ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

For Good, Forever, For All

Battle Creek Community Foundation

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2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE BATTLE CREEK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR AND CEO!

As we celebrate the Battle Creek Community Foundation's (BCCF) 50th anniversary, and the impact created over the last 5 decades. We find ourselves reflecting on what makes this community amazing. At the BCCF we believe the strength in our community can be attributed to the people in our community. We consider our partners, local businesses, community volunteers, organization leaders, and each individual, and family who lives here and supports one another, to be our most valuable asset. Indeed, it is the people that create the strength in the community!

As we see the strengths in our community we dream of the future. We envision additional partnerships, authentic collaboration, finding common ground, building equitable access, and working in a community-centered, solution and trust-based manner. To achieve this dream, we look to engage all voices in understanding the community identified needs, to identify and build the resources, while strengthening partnerships and networks, ultimately leveraging our impact. We desire to bridge collaboration and we see our role at the BCCF as a facilitator and coordinator of this kind of collaborative movement for the community.

It takes a collective group to create the impact made in the last 50 years, and to that end the BCCF and our Board of Trustees would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who have been part of our 50 years of service. We thank you for your belief in Battle Creek. We honor and support your vision for our community. We have much gratitude for your efforts and the impact you are creating with the BCCF. Ultimately, we acknowledge the level of energy and commitment we see in our community, please know it is inspiring the work of the BCCF team every day!

We are humbled to be entrusted with the role of stewarding forward the legacy and vision of our community. It is our promise to you that we will continue to be worthy stewards of that charge, creating impact in perpetuity for the Battel Creek and surrounding areas.

And, we continue to need you! The positive impact we are able to create is directly correlated to each and every person in our community coming together, becoming part of the solutions with us every day. The BCCF team invites each and every individual in Battle Creek and the surrounding areas to join us in building even more energy together, for positive, and impactful change in our community for the next 50 years!

With gratitude,

Mary Muliett

John Banks

50 YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1974, awarded **16,464 scholarships** to **7,861 individuals** that attended **595 different institutions** in the amount of:

$20,904,299

Since 2012, **$26,719,933** has been awarded in Legacy Scholars

1,885 individuals are supported by the Legacy Scholars Scholarship totaling:

$7,571,491

$172,891

Of Bearcat Advantage Scholarships were awarded in the first year of the program

In 2 years, we have helped **670 students** from Pennfield and Harper Creek save **$4,591** through our Children's Savings Account Program

Joe Miller

FRIEND OF PHILANTHROPY

Joseph, 'Joe' P. Miller is known for going above and beyond for the betterment of his clients and his community, which is one of the many reasons he was chosen to receive the Battle Creek Community Foundation's (BCCF) 2023 Friend of Philanthropy Award.

Miller graduated from Kalamazoo college and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Business Administration. He founded Miller Financial Services in Marshall in 1997. The firm became a registered independent investment advisory firm in 2007.

Along the way he also became involved with BCCF as a volunteer. Miller currently serves on the BCCF Board of Trustees and in the Investment Committee. He was an important part of the RFP process and identifying a new investment manager for the BCCF. He is also a Board Member with the Homer Area Community Foundation. Miller is currently the Chair of the Finance Committee for the HACF.

Miller is known for his willingness to help and energy for the community. "If there is a subcommittee or task force, Joe is one of the first persons to raise his hand to volunteer", said Elizabeth Schultheiss, Vice President of Fund Administration and Development.

"It's an honor to receive the BCCF Friend of Philanthropy Award. I've always believed in giving back, not only personally, but helping clients give back to their communities and organizations like BCCF in the most advantageous way," said Joe. We thank Joe for his championship for the community.

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HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBERS

The purpose of the Heritage Society is to identify and thank those who have expressed their intent to provide a gift in the future by naming BCCF as a beneficiary through their estate planning or other means, and to those who have cumulative lifetime gift(s) totaling $10,000 or more. To honor these individuals and recognize their generousity, the Battle Creek Community Foundation established the Heritage Society. BCCF honors and recognizes the following individuals for their generosity to our community through the Heritage Society program and wishes to express our sincere gratitude.

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Robert Williams

Remember Our Children Fund

The Remember Our Children Fund was established to be used as a memorial fund for those who lose a child or other loved one. By “other loved one” we meant that everyone is somebody’s child regardless of age. Anyone may contribute to this fund in memory of a loved one to have their name included in the ongoing tribute in memory of the lives of these beloved children in the community.

