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**Community Foundation for Livingston County Awards \$8,000 Grant to
Livingston
County United Way**

*Funds will allow agency to assess current, future needs
of a growing senior citizen population*

Howell, MI – The population of residents age 65 and older is on the rise in Livingston County. By 2030, more than 42,000 seniors will reside in the county – a more than 300 percent increase from 1990 figures. In response, human service providers throughout the county, including the Livingston County United Way (LCUW), are developing a long-range plan to meet the needs of this growing population. This effort got a boost recently with a grant of \$8,000 to the LCUW from the Community Foundation for Livingston County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan.

The grant will help the LCUW conduct a county-wide assessment of senior citizens' needs. This funding will support a part-time coordinator to oversee the collection and analysis of data on seniors' health, transportation, housing, nutrition and other quality-of-life issues. The LCUW and collaborating public, private and nonprofit agencies serving seniors will use this data to develop short- and long-term strategies to improve services and other support of Livingston County seniors.

“Overall, seniors in Livingston County will benefit from this process through increased coordination and access to services,” said Nancy Rosso, executive director of the Livingston County United Way. “Having one long-range plan for action will greatly decrease duplication and increase coordination among providers and decision makers. With our aging ‘boomer’ population and more residents being part of the ‘sandwich generation’ than ever before, this initiative couldn’t be more timely. This is a win-win situation for our entire community.”

The Community Foundation for Livingston County, established in 1991, is a permanent charitable endowment fund created to benefit the residents of Livingston County. Its mission is to support and improve the county’s quality of life. The Foundation is building community capital through contributions from a wide variety of donors so that the charitable needs of Livingston County can be met, today and in the future. The Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan.

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