



2025 VOLUNTEER VOICE



THORNAPPLE AREA
ENRICHMENT
FOUNDATION



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The Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation thanks our dedicated volunteers for generously giving countless hours in 2025 to help us create a positive impact in our community.

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A LEGACY OF LOVE, LEARNING, AND COMMUNITY

Jon & Kay Simpson

Jon and Kay Simpson's lives are defined by a deep commitment to family, community, and kindness. Through their generosity and vision, they have created opportunities that will continue to shape lives for generations to come.

The JK Simpson Scholarship stands as a testament to their dedication to education. By easing the financial burden of higher education, Jon and Kay hope to inspire young people to pursue their dreams with confidence and to invest their talents back into the community they call home.

Their choice to give through an annual annuity structure embodies their practical and thoughtful approach to philanthropy. This method allows them to contribute meaningfully to nonprofit growth while also benefiting from financial sustainability in their own lives. It reflects their belief in giving back generously, even while still enjoying the blessings of life with family, friends, and nature.

Looking ahead, Jon and Kay dream of a community marked by growth, opportunity, and beauty. They envision thriving local businesses, affordable housing, and abundant jobs for young people—all while preserving the natural spaces and parks that make the Middleville area so special.

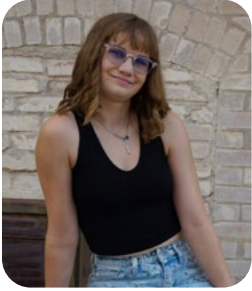
At the heart of their legacy, however, is a simple truth: they value humility, honesty, and kindness above all. To them, a life well-lived is one filled with love for others, respect for nature, and dedication to fairness and freedom.

For Jon and Kay Simpson, giving is more than charity—it is a way of life. Their legacy will not only support education and community growth but will also inspire generations to live with compassion, integrity, and love.



2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2025 scholarship recipients! This year \$52,100 in scholarships were awarded to students furthering their education.



Abigail Dumond

Ethel Denton Groos
Lynn Helrigel Summers



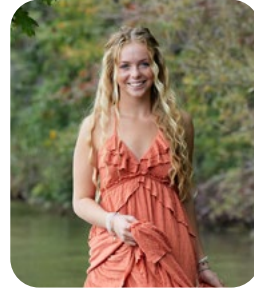
Aidan Dudik

Barry County Substance
Abuse Task Force
Samuel McKeown
Memorial



Ailana Leos

Samuel McKeown
Memorial



Aubrey Hawks

Lydia Cole
Samuel McKeown
Memorial



Bailey Eden

Gerald & Lois Page



Brooklyn Harmon

Gerald and Ceta Williams



Case Dykhouse

Brian Appel
Thornapple Kellogg
Alumni Association



Case Shellenbarger

TK Class of 1957



Charles Knorr

Clay Hills Farm
UAW Local 1002



Charlotte Dykstra

Don & Catherine
Williamson
Jane Morris 4H



Benjamin Scott

Dan Dykstra Jr. Memorial
Rodney and Rena Schad
Memorial
Thornapple Kellogg
Alumni Association



Evan Liu

Adam Dipp
Adele & Arnold Parker
GFWC - Gun Lake
Women's Club
Jim Jensen Memorial for YAC
Lydia Cole
RKW Working Student
Thomas Hamilton



Emma Dykhouse

Eugene & Edena
Hendrickson
GFWC - Gun Lake
Women's Club



Kyra Monroe

Alecia Lorraine Holst
Memorial
Dr. Wayne and Marie
Finkbeiner
Jon and Kay Simpson
Samuel McKeown
Memorial - Medical



Lilly McKeown

Jody Helrigel Pratt
Education
Julie Bender Women's
Athletic
Millicent Grace Knox
Robert Evans Memorial
Scholarship
Terri Yoder Memorial



