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## **Margaret Dunning Foundation Supports Local Impact Alliance**

**Canton, MI, Dec. 14, 2023** – When the Local Impact Alliance learned that their current donor management system would no longer be supported, they turned to the Margret Dunning Foundation for financial assistance in helping them move to a new state-of-the-art system.

The organization’s strategic initiative to acquire a new enterprise software stands to yield transformative outcomes that resonate at the core of their mission. By embracing cutting-edge technology, the Foundation anticipates a substantial modernization in data processing, fostering efficiencies that will have a ripple effect across all operations.

“We are thrilled that the board of the Margaret Dunning Foundation chose to invest in the future of our organization,” said Beth Meade, President of LIA. “Because of this grant, LIA will be better able to increase awareness of our services and knowledge of how people or organizations can set up their charitable legacy. It will also give us the tools needed to continue to engage with other nonprofits, grantees, as well as current and potential donors in an efficient and impactful ways.”

The Local Impact Alliance supports the community foundations of Canton, Plymouth and Westland; as well at the Giving Hope, Women’s Giving Circle and Eagles for Children and more than 120 individual funds. With nearly \$6 million in assets, the mission is simple: Build trusted partnerships to connect resources with community needs.

For more information or to set up a fund, visit the Alliance’s website at [LocalImpactAlliance.org](http://LocalImpactAlliance.org) or contact Beth Meade at 734-495-1200.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township, Michigan, and moved with her mother to Plymouth, Michigan in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist, and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2013 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information visit the Foundation website at [www.margaretdunningfdn.org](http://www.margaretdunningfdn.org).

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