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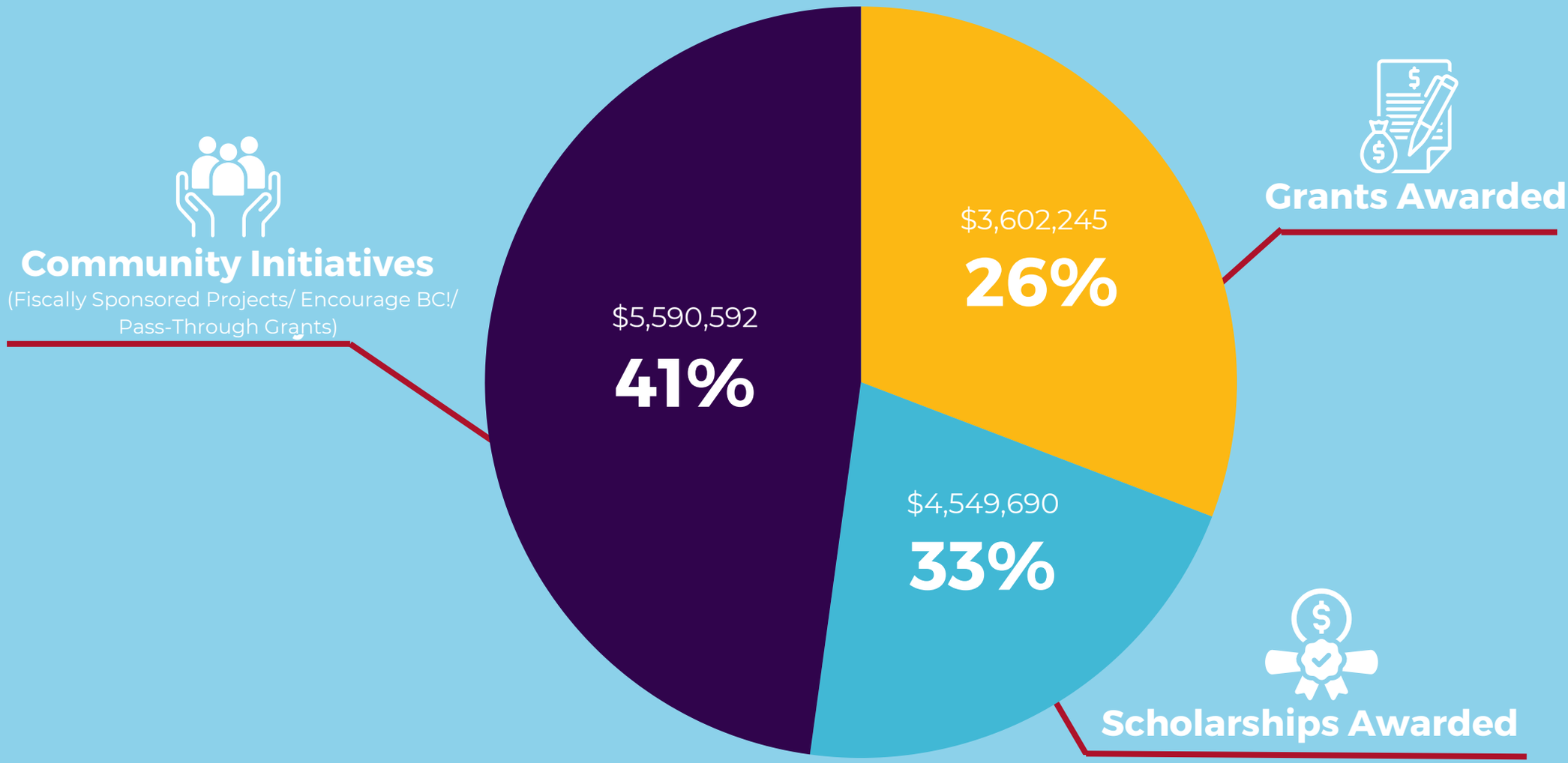
FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS



