

2025 Annual Report



ADVANCING MACOMB



MISSION

Strengthen Macomb County by connecting community challenges with high-impact solutions.

VISION

Macomb County is a thriving, collaborative and philanthropic community.

Advancing Macomb is a conduit, convener and advocate for the enhancement of our communities.

VALUES

TRUST

We strive to become a pillar of integrity, reliability and fairness both through internal operations and external support.

EQUITY

We believe that disparities in our communities can be resolved by prioritizing support to organizations that face barriers to success, empower diverse community leaders and create an inclusive environment.

LEADERSHIP

We reflect our collective assets of business and leadership skills to the advancement of our communities.

COLLABORATION

We actively work to break down silos and find innovative solutions to leverage organizational strengths and overcome weaknesses.

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2025 IMPACT

Throughout 2025, Advancing Macomb remained dedicated to mobilizing resources, fostering collaboration and addressing community challenges to enhance the lives of Macomb County residents. This year, we significantly increased our impact thanks to the leadership and support of our board members, community leaders, sponsors and donors. Here are some key highlights.

LAUNCHED NONPROFIT ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

Advancing Macomb successfully launched two cohorts of the Nonprofit Accelerator Program in 2025, a four-month leadership and operational development program designed to elevate small to mid-size nonprofits in Macomb County.

Led by program manager, Meghan Rutigliano, the program delivered a hands-on curriculum facilitated by expert partners, including Nonprofit Network, Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW), Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), Co.act Detroit, Michigan Community Resources (MCR) and Velocity.

Nineteen nonprofit leaders successfully graduated from the program with the skills, tools and connections needed to deepen their impact. Focus areas included board development, communications/PR, finance/reporting, fund development, leadership/governance, strategic planning, and public policy and advocacy.



2025 IMPACT

INTRODUCED NEW CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM

To help strengthen small and growing nonprofits serving low- to moderate-income communities in Macomb County, Advancing Macomb introduced a new capacity-building grant program in collaboration with Huntington. The program provided one-time grants of up to \$5,000 to help organizations build internal capacity and foster long-term sustainability.

A total of \$45,000 in grants were awarded to 13 nonprofit organizations representing critical areas such as healthcare access, youth development and food security.



ENHANCED NONPROFIT ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Through its popular Nonprofit Roundtable Series, Advancing Macomb continued to provide a collaborative platform for nonprofit leaders in Macomb County. More than 21 sessions were hosted in 2025 with more than 400 attendees.

New this year was a free four-part storytelling series hosted in partnership with Velocity. Roop Raj of FOX 2 Detroit kicked off the series by sharing his expertise on crafting compelling stories. Three additional sessions followed, focused on developing practical storytelling skills to help nonprofit and business leaders communicate their messages more effectively.



2025 IMPACT

HOSTED NINTH ANNUAL SUMMER SOIRÉE

More than 130 civic leaders, nonprofit professionals, business partners and community supporters attended Advancing Macomb's ninth annual Summer Soirée in June at Youngblood Vineyard.

The event celebrated Advancing Macomb's recent successes, including the completion of the Nonprofit Accelerator's first cohort. The new Capacity Building Grant Program, made possible by Huntington, was also announced.



DELIVERED THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT

In September, Advancing Macomb delivered a half-day summit to promote community engagement, collaboration and nonprofit support across Macomb County. The event featured a keynote presentation by Nicole Sherard-Freeman, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Attendees also participated in a hands-on group activity moderated by Meghan Rutigliano, program manager, to encourage collaboration and generate new ideas. In small groups, attendees discussed strategies related to youth programming, senior services, volunteerism, financial literacy, social media and cross-sector partnerships.

The event concluded with a lively fireside chat featuring Salvador Salort-Pons, Mary Anne and Eugene A. Gargaro Jr., director, president and CEO of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The conversation was moderated by Brooke Allen, award-winning broadcaster and host of "Caffeinated Conversations with Brooke Allen."



