed New Wall Padding



Stadium Lighting



Women's Locker Room Addition



Improvements of Batting Cages



Beautification of Founder's Garden



Visiting Manager's Office Addition



Upgraded Umpire Locker Room



Remodeled Weight Room



Home Coaches Office Addition



Loons in the Community



Over \$76,000 raised through Jersey Auctions



The Loons Reading Program increased to 75 schools, 315 classrooms, and available to 15,000+ students.



Members of the 2023 Loons team came together with over 40 Miracle League athletes in a heartwarming game of baseball, united in their mission to dismantle the barriers often faced by children and adults living with disabilities.



The Loons teamed up with American Cancer Society and local First Responders to bring Hope at Bat to the ballpark this year.



The Loons fulfilled 194 donation requests for fundraising, educational, and other nonprofit causes. This is increased from 130, with the monetary value doubled to \$20,060.



The team crushed a \$50,000 goal and raised over \$78,000 for Special Olympics Michigan Polar Plunge, earning Partner of the Year.



Over \$90,000 generated for non-profits through our Food & Beverage Volunteer Program

Sports Radio 100.9 The Mitt



Michigan Baseball Foundation Enterprises announced a rebranding of WLUN-FM, establishing a partnership with Fox Sports Radio and the name Sports Radio 100.9 The Mitt on October 2nd, 2023. The partnership began a new era of sports radio in the Great Lakes Bay region. Sports Radio 100.9 The Mitt now features the two biggest names in sports talk radio with The Dan Patrick Show and The Herd with Colin Cowherd in the weekday lineup, plus added state-wide Michigan sports morning show, X's & Bro's. The station continues to air The HUGE Show and for the first time since 2014 integrated an in-house talk show from the studios at Dow Diamond. The Payoff airs from 6p to 7p and talks everything Michigan sports.

165+

local in-house produced play-by-play broadcasts including Great Lakes Loons baseball, local area high school football, and boys and girls basketball



September began the Scholar Athlete Scholarship program rewarding \$500 to a local high school student-athlete each month during the school year.

104

former Great Lakes Loons players have reached the majors, since the inception in 2007.

Leagues of Generosity

Thank you to the Dow Diamond All-Stars for their generosity and support in donating to MBF.

FOUNDERS

The Herbert H.
& Grace A. Dow
Foundation

Rollin M.
Gerstacker
Foundation

The Charles
J. Strosacker
Foundation

The Dow
Chemical
Company

The Dow
Chemical
Company
Foundation

Dow Corning
Corporation

Bill & Linda
Stavropoulos
Family
Foundation

HALL OF FAME

\$10,000+ Cumulative Giving

Bobbie & Dave Arnold
Shauna & Paul Barbeau
John & Sandy Bartos
Braun Kendrick
Bill Collins & Dorene Allen
The Conservation Fund
Lyle & Julie Davis
Scott & Leanne Davis
Richard Dolinski
Dow Chemical Company
Dow Credit Union
Mary & Todd Draves
Exhibition Services General CU
The Fisher Companies
Jim Fitterling & Alex Lee
The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation
Luanne & Greg Grocholski
Debbie & Mike Hayes
The Herbert H. & Grace A.
Dow Foundation
J.E. Johnson
Barb & Dr. T.K. Johnson
The Patricia and David Kepler
Foundation
Brian & Cynthia Lance
Matthew & Christy Leeseberg
Paula & Andrew Liveris
Los Angeles Dodgers
Maple Hill Nursery
Midland Area Community
Foundation
Versiti Blood Center of Michigan
Dom & Pam Monastiere
Bob Monica
Carleen & Terry Moore
Christina & John Murphy
Jean & Frank Popoff
Professional Sports Catering
Saginaw Valley State University

Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative
Network

In Loving Memory of Diane
Postler-Slattery & Don Slattery

Three Rivers Corporation

Cady & David Ramaker

Servinski Sod Service

Bill and Linda Stavropoulos Family
Foundation

The Charles J. Strosacker Foundation

Spence Brothers

Tyco International Ltd.

Lisa & Howard Ungerleider

Valley Electric Contractors

Walmart

Molly & Bill Weideman

Mike & Sara Whiting

Cynthia & Jerry Whittington

MVP

\$5,000 - \$9,999 Cumulative Giving

Fred & Julaine Eddy Jr.