Total Community Investments: **$13,742,527**

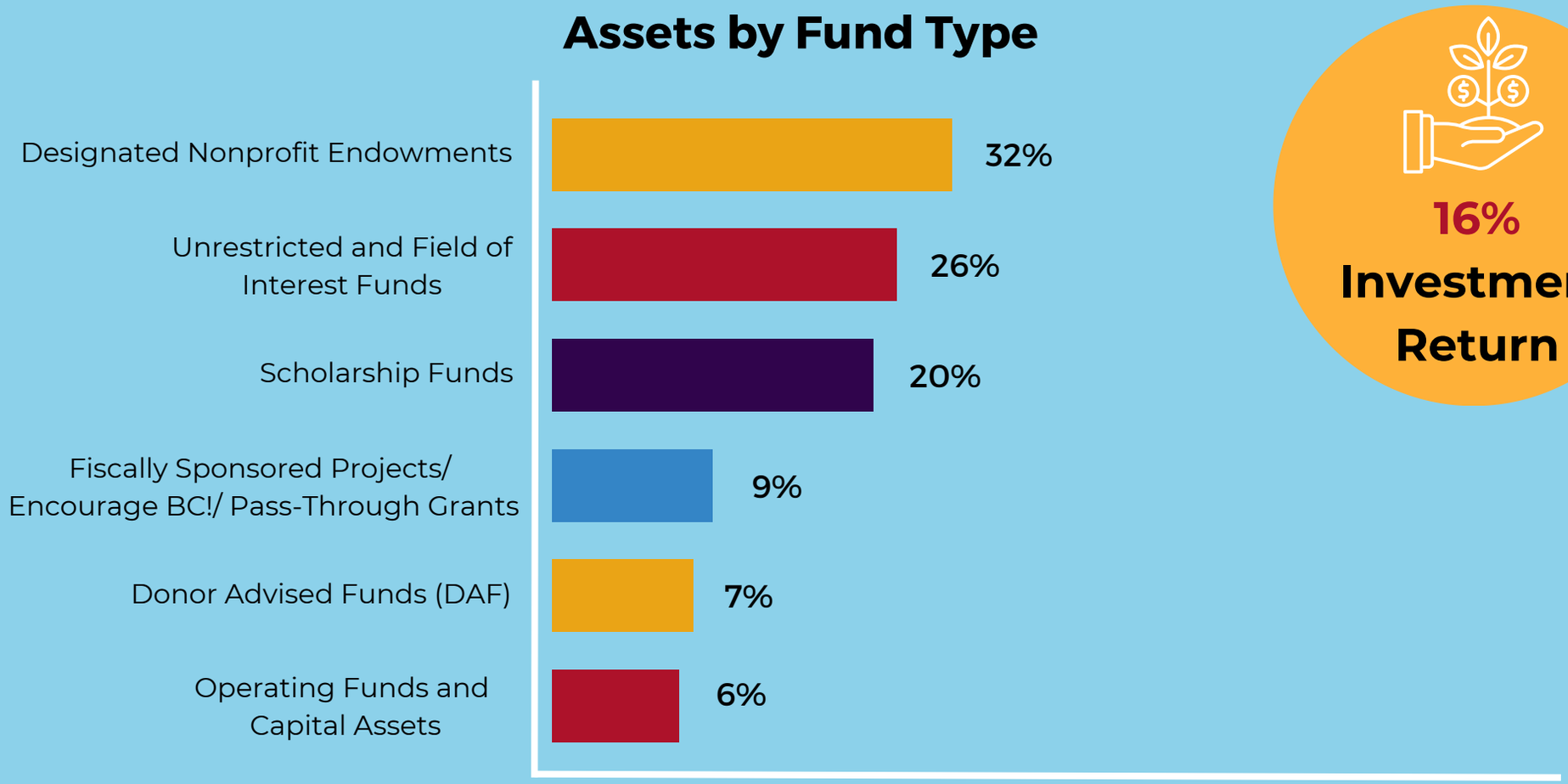
ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT: The Battle Creek Community Foundation is fully accountable to the donors and citizens of this community. We invite you to contact us to obtain any further information that may be useful to you. Our records, with the exception of specific donor gift information, are public and we are pleased to provide you with more detailed information regarding our operations. An independent audit is completed each year and the operations of the Battle Creek Community Foundation are goverend by a volunteer Board of Trustees made up of community members.

- Fiscal year 2023-2024 audit pending final approval Septemeber 2024
- Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations

FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS

BCCF and its related entities received $7,273,812 in contributions or grants in FY23/24

Assets by Fund Type



16% Investment Return

$137,743,462 total assets

GRANTMAKING

Arts, Culture, Humanities	$767,214
Education	$680,423
Environmental Quality, Protection, & Beautification	$35,882
Animal Realted Activities	$201,214
General Health	$464,975
Social Sciences/ Science & Technology	$19,650
Employment & Jobs	$32, 500
Food, Nutrition, & Agriculture	$24,472
Religious Related/ Spiritual Development	$80,284
Housing, Shelter	$52, 123
Recreation, Leisure & Sports, Athletics	$305,123
Youth Development	$47,505
Human Services	$418,199
Civil Rights, Social Action, Advocacy	$53,255
Community Improvement/ Capacity Building	$160,085
Philanthropy, Voluntarism, & Grant making Foundation	$205,448
Public Affairs/ Society Benefit	$53, 888

