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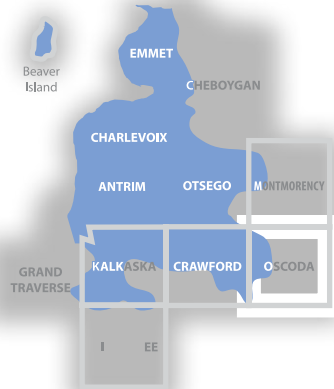
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North



Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club, Walloon Lake

- \$5,000 Alpine Regional Tennis Association, Gaylord:** four tennis courts.
- \$5,500 Boyne City Preschool:** energy efficient windows.
- \$1,000 C.S. Lewis Festival, Petoskey:** C.S. Lewis books for students.
- \$1,800 Charlevoix Conservation District, Boyne City:** tools and equipment for a beachgrass harvest program.
- \$2,500 Charlevoix Ministerial Association:** benevolence needs.
- \$1,500 Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan, Harbor Springs:** diaper pantry stock.
- \$2,000 Crawford AuSable Day Care Center & Preschool, Grayling:** play and learning equipment.
- \$3,000 Crawford County Commission on Aging, Kalkaska:** commercial refrigerator.
- \$6,000 Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey:** building improvements.
- \$1,800 Edelweiss Garden Club, Gaylord:** supplies and plants for two community gardens.

- \$2,000 Good Samaritan Family Services, Ellsworth:** computer upgrades.
- \$3,000 Grass River Natural Area, Bellaire:** field guide for the outdoor student and public education and outreach.
- \$1,000 Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey:** educational outreach to schools and the Day for Strings program.
- \$3,200 Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs:** (two grants) \$1,200 for eight trail cameras to help determine preserve usage and \$2,000 for supplies for volunteer-led projects through the EcoStewards program.
- \$5,000 McLaren Northern Michigan Foundations, Petoskey:** patient assistance program to help patients and families.
- \$1,000 North Country Kids, Harbor Springs:** indoor play equipment.
- \$2,500 Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club, Walloon Lake:** Student Harvest Days.
- \$2,000 Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, Boyne City:** arena improvements for the outpatient rehabilitation and therapeutic riding center.
- \$5,000 Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord:** education center with storage and handicapped accessible restrooms.
- \$5,000 Otsego County Community Food Pantry, Gaylord:** food for backpacks for students.
- \$2,000 Otsego Habitat for Humanity, Gaylord:** flatbed trailer.
- \$10,000 Ralph Holewinski VFW Post 1518, Gaylord:** pavilion for recreational, social and patriotic events.
- \$5,000 The Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs:** Food 4 Kids Backpack Program.
- \$5,000 Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey:** furnishings for the Trail Center.
- \$1,000 Wolverine Joint Fire Board:** 9-1-1 sign project.



Grass River Natural Area, Bellaire
Photo—Grass River NA

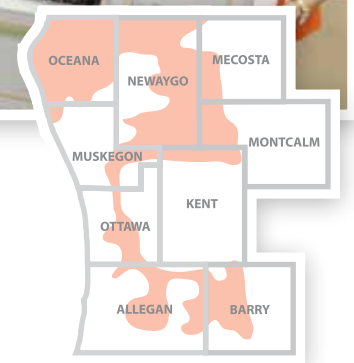
Central

- \$8,798.75 Caritas Food Pantry, Custer:** (two grants) \$4,216 for a heating and cooling system and \$4,582.75 for two refrigerators and two freezers.
- \$496.80 Community Cats TNR, Ludington:** animal traps.
- \$5,000 COVE, Ludington:** medical supplies for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program.
- \$8,000 Crossroads Theatre Guild, Reed City:** paint the exterior of the theatre building.
- \$2,500 Hamlin Township, Ludington:** parking lot improvements for new Hamlin Lake access site.
- \$5,000 Lake County Area Churches Charities- Bread of Life Food Pantry, Baldwin:** building addition for the food pantry.
- \$3,000 Mason County District Library, Ludington:** 30 Playaway Launchpad devices.
- \$842.15 Mason County Search and Rescue Team, Ludington:** 15 safety vests for team volunteers.
- \$2,000 Pathfinder Community Library, Baldwin:** equipment for a community enrichment program.
- \$5,403.44 Pine River Area Historical Society, Tustin:** lamination supplies.
- \$8,766.79 Reed City Area District Library:** (two grants) \$4,000 for shingles and \$4,766.79 for window blinds.
- \$2,000 Ruby Creek Conservation and Recreation Club, Branch:** building improvements.
- \$2,441 Sandcastles Children's Museum, Ludington:** (two grants) \$1,647 for a traveling exhibit and \$794 for Grandpa's Little Farm exhibit.
- \$2,570 Sauble Township, Irons:** playground mulch.
- \$3,500 Scottville Optimist Club:** stackable chairs for their hall.
- \$3,911 South Branch Township Community Center, Wellston:** building improvements including replacement of ceiling tile and window reinstallation.
- \$5,000 Village of Baldwin DDA:** brown trout sculpture.
- \$2,484 West Shore Pregnancy Care Center, Ludington:** materials and training for the WORTH program.

South



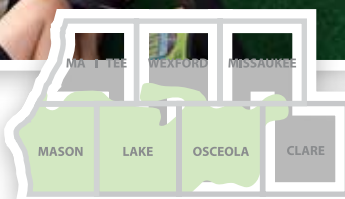
Mercy Health, Muskegon
Photo—Mercy Health



- \$978.44 Allegan County Legal Assistance Center:** computer.
- \$1,000 Christian Reformed Church of New Era:** materials to build raised beds in a community garden.
- \$1,000 Empowerment Network, Fremont:** refrigerator.
- \$2,200 Ferry Township Fire Department, Shelby:** smart board for training.
- \$5,000 Hersey's House of Hope:** concrete floor in a pole barn.
- \$5,000 Hungry for Christ, Hamilton:** commercial freezer.
- \$3,250 Johnson Square Recreation Committee, Mears:** playscape.
- \$2,500 Love INC of Oceana County, Shelby:** household assistance.
- \$2,000 Newaygo County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, White Cloud:** child abuse prevention curriculum for schools.
- \$1,000 Oceana County Historical and Geneological Society, Hart:** for an informational brochure about area historical organizations.
- \$10,000 Oceana Department of Veterans' Affairs, Hart:** veterans assistance program.
- \$3,500 Project Hope of NE Allegan County, Dorr:** personal care and cleaning supplies for the pantry.
- \$5,000 Recycling for Newaygo County:** recycling program.
- \$500 Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association, Ludington:** Night at the Lights summer program at Little Sable Lighthouse.
- \$2,800 Sylvia's Place, Allegan:** new appliances and HVAC duct cleaning.
- \$3,910 The Farm: Where Living Things Grow, Inc., Fremont:** office renovations.
- \$600 The Harbor House of Hart:** walkway replacement.



Sandcastles Children's Museum, Ludington
Photo—museum





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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 **\$204,752** to local organizations in 2016 and has awarded over **\$3 million** since 1999!

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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.

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\$65.42	Bill
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Current Activity		
Monthly Charge		\$32.21
Energy Usage	780 kWh x 00.086400	\$67.39
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Energy Optimization Surcharge	780 kWh x 00.001980	\$1.54
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People Fund	118.57 Rounded Up	\$0.43
Total Current Activity		\$119.00

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