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## North



Elmira Township Parks and Rec Committee paved a walkway at a community park.

\$2,810	<b>Alanson Public Library:</b> five new computers.	\$5,000	<b>Imagination Library of Crawford County, Grayling:</b> books for ages birth to kindergarten.
\$7,352	<b>Beaver Island Historical Society of Michigan:</b> signs for a historical walking tour.	\$1,000	<b>Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild, Harbor Springs:</b> for fabric and material for quilts for veterans.
\$10,000	<b>Charlevoix County:</b> phase 3 of the non-motorized trail project from Charlevoix to Boyne City.	\$6,000	<b>Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs:</b> local farm produce program called Produce for People II.
\$2,500	<b>Charlevoix Ministerial Association:</b> benevolence fund to help people in need.	\$2,500	<b>New Horizons Clubhouse, Rapid City:</b> washer, dryer and utility sink.
\$5,000	<b>Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan, Harbor Springs:</b> clothing for needy children.	\$5,000	<b>North Country Trail Association, Petoskey:</b> Iron Belle Trail Bear River Bridge project.
\$4,365	<b>Crawford County Commission on Aging, Grayling:</b> lighting and water spigot for a community garden.	\$4,300	<b>Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club, Boyne Falls:</b> sound system.
\$2,449	<b>Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, Grayling:</b> freezer and electrical work.	\$3,604.88	<b>Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, Boyne City:</b> SureHand lift.
\$3,000	<b>Crawford County Library, Grayling:</b> Ultimaker 3/3D printer.	\$800	<b>NW Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Harbor Springs:</b> four framing nailers to help build homes.
\$4,000	<b>Crossroads Ministries, Gaylord:</b> remodeling work and storage containers.	\$1,200	<b>Otsego County Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord:</b> cash register and electrical work for the ReStore.
\$5,000	<b>Elmira Township Parks and Rec Committee, Elmira:</b> paved walkway at a community park.	\$8,000	<b>Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan:</b> Water/Ways exhibit.
\$6,000	<b>Freshwater Future, Petoskey:</b> water contamination study and public education.	\$6,000	<b>Riverbend Park Pickleball Project, Petoskey:</b> pickleball court project.
\$5,148	<b>Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey:</b> solar screen window roller shades.	\$8,000	<b>St. Mary School, Charlevoix:</b> playground structure open to the community.
\$455	<b>Gaylord Gators Swim Team:</b> a computer and software.	\$1,850	<b>The Salvation Army, Petoskey:</b> repairs to the community center building.
\$3,847	<b>Good Samaritan Family Services, Ellsworth:</b> woodworking shop equipment for His House.	\$5,000	<b>VFW Post 1518, Gaylord:</b> improvements to the Veterans Community Park entrance.
\$2,000	<b>Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey:</b> youth concert at Petoskey Middle School.	\$3,500	<b>Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy:</b> phase 2 of a watershed project.
		\$2,200	<b>Wawatam Area Senior Citizens, Inc., Mackinaw City:</b> commercial freezer.

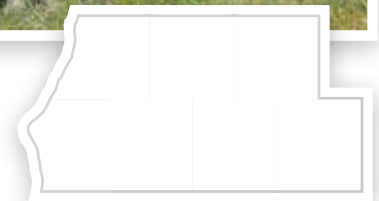


## Central

\$609.90	<b>American Youth Soccer, Leroy:</b> lawn maintenance equipment.
\$1,600	<b>Cadillac Wexford Public Library:</b> stacking chairs for a children's and teen room.
\$1,000	<b>Caritas Food Pantry, Custer:</b> holiday meals for families in need.
\$5,000	<b>Chase Main Street Foundation:</b> new roof and chimney removal at the library.
\$2,500	<b>Circle Rocking S Children's Farm, Free Soil:</b> asphalt between barns.
\$3,835	<b>Citizen's Sportsmen's Club, Fountain:</b> new windows, toilets, sinks and electrical.
\$2,500	<b>City of Scottville:</b> two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for city hall.
\$1,716.95	<b>Lake County Historical Society, Baldwin:</b> new museum exhibits.
\$2,000	<b>Lakeshore Food Club, Ludington:</b> carts and materials.
\$2,714.50	<b>Luther Fire District No. 1:</b> hydraulic pump system for the Jaws of Life.
\$4,000	<b>Northwest Lake County Senior Citizens, Irons:</b> kitchen improvements at the senior center.
\$3,425	<b>Osceola County Parks Commission, Reed City:</b> Gator utility vehicle.
\$2,000	<b>Pathfinder Community Library, Baldwin:</b> enhancements for the young adult/student area.
\$3,200	<b>Reed City Area District Library:</b> one children's learning station.
\$2,000	<b>Reed City Quilt Guild:</b> materials for quilts that will be donated to the Susan B. Wheatlake Regional Cancer Center in Reed City.
\$6,434	<b>Riverton Township, Scottville:</b> \$2,454 to upgrade the wooden bleachers to aluminum and \$3,980 to upgrade electrical system at the township hall.