Kathy & Bill Fothergill

Laura & Mark Freed

Tina & Jon Lynch

Bob & Cheryl Rathbun

Mary Ann & Bob Wise

MAJOR LEAGUE

\$1,000 - \$4,999 Cumulative Giving

Bay Area Runners Club

Tina & Howard Brisbois

Nancy & Scott Carmona

Cobblestone Homes LLC

Jeffrey Dulude

Trudy & Mike Dutot

Joanne & Barry George

Stephanie & Dave Gomola

Janet & Robert Hahn

Barb & Scott Haines

Jana Chotivkova & Pavel Konecny

Catherine & William Leikhim

Chris & Nellie Mundhenk

Janet & Steve Ottarski

Doug & Karin Pelletier

Jackson & Madison Poole

Pamela & Gary Pozenel in Honor
of Bernard Pozenel

Nara & Larry Ramseyer

Donna & Andy Rapp

Connie K. Scott in Memory of

Thomas J. Scott

Mary Jo Stanton in Memory of

Terrel G. Stanton

TRIPLE A

Gift of \$500 - \$999

Evelyn Kay Bailey

Johanne & Bob Balwinski

Dave Keilitz

Jerry O'Donnell

Irene & Jim Peck

Gretchen & Keith Pretty

Eric Ramseyer

Janet & Dan Straley

W.D. Stockard

Yeo & Yeo CPAs

DOUBLE A

Gift of \$100 - \$499

Bruce Beckett

Jessica Gillespie

Richard Kusowski In Memory
of Ken Kusowski

Liz & Gary Voelker

SINGLE A

Gift of \$10 - \$99

Dominic Sergi

Hall of Fame donotes lifetime giving.
MVP level and below are current donors.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the phenomenal success of the 2023 Dine on the Diamond event. Your unwavering support and generosity played a pivotal role in raising over \$100,000 dollars for the Michigan Baseball Foundation. We are continually amazed by your commitment to our mission, and your contributions have a lasting impact on the communities we serve. Your steadfast support propels us forward, and we are thankful for the shared journey of making a positive difference.



SAVE THE DATE
Tue. July 30, 2024



Board of Directors



William S. Stavropoulos
Chairman, CEO, & President

MBF and Great Lakes Loons founder; former CEO of the Dow Chemical Company



Lydia Watson
Director, MBF

President and Chief Executive Officer on MyMichigan Health since 2022; MyMichigan Health medical staff member since 1996



Chris Mundhenk
President, MBO

President and GM of the Great Lakes Loons



David Kepler
Director, MBO

President of Four Lakes Task Force; Owner of Turtle Cove Properties, LLC; former Executive Vice President of The Dow Chemical Company



Mike Hayes
VP & Secretary, MBF

Former President/GM of the Great Lakes Loons; Former President/CEO of the Midland Center for the Arts ('10-'15), 20-year career at The Dow Chemical Company; Former Michigan State Representative ('81-'89)



Paul Barbeau
Director, MBF

Senior Global Director of Corporate Facilities for Dow; first President and GM of the Great Lakes Loons



Greg Grocholski
Director, MBO

CEO of Sandy Ridge Group, former Vice President - Chief Audit Executive of SABIC; former Chief Audit Executive of The Dow Chemical Company



Mary Draves
Director, MBO

President of MD and Associates Consulting; former Chief Sustainability Officer and Vice President of Environmental Health and Safety for Dow, Inc.



Bob Plishka
Director, MBF

Corporate Public Affairs Director for Dow overseeing Business Communications, Branding, Sports Marketing Solutions, and Customer Experience



Sarah Opperman
Director, MBF

Former Vice President of Global Government Affairs & Public Policy for The Dow Chemical Company; chair of the Isabella Bank Corporation Board of Directors and CMU Advancement Board



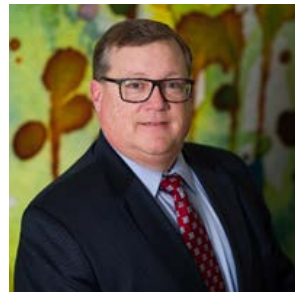
John Sampson
Director, MBO

Senior Vice President, Operations, Manufacturing & Engineering for Dow



Laura Yockey
Director, MBO

1st State Bank Senior Vice President and Business Lending Manager; previously at Chemical Bank 2008-2022 with 40 years in banking overall



Bob Rathbun
Director, MBF

Tri-Star Trust Senior Vice President; previously served over 30 years with Chemical Bank



David Ramaker
Director, MBF

Served as MBF President from 2018 - 2022; formerly served as President and CEO of Chemical Bank from 1993 - 2017.



Terence Moore
Director, MBO

Former President of MyMichigan Health, serving for 31 years; former President of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance



Howard Ungerleider
Director, MBF

President and Chief Financial Officer for Dow; Chairman of the Dow Company Foundation



William Collins
General Counsel, MBF/MBO

Former Deputy General Counsel for TCF National Bank (2019-2021); General Counsel for Chemical Bank (2011-2019); 32 year career with Currie Kendall Law in Midland



Macauley Whiting, Jr.
Director, MBO

President Emeritus of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation since 1996; Co-Founder and CEO of Decker Energy International; Trustee Emeritus of Northwood University since 1998



January 12, 2006

April 14, 2006
Dow Diamond ground breaking

June 2, 2006
Purchase of SW Michigan Devil Rays

March 2010
First MBF Grant Class

2008
Purchase of 100.9-FM

April 13, 2007
Dow Diamond opens, Home Opener

September 26, 2006
Partnership with the Los Angeles Dodgers

March 2010
Bay Futures Grant, largest to date at \$xxxx

June 25, 2010
Loons 1 Millionth Fan

March 2012
MBF crosses \$500,000 in grants

June 19, 2014
Loons 2 Millionth Fan

2019
Fairfield Inn and Suites Opens

May 2018
Downtown Midland Streetscape Renovation

March 2018
MBF crosses \$1 MIL in grants

September 18, 2016
Loons first MWL Championship

September 2019
Loons 3 Millionth Fan

May 2020
COVID-19 Grant & Flood Recovery Grant

June 2020
Farmers Market relocates to Dow Diamond

March 2021
Midland Miracle League Field Grant

October 2, 2023
ESPN100.9-FM rebrands as Sports Radio 100.9 The Mitt

May 16, 2023
Loons Single Game All-Time Record