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## **Northwest Michigan Works! Receives Grant to Provide Healthy Snacks to Local Students**

CADILLAC, MI— Local students will be eating healthy snacks thanks to a \$500 grant that Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG), a program of Northwest Michigan Works! and Networks Northwest, is receiving from the Cadillac Area Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The snacks will be a supplement to breakfast and lunch foods during school hours for students at Cadillac Innovation High School. The grant will enable about 130 students to have access to healthy snacks.

"Northwest Michigan Works! is excited to have received a Youth Advisory Grant provided by the Cadillac Area Community Foundation," said Terry Vandercook, Chief Program Officer for Networks Northwest. "Funding from this grant will ensure students attending Cadillac Innovation High School start each school day with access to healthy breakfast and lunch foods; a key component to student success. Building strong communities starts with building strong partnerships, we are excited to be partnered with the Cadillac Area Community Foundation on this project."

Northwest Michigan Works! is proud to partner with Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) in serving the region's youth. JMG is the leading program of Youth Solutions, Inc., a premiere youth opportunity organization on a mission to equip young people with the skills to overcome barriers and win in education, employment, and as citizens. The JMG program consists of a comprehensive set of services designed to help young people achieve education and career goals. The purpose of this program is to inspire and connect youth to achieve a future beyond imagination.

### **About the Cadillac Area Community Foundation**

With the support of many donors, the Cadillac Area Community Foundation has been able to invest more than \$6 million in grants and scholarships back into the Cadillac area. At its core, the Community Foundation is an organization created with gifts from generous people committed to local causes. For

donors, the Foundation serves as a philanthropic advisor. For the community, the Foundation serves as a convener, a grant maker, and a civic leader. For more information, visit <https://cadillacfoundation.org/>.

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