Growing Future Agriculture Business 4-H, Reed City



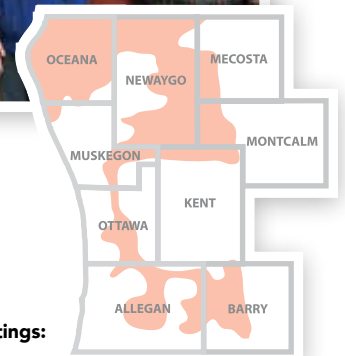
\$3,000	<b>Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association, Ludington:</b> restoration of Big Sable Lighthouse.
\$870	<b>Sandcastles Children's Museum, Ludington:</b> soft play tunnel for toddlers.
\$4,775	<b>West Shore Pregnancy &amp; Family Support, Ludington:</b> \$3,200 for rental of work space and \$1,575 for general client services and the Earn While You Learn program.
\$750	<b>Western Michigan Fair Association, Scottville:</b> 100-foot patriotic wall for display during the 2018 fair.

## South

\$474.82	<b>Allegan County Legal Assistance Center (ACLAC), Allegan:</b> software update and license to print legal forms and a law dictionary for patrons.
\$3,500	<b>Christian Neighbors SE, Plainwell:</b> utility payment assistance.
\$1,000	<b>Hart Area Public Library:</b> Ozobot robot kit for children.
\$4,712	<b>Hope 101 Ministry Inc., Newaygo:</b> renovation of a donated residence for Newaygo County homeless persons.
\$2,000	<b>Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes:</b> Junior Achievement supplies for Newaygo Elementary and Middle School programs.
\$1,500	<b>Love INC of Oceana County, Shelby:</b> gas card incentive to encourage enrollment in the reNEW program classes on life skills.
\$3,000	<b>Oceana Conservation District, Shelby:</b> environmental education program for school-age and preschool children.
\$2,000	<b>Oceana County Council on Aging, Hart:</b> washer and dryer for the Adult Day Care home.
\$1,750	<b>Project Hope of NE Allegan County, Dorr:</b> personal care items for Project Hope's food pantry.
\$3,950	<b>Sylvia's Place, Allegan:</b> group therapy sessions for domestic abuse survivors.
\$2,842	<b>The Starting Block, Hart:</b> kitchen incubator improvement and a laptop and desktop computer.



Oceana County Council on Aging, Hart



\$229.99	<b>White Lake Senior Center, Montague:</b> Microsoft Office computer software.
\$10,000	<b>YMCA of Barry County, Hastings:</b> B. Bus Mobile Library which provides books and reading activities for children.



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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 **\$218,770** to local organizations in 2018 and has awarded over **\$3.5 million** since 1999!

## Join People Fund Plus

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.

All People Fund contributors earn the chance to win a \$100 bill credit twice per year. In 2018, the People Fund awarded \$218,770 in grants to local nonprofits.

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

### Here's How It Works:

\$65.42	Bill
\$00.58	People Fund Round-Up Amount
\$ 2.00	People Fund PLUS amount (or any even amount you choose)
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\$68.00	Total Bill

Sign up today by contacting us at 1-888-GTLAKES or visit gtlakes.com.

## Three easy ways to sign up for the People Fund

**BY PHONE:** Call 888-485-2537

**ONLINE:** Visit gtlakes.com (under the "Community" tab).

**BY MAIL:** Fill out the card below and return with your bill payment.

*Make sure this People Fund line is on your electric bill! →*

Current Activity			
Monthly Charge			\$32.21
Energy Usage	884 kWh @ 0.108		\$95.47
Energy Optimization Surcharge	884 kWh @ 0.00198		\$1.75
PSCR On Energy Use	884 kWh @ 0.00		\$0.00
State Sales Tax (\$129.43 x 4.0%)			\$5.18
<b>People Fund</b>			<b>\$0.46</b>
MI Low Income Energy Fund			\$0.93
<b>Total Current Activity</b>			<b>\$136.00</b>

The **People Fund** needs your support. **Join today!**  
Send in this card with your bill payment, or call us today at 888-485-2537.



☐ **YES! I want to join the People Fund!**

I authorize Great Lakes Energy to round up my electric bill each month to the next highest dollar amount. I understand that participation in this program is voluntary and that I may opt out at any time by notifying Great Lakes Energy.

Account #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you are already enrolled in the billing round-up program, you are automatically entered in the prize drawings this year.