

Pinecones

FROM HOME



Dr. Karl D. Gregory Dies

Dr. Karl Dwight Gregory, esteemed economist, educator, civil rights leader, and namesake for ICC's Gregory House passed away, May 26, 2026 in Michigan.

Before his death, he celebrated his 95th birthday with a visit to the ICC house that bears his name.

His family sent a thank you letter that reads,

...Dad has wanted to come back for a while and I am so glad that it has happened now. By opening your doors, sharing your time, you are not just honoring Dad's legacy but that of others who have demonstrated through actions, their commitment to bettering the ICC community and those of its members.

Thank you for creating an environment where past contributions are remembered, where community members feel valued, and where students continue to be inspired by those who helped shape their academic journey.

Our condolences and warm regards go to all of Karl Gregory's family and friends.

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Dr. Karl D. Gregory, 1931 – 2026, celebrated his 95th year by visiting the ICC house named in his honor.

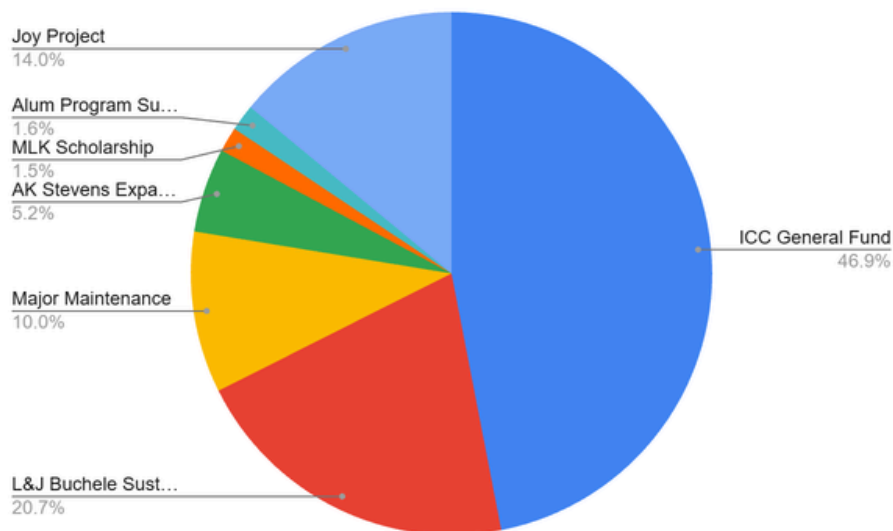
Fundraising and Outreach Update

--Libbie Buchele, Nakamura 92-94

Thank you to all who have welcomed me in my role! In addition to fun coffee hours, hosting a zoom reunion for coopers from 1941-1961, reunions in DC and Chicago, welcoming alumni to WAM and participating in ICC's annual graduation ceremony, I held three ICC trivia zoom calls in March to kick off the ICC's legacy giving campaign in honor of Luther Buchele's 106th birthday. Folks answered questions like: "What type of dinosaur lives on Nakamura's roof?"** "What does GUFF stand for?"** and "What was the first house purchased by the ICC in 1944, which housed co-ops for 60 years?" ***

We'd like to thank everyone who donated to our end of year campaign! The ICC faced lower than anticipated occupancy in FY 2025-2026, so your donations to the ICC General Fund allowed us to finish the year without a deficit, thus avoiding an emergency assessment.

Through your donations to major maintenance and the Luther and Joan Sustainability fund, we have added additional funding to our "green" projects to reduce energy usage and reduce energy loss due to aging insulation. The AK Stevens Expansion Fund donations allow us to be prepared to invest in new properties as they become available. We are in conversation with an independent coop right now!



Staying ahead of urgent repairs will allow the ICC to pivot towards implementing a long-term strategy to overhaul our houses and transform them into models of energy efficiency. This would make the houses much more comfortable, fill our houses in the summer, and enable us to move into the 21st Century for heating and cooling our houses. We call it "paying it backwards." You couldn't afford to pay for major maintenance projects when you were a student, and nor can today's students foot the entire bill for our aging houses. Help preserve the ICC community by donating today! <https://icc.coop/store/donation/>

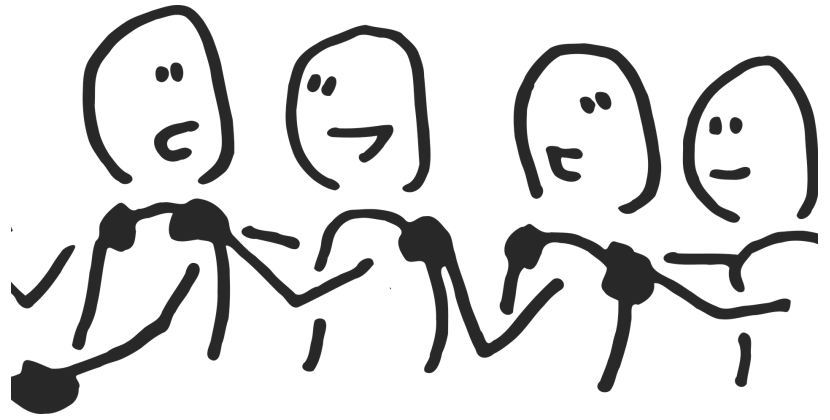
*Pteranodon, **short for "don't gimme any guff, and ***Stevens House

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The May 22 Alum Event in Chicago was held at the popular Revolution Brewing, owned by Josh Deth, a former ICC member who lived at Joint and Nakamura. He served as ICC Prez in 1994-95. Three other alums also helped in supporting the event: Joe Mikels(Lester, Mich), Jay Miller(Black Elk)and Michael Burton(Owen). Over 30 alums attended and made this get together quite a delightful occasion.

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Dr. Karl Gregory's ICC Visit

Before his passing, Dr. Karl Gregory March 26, 1931 to May 26, 2026, a prominent Detroit activist and educator, visited the Gregory Cooperative House in Ann Arbor, which is named in his honor.

Gregory just celebrated his 95th birthday. He is remembered for decades of leadership in the fight for economic justice, civil rights, and expanded opportunities for Black and other communities.

Dr. Gregory also played a pivotal role in the ICC. In 1995, he contributed \$20,000 toward the down payment that allowed the student-run cooperative to acquire the property.

During his recent visit, he emphasized the cooperative's role in cultivating leadership, self-sufficiency, and community among students.

On a Sunday in April, Dr. Gregory was accompanied by his daughter, Dr. Sheila Gregory, as they visited Gregory House – one of the 16-student-run cooperative houses that make up the Inter-Cooperative Council (ICC) at the University of Michigan.

He was warmly welcomed by current house residents, ICC staff, the newly elected ICC president, Jorja Wegryn-Jones, and General Manager Brian Donovan

The gathering brought together multiple generations connected through the cooperative's history.

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