The desire to create the TMCC Foundation has been building over a number of years. Conversations over coffee and in the hallways had employees and students alike discussing the deep needs within TMCC’s walls, and outside in the broader community, that TMCC’s current budget just could not meet.

The response to this need is the development of the TMCC Foundation as a 501 (c) 3 organization, established as a separate nonprofit in support of the Turtle Mountain Community College and the individuals TMCC serves.

The TMCC Foundation has one purpose: to ensure that every individual can attain the high quality degrees and workforce credentials that will empower them to live a full, successful life. The TMCC Foundation believes that empowering each individual through higher education opportunities is the first step in creating vibrant, resilient communities. This will improve economics at all levels, strengthen community engagement, and reduce crime and poverty.

The TMCC Foundation’s mission is to:

- Invite and contribute private funds to support TMCC’s programs, services and activities, the majority of which are not adequately funded through traditional public resources.
- Mobilize a broad-base of volunteers to advance and support TMCC’s mission throughout the Turtle Mountain region and beyond.
- Create relationships and communications that invite and open the space for deeper conversation, collaboration, and community engagement for all ages.
- Catalyze change by engaging across sectors to strengthen the fragmented systems and services that support our population. By engaging and uniting our efforts, we will impact not only the prosperity of TMCC and those we serve directly, but the Turtle Mountain region in its entirety.

During the coming months, the TMCC Foundation will be out and about, connecting with individuals, organizations, and businesses in order to understand from the prospective “on the ground” how the TMCC Foundation can best support the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and the Turtle Mountain region in its entirety.