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Petoskey



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Area Kids, Tustin



Community Foundation
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2017 People Fund Annual Report



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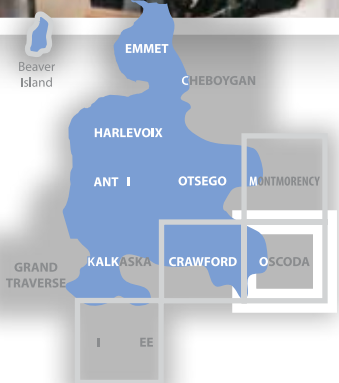
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North



For the Love of Music Community Concert Series, Petoskey



- \$2,500** **Bellaire Community in Action:** scoreboards at the community ball fields.
- \$2,500** **Boyne Valley Township, Boyne Falls:** restroom facility at Dam Road Park.
- \$5,000** **Challenge Mountain, Boyne City:** multi-use truck.
- \$5,000** **Charlevoix Area Community Pool:** renovation and repairs.
- \$5,000** **Charlevoix Historical Society:** computer, scanner and server.
- \$2,000** **Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan, Harbor Springs:** fabric and labels for baby blankets.
- \$3,849.99** **Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, Grayling:** commercial freezer.
- \$7,000** **Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey:** replace heating system at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.
- \$1,000** **For the Love of Music Community Concert Series, Petoskey:** community concerts.
- \$1,500** **Friends of the Kalkaska County Library:** defibrillator.
- \$2,000** **Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey:** Meals on Wheels vehicle.
- \$1,935.99** **Gaylord Gators Swim Club:** deck cables and a computer.
- \$5,000** **Grandvue Foundation, East Jordan:** Terrace and Recreation Park.
- \$2,000** **Grass River Natural Area, Bellaire:** construction of the Perception Pathway.
- \$10,000** **Hayes Township, Charlevoix:** rain gardens to contain storm water runoff at Hayes Township Park.
- \$10,475.28** **Injured Soldiers, Inc., Pellston:** whole house generator for Brave Hearts Estate.
- \$3,000** **Kalkaska Conservation District:** tree planting along the Kalkaska Area Recreation Trail.
- \$5,000** **Kiersten's Ride, East Jordan:** suicide prevention conference.
- \$1,000** **Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild, Harbor Springs:** supplies for Quilts of Valor.
- \$6,000** **Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs:** partnership project with local farms for fresh produce for pantries.
- \$2,000** **Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord:** video cameras, blinds and a projector screen for the Education Center.
- \$972** **Otsego County Historical Society, Gaylord:** restroom remodeling.
- \$5,600** **Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society (OWLS), Gaylord:** repair and resealing of building.
- \$5,000** **Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan:** energy efficient lighting and heating/cooling improvements.
- \$5,000** **The King House Association, Good Hart:** restoration of The King House.
- \$5,000** **Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey:** bike trailer for the Kids Biking Initiative.

Central

- \$2,195.68 Caritas Food Pantry, Custer:** storage shed and snow blower.
- \$4,437.99 Circle Rocking S Children's Farm, Free Soil:** barn repairs, printer and fax machine.
- \$5,000 City of Ludington Police Department:** driving simulator.
- \$3,000 Crossroads Theatre Guild, Reed City:** repaint the building exterior.
- \$1,448.08 Fixing Furry Friends, Scottville:** (two grants) \$500 towards computer, monitor, printer, toner, keyboard and mouse. \$948.08 for canopies, cages and crates.
- \$3,000 Fountain Area Community Center, Free Soil:** furnace for the upstairs of the community center.
- \$5,000 Friends of Ludington State Park:** equipment for a new playground that will be ADA accessible.
- \$3,000 Growing Future Agriculture Business 4-H, Reed City:** commercial refrigerator for produce.
- \$3,000 Irons Seventh-Day Adventist Community Service Center:** food pantry needs.
- \$3,000 Lake County Habitat for Humanity, Baldwin:** tools and a trailer.
- \$5,000 Lake County Historical Society, Baldwin:** reconstruct the wall next to the handicap ramp.
- \$3,265 Martin Johnson Heritage Museum, Baldwin:** new roof.
- \$1,250 Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association, Ludington:** bring the schooner Appledorn V to the Michigan Lighthouse celebration.
- \$500 Save A Buddy Fund, Manistee:** spay and neuter vouchers.
- \$1,072.96 Second Chance Humane Society, Scottville:** laptop, printer, keyboard and monitor.
- \$5,000 Stehouwer Free Clinic, Cadillac:** dental care for low income clients.
- \$3,102 Tallman Lake Senior Center, Fountain:** install new entry doors and widen the opening.
- \$5,000 Uplift Pine River Area Kids, Tustin:** supplemental food program for kids.
- \$3,000 West Shore Pregnancy & Family Support, Ludington:** Earn While You Learn Program.



