



Dart Foundation

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Highfields receives a \$120,000 grant from the Dart Foundation

Funds will support multiple projects to increase efficiency and support Highfields' mission.

Onondaga, MI – December 19, 2023 – Highfields received a generous grant from the Dart Foundation for \$120,000 to support multiple projects. The grant will support technology upgrades which will increase efficiency, and benefit Highfields' geographically dispersed and remote staff. Funds will also help Highfields develop and implement a plan to restructure the Home-Based Mental Health Model to increase revenue, improve staff retention rate, and alleviate burn-out.

“We are grateful for the generosity of the Dart Foundation because they strengthen us to do the work of serving children and families in the community,” said Brian Philson, Highfields' President and CEO.

The grant benefits Highfields' employees and the families they serve. Highfields' client families are low income, and at risk for abuse, neglect, family violence and having their children placed outside the home.

“The Dart Family has a long history of supporting Highfields that spreads several decades. We are proud to provide funding that helps them gain critical administrative efficiencies and serve even more families in need,” said Emily Matthews, Executive Director of the Dart Foundation.

Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization which provides home-based counseling, residential care for young men ages 11-17, and experiential education and support programs for children, youth, and families in 11 mid-Michigan counties. For more information, please visit www.highfields.org

The Dart Foundation is a private family foundation established by Dart Container Corporation founder William A. Dart and his wife Claire T. Dart in 1984. The Foundation supports organizations and projects that improve the quality of life in the communities it serves and has granted over \$95 million since inception.

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