Grand Total: $3,602,240

BCCF 50 YEAR TIMELINE

1974 The Founding

- Harry R. Davidson (first President & CEO), Robert B. Miller, and Leonard L. White decide it's time for an active public foundation to aid in the many projects in the BC area
- Augusta C. Kendall Foundation and Albert & Louise B. Miller Foundation pledge $5K and $25K respectively in first year funding
- Guido & Elizabeth Binda Foundation established

1987

- Lakeview Schools Educational Foundation established – an affiliate of the BCCF

1988

- The Community Foundation's assets doubled, reaching $10M
- A Youth Initiatives Project is initiated, creating a permanent "youth endowment" with the Community Foundation, also known as YAC – Youth Alliance Committee
- James Richmond was appointed as 2nd President & CEO of the BCCF

1990

- Grants of nearly $1.7M are made to healthcare, education, the arts, economic development and the needs of the elderly and minorities
- Pete Christ appointed as 3rd President & CEO of the BCCF

1994

- Athens Area Community Foundation established – an affiliate of the BCCF
- Homer Area Community Foundation established – an affiliate of the BCCF

1997

- Made largest grant to date $500K annually for the next 10 years for the Battle Creek Health Systems master facility project
- Battle Creek Public Schools Education Foundation began - an affiliate of the BCCF
- Brenda Hunt appointed as 4th President & CEO of the BCCF

1999

- The BCCF Ambassador Program created
- Regional Health Alliance established – an initiative of the BCCF

2004

- BCCF builds to $64M in assets
- Harper Creek Educational Fund established – an affiliate of the BCCF

2005

- Legacy Scholars Program began – W.K. Kellogg Foundation to support Battle Creek Public Schools and Lakeview Public School students. The program provides first dollar scholarships to Kellogg Community College
- ANYbodies Playground established

2007 -2008

- BCCF builds to $100M in assets
- Burnham Brook acquired by the BCCF

2010 - 2011

- Battle Creek Access Network (BC CAN) established - a supporting organization of the BCCF
- Post Foundation of Battle Creek established - an affiliate of the BCCF

2015

- Burnham Brook rebranded to The Kool Family Community Center in honor of Preston “Pres”Kool

2017

- Encourage BC! established - an affiliate of the BCCF

2020

- BCCF initiates a taskforce to address needs for the homeless, resulting in the formation of a new non-profit, Battle Creek Shelter, Inc.
- BCCF established the Rapid Relief Response Project to address the crisis created by the pandemic. Over $100K was provided in Rapid Response grants
- Regional Health Alliance rebranded to Population Health Alliance

2021

- Secured a million-dollar gift for The Milton that provided for the opening of the mezzanine level of The Milton, including two Kingman Museum exhibits in The Milton Mezzanine

2022

- Children's Savings Account – BCCF receives state grant to implement Children's Savings Account program

2024

- Mary Muliett appointed as 5th President & CEO of the BCCF
- Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Foundation
- BCCF focuses on core commitments to the community with steadfast stewardship for the future

50 YEARS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF) believes in the power of community. We know that nothing is stronger than a group of people with determination and a dream! After all, that is exactly how the Foundation became a reality 50 years ago. In 1974, three men had the idea of a public foundation that would better its community. Harry R. Davidson, Robert B. Miller and Leonard L. White gathered a group of like-minded individuals and donors willing to take a chance on Battle Creek, and the Greater Battle Creek Foundation- the first iteration of BCCF - was born.

In those first years, the Foundation set a vision which carries through to today - visioning the people of Battle Creek coming together to address the needs they see in their own community. It brought together volunteers from all walks of life with varying skillsets to benefit Battle Creek and its citizens. The idea was that no one knows better what the city needs than its citizens, business owners and workers. That belief lives on today!

Some of the first projects the Battle Creek Community Foundation were involved in included the creation of the Burnham Brook Senior Center, The Math and Science Center and the Calhoun County Economic Development Forum.

From humble beginnings, the Foundation grew steadily. By 1980, it reached $1 Million in assets for the first time. By 1988-89, it had doubled assets to $10 Million. Today, the BCCF holds more than $136 Million in assets.

In the late 80s, the BCCF made a move which recognizes the role Battle Creek's youth have in the future of the city. The Youth Alliance Committee (YAC) was created along with a Youth Initiatives Project. YAC consists of a committee of area high school students who are given the agency to underwrite youth projects and initiatives. By the BCCF's 20th year, assets had grown to $25 Million and the number of donors more than doubled. The Foundation helped launch a new economic development initiative which aimed to create 10,000 jobs by the year 2000. The board of trustees had been expanded and the BCCF moved into a new location. A collaboration with the Educators Task Force began, focusing on improving education for area students.