2025 IMPACT

EXPANDED PARTNERSHIP WITH MACOMB COUNTY

In 2025, Advancing Macomb expanded its partnership with Macomb County to provide resource navigation and technical assistance to local nonprofits, community groups and public entities.

Nearly 40 one-on-one consultations were conducted to strengthen organizational capacity and community impact. Areas of support included nonprofit formation and structure, grant seeking and fundraising, volunteer recruitment and management, community outreach and programming, education and training, infrastructure and operations, strategic planning and sustainability, legal and compliance support and marketing and visibility.

ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH AND RECOGNITION

Advancing Macomb continued strengthening its internal capacity and community impact throughout 2025. The organization welcomed SeRena Chambers as administrative manager and Nyesha Motley as program manager, further supporting its growing initiatives.

Advancing Macomb was also honored with several notable awards and appointments in 2025. Phil Gilchrist, executive director, was recognized by Crain's Detroit Business as a Notable Leader in Philanthropy and was also appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. Additionally, Autumn Colombo, social media coordinator, was named a 40 Under 40 honoree by the Macomb County Chamber.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - 2025 UNAUDITED

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	\$1,105,816.70
Accounts Receivable	\$268,570.00
Total Current Assets	\$1,374,386.70
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$13,525.00
Credit Cards	\$470.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$13,995.00
Total Liabilities	\$13,995.00

Equity	
Net Assets	\$1,604,646.53
Net Revenue	\$-244,254.83
Total Equity	\$1,360,391.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,374,386.70

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - 2025 UNAUDITED

REVENUE

Contributions	\$77,912.68
Grants	\$292,500.00
Event Revenue	\$11,915.00
Fee for Service Revenue	\$105,706.82
Interest Income	\$36,776.93
Pass Through Grants	\$74,725.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$599,536.43

EXPENDITURES

Salaries, Taxes & Benefits	\$256,648.72
Contract Services	\$39,692.63
Accounting & Audit	\$10,856.25
Operations	\$108,677.35
Pass Through Expenses	\$392,886.25
Outreach	\$1,660.53
Fundraising Events	\$8,005.43
Direct Program Expense	\$20,403.20
Rent	\$1,600.00
Other Business Expenses	\$1,744.90
Taxes & Licenses	\$40.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$842,215.26
Other Expenditures	\$1,576.00
NET REVENUE	\$-244,254.83*

**Note: After accounting for the use of \$296,152 in prior-year restricted grant balances, the reconciled net revenue for FY25 stands at approximately \$51,897.*

LOOKING AHEAD

Throughout 2025, Advancing Macomb continued to demonstrate the power of collaboration in addressing complex community challenges. With the ongoing support of our partners, the organization expanded its reach and deepened its impact across Macomb County.

Building on this momentum, Advancing Macomb remains committed to driving meaningful, long-term change. Our work continues to focus on strengthening quality of life, advancing effective community solutions and cultivating a culture of philanthropy that supports sustainable growth throughout Macomb County.

Together, with the invaluable support of our board members, community partners and supporters, Advancing Macomb is well-positioned to continue advancing progress and opportunity throughout the county.

SUPPORT OUR WORK

As a 501(c)(3) organization, Advancing Macomb serves as a philanthropic hub, promoting collaborative partnerships among nonprofit, public and private sectors. Our mission is to identify and secure resources for significant community projects and programs while increasing the visibility of Macomb County.

We aim to set the standard for philanthropic giving by strengthening the social impact sector and supporting initiatives that provide sustainable solutions for our communities.

Advancing Macomb's board and leadership are dedicated to closing the gap between need and opportunity. However, we need your help to accomplish this mission. Your investment serves as a catalyst, driving us toward sustainable solutions for Macomb County. Together, we will create positive change and strengthen the foundation of Macomb County communities.

Join us as we continue our transformative journey - your support is instrumental!

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