Chiya Mari Collantes

Tad Thatcher



Clyde Watson

Ball Family Scholarship



Connor Dombkowski

Logan Michael Kimbrue



Emilia Rickert

McCullough Family



Emma Geukes

Travis Wenger 4H



Gabriella Smith

Mary Trepp Gilligan
Scholarship



Isabelle Schilthroat

Coleman Agency



Katlyn Raphael

Village Players of
Middleville



Kaylee Green

Marshall Seger
TK Class of 1966



Hannah Starr

Beth Helrigel Wester
Memorial



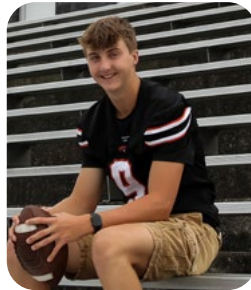
Owen Corner

GFWC - Gun Lake
Women's Club



Ryan Skidmore

Katherine and Edward
Wieringa
Lois Ann Nagel Seppanen



Spencer Ybema

Brad Heath
John and Maxine
Robertson



Owen Forbes

Barry County Humane Society
Lorraine Dahlgren Memorial
Thornapple Garden Club



Will Nathan

Ball Family Scholarship



Tanner Buxton

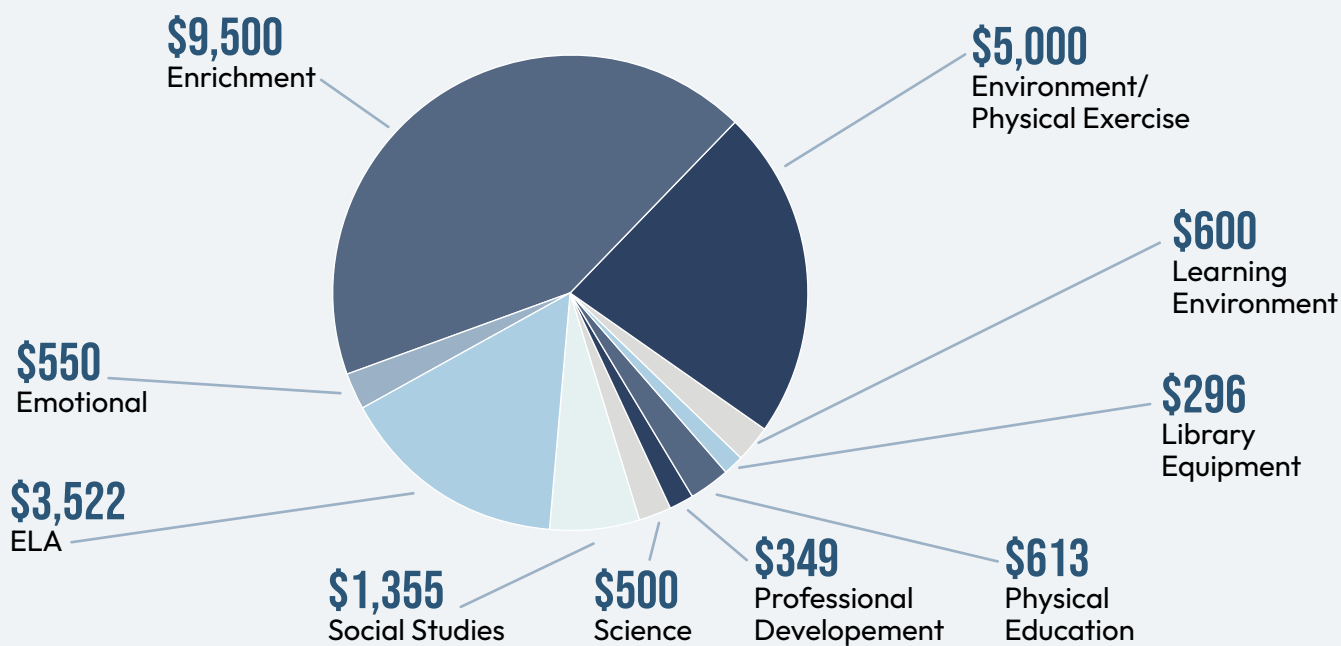
Ray Page Scholar-Athletic
Memorial

Scholarships are available for high school seniors, past graduates, and non-traditional students pursuing education through four-year degrees, two-year degrees, certifications, or licenses. Funds may be used for tuition and educational expenses, including books, tools, and equipment needed for program completion.

