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TOWSLEY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$150,000 GRANT TO ACC'S CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES PROJECT

ALPENA, MICH. — Alpena Community College's Center for Health Sciences project received another boost recently with the awarding of a \$150,000 grant from the Towsley Foundation of Midland, Mich. The grant, payable over three years, was approved in September and will be added to the funds raised through the Alpena Community College Foundation's Healthy Futures Start Here Van Lare Hall Renovation Campaign.

ACC Foundation Executive Director Brenda Herman first became aware of the Towsley Foundation through their generous support of other educational and health-related philanthropic endeavors in Michigan. Herman said of the Towsley grant, "The ACC Foundation is committed to raising the necessary funding to make this project a reality. We are exploring funding sources such as private foundations, corporations, small businesses and individuals in search of their support."

ACC President Don MacMaster made the first contact with the Towsley Foundation and subsequently drafted a grant request for the Center for Health Sciences project. "We are extremely grateful for the Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation support of ACC's Center for Health Sciences project," said MacMaster. "As we close in on our \$8.7 million fundraising target, this generous gift helps move the project from vision to reality."

Constructed in 1957, Van Lare Hall is the oldest building on the main campus of Alpena Community College and a central piece of ACC's legacy. Occupying 40,000 square feet on ACC's most picturesque property, Van Lare Hall houses key administrative and academic support functions along with a dozen general purpose classrooms. It is a solid, functional building that has served as the focal point of higher education in Northeast Michigan for more than 60 years.

The Center for Health Sciences project will provide space and updated technology for the ACC Nursing Program, including a \$1 million state-of-the-art simulation learning lab to better prepare Nursing students for real world experiences caring for patients in a variety of clinical settings. The project will also include a community gathering space overlooking the Thunder Bay River and improvements to Van Lare Hall's windows, HVAC and electrical systems, and the building's exterior. The projected cost of the project is \$8.7 million, with \$6.7 million in funding secured so far.

The Harry A. and Margaret D. Towsley Foundation was established in 1959, by Margaret Dow Towsley, with a gift of The Dow Chemical Company common stock, and incorporated under the laws of

the State of Michigan as a private, charitable foundation. The purposes of the Foundation, as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation are: “ ... to assist religious, education, charitable, and scientific organizations with their programs and for the prevention of cruelty to children ...”

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