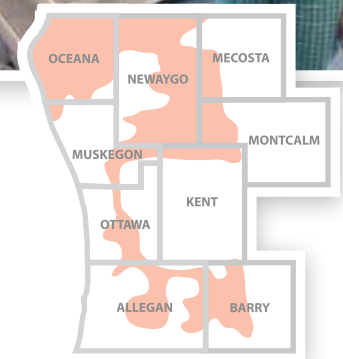
Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association, Ludington



South



Pentwater Community Food Pantry



- \$1,000 Beaver Township, Bitely:** well for the township hall.
- \$2,000 Christian Neighbors, Plainwell:** utility and rent assistance.
- \$3,500 City on a Hill ATLAS, Zeeland:** food and grocery gift cards for qualified clients.
- \$4,000 Community Foundation for Oceana County, Shelby:** books for the Read Early Read Often program.
- \$4,000 El Centro Hispano de Oceana, Hart:** computers and software for a computer lab.
- \$2,000 First Baptist Church of Pentwater:** freezers for the Pentwater Community Food Pantry.
- \$2,500 MARS, Ravenna:** food pantry stock and financial assistance for qualified clients.
- \$700 Martin Area Resource Center, Martin:** printer and toner.
- \$14,775 Newaygo County Compassion Home for the Terminally Ill, Fremont:** heating and cooling system.
- \$900 Oceana County Council on Aging, Hart:** commercial coffee machine.
- \$2,000 Project Hope of Allegan County, Dorr:** personal care items for the pantry.
- \$1,000 Shelby Area District Library:** children's books for a reading program.
- \$3,500 Village of Stanwood:** roof for the pavilion at Stanwood Buffalo Park.
- \$1,800 White Cloud Lions Club:** commercial refrigerator.
- \$6,875 Women's Information Services, Inc., Big Rapids:** security cameras and a steel door.



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How The People Fund Works:

People Fund grants are funded with "extra change" donated by members who have their Great Lakes Energy bill rounded up to the next dollar. Grants are awarded twice a year by volunteers on the three regional boards of directors (north, central, south). Their local roots and diverse backgrounds allow directors to make solid funding decisions that may differ based on each region's needs. The average monthly contribution is less than 50 cents per month. One hundred percent of the contributions are given back to local groups in the form of grants. Local needs are growing, so please join today.

How to Apply:

Grant applications are available to nonprofit groups (not individuals). Call Great Lakes Energy at 888-485-2537 or request an application online at gtlakes.com. The deadlines for receiving grant applications are April 15 and October 15.

Did You Know...

The People Fund awarded **\$216,155** to local organizations in 2017 and has awarded over **\$3.3 million** since 1999!

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You can make a greater impact in your local community with People Fund Plus.

Choose a People Fund donation level in addition to your rounded-up amount. Your donations are awarded in the form of grants to local community nonprofit groups.

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Working together, we can help enhance our local communities and meet the needs of so many.

Here's How It Works:

\$65.42	Bill
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\$ 2.00	People Fund PLUS amount (or any even amount you choose)
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\$68.00	Total Bill

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Current Activity		
Monthly Charge		\$32.21
Energy Usage	780 kWh x 00.086400	\$67.39
PSCR on Energy Use	780 kWh x 00.016500	\$12.87
Energy Optimization Surcharge	780 kWh x 00.001980	\$1.54
State Sales Tax	114.01 x .04 x . x 00	\$4.56
People Fund	118.57 Rounded Up	\$0.43
Total Current Activity		\$119.00

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