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## **GM Lansing Plants and the Foundation Support Local Organizations**

*Plant city grants are part of the GM Foundation's commitment of more than \$1.6 million to organizations in cities where GM employees live and work*

**LANSING, MI:** The GM Lansing Plants and the GM Foundation announced grants totaling \$21,000 to support programs at five Lansing-area nonprofits and organizations that serve mid-Michigan.

This year, the GM Foundation will provide \$1.6 million in funding to nearly 200 organizations in 45 plant cities where GM employees live and work. Through these grants, the GM Foundation is building stronger communities and enriching the lives of our neighbors.

"Lansing is not only where our employees come to work each day, it is where our families, friends and neighbors live and we are proud to be part of this welcoming and supportive community," said Tony Francavilla, Lansing regional plant manager. "We are happy to be able to help support our partners at these local organizations who provide services that are essential for Lansing youth."

The GM Foundation grants made across the country are given to a wide-variety of organizations that families rely on to provide much needed services, improve education and impact the quality of life within their respective communities. The grants to these organizations and institutions will make these communities even greater places to work, live and grow.

The donations will go to the following:

- **Boy Scouts Chief Okemos Council** - \$5,000 for direct support of the Scoutreach Program, which insures that all youth regardless of ethnic or socio-economic background have the opportunity to participate in scouting.
- **WKAR**- \$3,000 will help WKAR Ready To Learn Program which works with community partners helping mid-Michigan families prepare children to become successful learners. WKAR gives free books to children and hosts training workshops for families. These workshops help parents develop their children's learning skills.
- **Michigan History Foundation** - \$3,000 in support of early childhood education programs and training materials. The Michigan History Foundation's goal is to make learning a fun part of children's lives; to connect children with the components of object-based and visual learning; and to foster an environment of creative learning that mixes an easily accessible approach to history and hands-on objects.
- **Woldumar Nature Center** - \$5,000 will assist students in performing nine chemical tests and capturing macro invertebrates during water monitoring. Woldumar Nature Center is a nonprofit environmental education organization representing one of the most diverse ecosystems in the region.
- **Ele's Place** - \$5,000 will go to peer support programs for grieving children and their families. Ele's Place is a nonprofit, community-based organization that helps children cope with the death of a parent, sibling or other close family member or friend.

### **About the General Motors Foundation**

Since its inception in 1976, the GM Foundation has donated hundreds of millions of dollars to American charities, educational organizations and to disaster relief efforts worldwide. The GM Foundation focuses on supporting Education, Health and Human Services, Environment and Energy and Community

Development initiatives, mainly in the communities where GM operates. Funding of the GM Foundation comes solely from GM. The last contribution to the GM Foundation was made in 2001. For more information, visit [www.gm.com/gmfoundation](http://www.gm.com/gmfoundation).

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