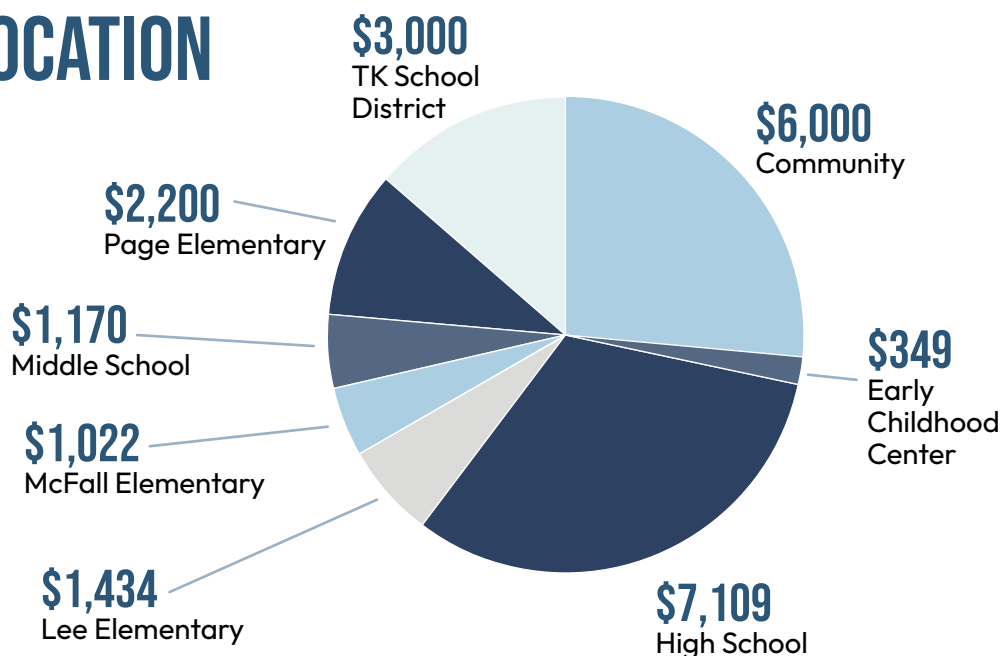
2025 | NET ASSETS \$3,034,561 | GRANTING \$22,285

During the 2024 – 25 school year, the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation supported Thornapple Kellogg Schools and its community by providing \$22,284 in grant dollars and serving over 5,000 students and community members.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS AREA



LOCATION



2025 grants were made possible by the Travis Wenger Memorial Fund, the Charles and Margery Williams Youth Activity Fund, Bradford White Corporation and Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation.

FUNDS

Adam Dipp Memorial Scholarship Fund
Adele & Arnold Parker Family Fund
Alecia Lorraine Holst Scholarship Fund
Ball Family Scholarship Fund
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Community Scholarship Fund
Kickstart to Career - Saving Matters
Logan Michael Kimbrue Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lois Ann Nagel-Seppanen Scholarship Fund
Lorraine Dahlgren Scholarship Fund
Lynn Helrigel Summers Memorial Fund
Mary Trepp Gilligan Scholarship Fund
McCullough Family Scholarship
Middleville Rec Center Fund
Middleville Women's Club Scholarship Fund
Millicent Knox Teacher Scholarship Fund
Mom's Scholarship in memory of Virginia
Hoover Harrison Root
Ray Page Scholar-Athlete Memorial Fund
Richard Reyff, Eric Lee Reyff &
Chris Banash Memorial Fund
RKW Student Working Fund
Robert Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rodney & Rena Schad Memorial
Scholarship for Industrial Arts
Samuel McKeown Memorial Scholarships
Stager and Wake Family Scholarship
Tad Thatcher Memorial Scholarship Fund
Terrie Yoder Fund
Thomas R. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship
Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation
Commission Fund
Thornapple Kellogg Alumni Association Fund
Thornapple Kellogg Public Library
Thornapple Kellogg Tradesman Scholarship Fund
TK Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund
TK Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund
TAPRC - Special Project Fund
Travis Wenger 4-H
Travis Wenger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Village Players of Middleville Art Scholarship Fund
William McGee Memorial Scholarship



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