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### **ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK**

Menominee, MI – Jackie Kamps, Board President of the M&M Area Community Foundation (MMACF) is reminding community members about National Estate Planning Awareness Week, which is October 18-24. The week is designed to help the public understand what estate planning is and why it is such a vital part of financial wellness.

The foundation believes awareness of their Standing Legacy Society goes hand in hand with this week-long event. The Society honors individuals who have committed to supporting our communities forever through a gift from their estate. Often, these meaningful gifts go unrecognized because they come at the end of a donor's life. The Standing Legacy Society is the foundation's way of acknowledging the commitment to the future – today. Making a legacy gift reflects ongoing commitment to our communities and the valued causes of the donor.

"The MMACF is gaining recognition for its partnership with the many community organizations and causes that focus on meeting local needs and expanding opportunities in our two county service area," said Kamps. "But I know, and our Board knows, none of it is possible without philanthropic support and the generous donations of families and individuals."

The Standing Legacy Society, established in 2018, allows donations to be committed to the foundation as a part of estate planning and gifting commitments as families and individual look to their future and consider their legacy. Individuals may establish a fund at the foundation, or they may contribute to one of the 128 funds held at the foundation.

"All legacy contributions help to shape a better tomorrow," noted Paula Gruszynski MMACF executive director. "Joining our Standing Legacy Society is an easy, safe, and sensible way to make a positive difference well into the future."

Bequests to the Community Foundation are exempt from estate taxes and can be tailored to the goals of the donor, whether the donation is for the Future Fund Children's Savings Account, the Community-Wide Endowment or a newly established Fund.

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