1974 - 2024 COMMUNITY FOCUSED

In the next 10 years, the BCCF made its largest donation to that point, pledging $500,000 annually for 10 years to the Battle Creek Health Systems' master facility project. A new strategic plan was implemented, the Foundation seated its fourth CEO, started the Ambassador program, developed a self-sustainability plan, successfully navigated an economic downturn and surpassed 200 volunteers on various committees and the Board. BCCF also established many of its educational and geographic affiliates as well as the Legacy Scholars.

In the Foundation's 30th year, even more strides were taken to secure the Foundation's ability to support Battle Creek well into the future. Through hard work and strong community support BCCF became a $100 Million dollar foundation. The BCCF also received its largest bequest to date when $10 million was donated by Gerald and Mary Phelps.

As the foundation moved forward, the BCCF developed dynamic ways to identify and address the needs of the greater Battle Creek area. From the opening of ANYbodies Playground to the acquisition of the Burnham Brook/Kool Family Community Center and The Milton project, the Foundation supported Battle Creek's current and future needs. All while preserving the past which makes this city thrive. At 40 years of creating impact in the community the BCCF implemented a new strategic plan focused on increased community outreach, continued the Park Party tradition, and remained focused on the three areas of Health, Education, and Livable Communities, as committed stewards in our community!

Today, our commitment to excellence in all core areas is stedfast. We look to the future with passion, energy, and a commitment to our community from the BCCF team, here's to another 50 years of legacy created, together!

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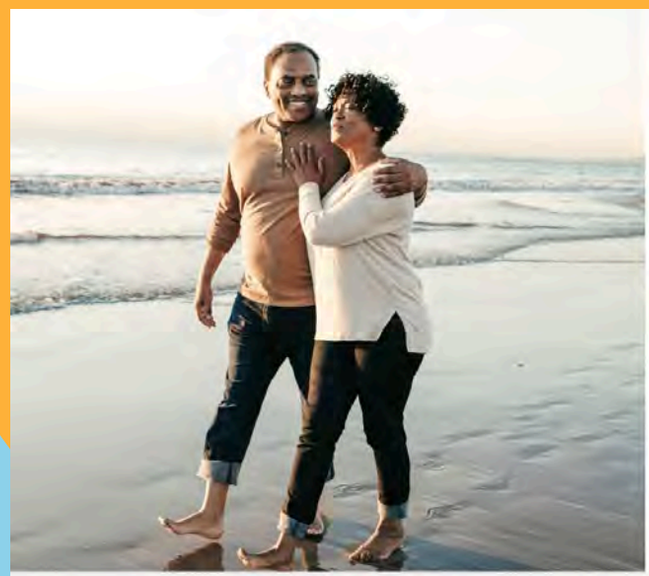

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Established 1949

DUNS No.: #00-288-9970

SERVICES

- Electrical Installation Design/ Build
- High Voltage Installations
- Preventative and General Maintenance
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Industrial Automation / Process Control
- Control Panel Design, Manufacturing, and Repair
- Power Analysis and Photo Imaging
- Power Factor Correction and Power Conditioning
- 24-Hour Emergency Service

NAICS CODE

- 238210 Electrical Contractors
  - » Electric power control panel and outlet installation
  - » Electronic control system installation and service
- 238290 Lightning protection equipment installation

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Bureau of Construction Codes Contractor License
- Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth Bureau of Construction Codes Master License

PRIMARY CLIENTS

- Air National Guard
- BASF Toda America
- Binder Park Zoo
- Bleistahl North America LP
- Bronson Battle Creek
- City of Battle Creek
- Cosma Casting Michigan
- Denso Manufacturing
- Fort Custer Training Center
- Hi-Lex Corporation
- Post Consumer Brands
- Tenneco Inc
- TRMI
- V.A. Medical Center
- WK Kellogg Foundation
- WK Kellogg Institute

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

- Michigan Minority Suppliers Development Council #02906-2006-WM
- Randall Brock Memorial Award Recipient

PROJECTS

- Air National Guard Building 6900
- Anson Building Renovations
- Battle Creek Air National Guard Primary Upgrade
- Bronson Battle Creek Buildings C & D UPS Installation
- City of Battle Creek Bailey Park Transformers
- City of Battle Creek City Hall Renovations
- City of Battle Creek Pump Station Generator Installation
- Denso C993 Modification
- Denso Fire Alarm Installation
- DoubleTree Hotel Renovations
- Fort Custer Electrical/ Communication Upgrade
- The Link Renovations
- The Milton Renovations
- TODA New Plant Construction
- United Federal Credit Union @ The Milton
- WKKI Site Expansion

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