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Ecliptic at Rosa Parks Circle

Rosa Parks Circle is a beautiful gathering place in downtown Grand Rapids and essentially acts as our “town square”. Centrally located and artistically designed and created, the park at 20 years old is showing some wear. Ecliptic at Rosa Parks Circle Conservancy will restore, elevate and preserve Ecliptic for the next century. The Foundation provided \$100,000 to this project at the “heart of our city”!



Samaritas

The organization’s Giving Hope campaign includes \$3.1M to bring Child & Family service teams in Grand Rapids together and improve service offerings. The Foundation provided \$100,000 to support this project.

This new West Michigan campus will strengthen their foster care and adoption services, behavioral health programs, family preservation efforts, senior affordable living community, and refugee’s resettlement efforts while empowering families and individuals.

Junior Achievement

It was a multi-year campaign, but Junior Achievement broke ground on their Free Enterprise Center two days after the quarter end. The purchase and renovation of the facility on Lake Drive require an investment of almost \$13 million. The Foundation committed \$125,000 over two years to the project, in addition to general JA support. The building will house labs for students known as BizTown, Finance Park and an Entrepreneurship Incubator, as well as regional staff headquarters. The Haworth JA Free Enterprise Center is modeled after similar centers in the midwest.



Celebrating these projects funded previously, now in service!

UCOM’s roof is complete. **WCSG** is in their new studio. The **John Ball Zoo** is welcoming guests, now with full ADA compliance.

The Foundation staff continues to work primarily from home. Most of the organizations we support are impacted in delivery of services and funding. All fundraising events for the remainder of 2020 have been cancelled or transitioned to “virtual” events. The Foundation has continued support.