



GREAT LAKES
ENERGY



Antrim County Emergency Management, Bellaire



Lake County Food Council, Baldwin



Montague Area District Library



YOUR SMALL CHANGE MAKES A BIG IMPACT

2019 People Fund Annual Report

MICHIGAN COUNTRY LINES

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative

Antrim County Emergency Management, Bellaire



YOUR SMALL CHANGE MAKES
A BIG IMPACT

2019 People Fund Annual Report



Lake County Food Council, Baldwin



Montague Area District Library



**GREAT LAKES
ENERGY**



DIRECTORS

North

John Cool

Boyer City

Terry Distel

Gaylord

Betty Henne

Charlevoix

Jerry Judge

Kalkaska

Robin McCarty

Harbor Springs

Matt Soderquist

Vice-President

Vanderbilt

Central

Kathleen Andersen

President

Ludington

David Bisbee

Treasurer

Reed City

Mary Ann Nugent

Irons

Diane Watts

Branch

South

Laura Beyer

Shelby

Wayne Bumstead

Newaygo

Beverly Cassidy

Fremont

Linda Firlik

Wayland

David Wagner

Secretary

Muskegon



People Fund

1323 Boyne Avenue

P.O. Box 70

Boyer City, MI 49712

888-485-2537

gtlakes.com

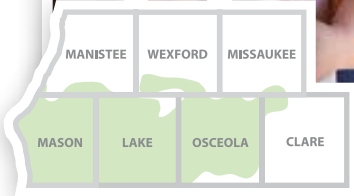
North



Top of Michigan Trails Council in Petoskey developed trail maps.

\$2,000	Antrim County Emergency Management, Bellaire: six radios.	\$1,150	Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Petoskey: new computer.
\$6,000	Banks Township Historical Society, Ellsworth: upgrades to the historic stone house and to make it handicap accessible.	\$2,500	Harbor Springs Festival of the Book: books for students.
\$5,000	Beaver Island Historical Society, Beaver Island: renovating and expanding the print shop museum.	\$2,020	Kalkaska Conservation District: treatment of invasive species at Mill Pond Park.
\$1,000	Bellaire High School Student Activities, Bellaire: fabric for students to make blankets for donation.	\$400	Michelson Memorial United Methodist Quilt Group, Grayling: quilt materials such as fabric, batting, and thread.
\$2,079.30	Camp Quality Michigan, Boyne City: funding for campers at North Camp in Luther.	\$6,000	Milton Township, Kewadin: conversion of two tennis courts to eight pickleball courts.
\$2,000	Challenge Mountain, Boyne City: storage shed and maintenance for snow run-off.	\$1,200	NW Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Harbor Springs: new register station and mobile register for ReStore.
\$5,500	Charlevoix Historical Society: interpretative signs in Charlevoix.	\$5,000	NW Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Harbor Springs: renovation of a new building.
\$2,500	Charlevoix Ministerial Association, Charlevoix: assistance to people in need.	\$2,500	Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord: conservation education programs and learning resources.
\$1,000	Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity, Cheboygan: technology upgrades.	\$3,172	Otsego County Library, Gaylord: furnishings for meeting room in new library.
\$2,000	Crawford Ausable Day Care, Inc., Grayling: furniture, materials, etc., for infant/toddler program.	\$4,874	Rapid City Area Food Pantry/Torch Lake AG Church, Rapid City: purchase of a commercial refrigerator and freezer, with the recommendation to shop locally.
\$4,000	Crawford County Historical Society and Museum, Grayling: renovation and restoration projects to their building.	\$2,500	Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: visitor accessibility and safety improvements.
\$4,000	Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey: new windows in kitchen.	\$2,005	The Depot-Jordan Valley Teen Center, East Jordan: Chromebooks for students.
\$4,130.60	Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop, East Jordan: new doors.	\$4,369	The Salvation Army of Petoskey: new furnace.
\$1,000	C.S. Lewis Festival, Petoskey: books for a writer's workshop.	\$2,820.01	The Salvation Army, Petoskey: replacement of 100 folding chairs.
\$5,000	Disability Network Northern Michigan: universally accessible personal watercraft launch at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix, in partnership with the Leadership Charlevoix County class.	\$5,000	Top of Michigan Trails Council, Petoskey: cyclist maps for their Trail Town Action Plan.
\$5,000	Fife Lake Area Historical Society, Fife Lake: museum building renovation.	\$4,130	Wawatam Area Senior Citizens, Inc., Mackinaw City: repair to walk-in cooler.
\$3,200	Good Samaritan Family Services, Ellsworth: furnace replacement in resale store.	\$5,000	Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Petoskey: outdoor improvements to the Children's Learning Center.

Central

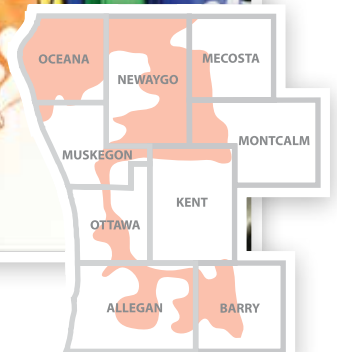


Circle Rocking S Children's Farm in Free Soil made improvements to their buildings.

- \$3,000** **Circle Rocking S Children's Farm, Free Soil:** paint, pest repellent, and night vision cameras.
- \$1,000** **Custer Area Fire Department Auxiliary, Custer:** six pairs of structural fire boots.
- \$2,000** **Evart Public Library, Evart:** toward the cost and installation of an LED sign.
- \$2,815.38** **Grant Township Fire and Rescue, Manistee:** rescue equipment.
- \$5,000** **Grub 2 Go - Osceola Children's Council, Marion:** food for schoolchildren.
- \$5,020.40** **Hollister Senior Center, Baldwin:** flooring replacement.
- \$200** **Lake County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Baldwin:** for a mitten tree for children in need.
- \$3,000** **Lake County Community Food Council, Baldwin:** a community garden.
- \$2,929** **Ludington Senior Center, Ludington:** four computers and software.
- \$2,109** **Luther Fire District No. 1, Luther:** a rescue raft.
- \$4,000** **Mason County Reformed Church/Hand 2 Hand, Scottville:** to help provide weekend food for children through schools and churches.
- \$5,000** **Pathfinder Community Library, Baldwin:** a handicapped accessible door.
- \$5,104** **Reed City District Library, Reed City:** computers and monitors.
- \$4,990** **Rose Lake Youth Camp, LeRoy:** electrical updates for seven buildings and outdoor lights on the campground.
- \$1,500** **Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association, Ludington:** educational activity installation.
- \$3,000** **Stehouwer Free Clinic, Cadillac:** dental care for qualified patients.
- \$5,000** **Village of Marion, Marion:** to help build a larger spillway with stop logs to meet DEQ requirements.

South

- \$3,000** **Christian Neighbors SE, Plainwell:** to purchase food for pantry.
- \$2,000** **Croton Sportsmen for Youth and Disabled Veterans, Howard City:** toward renovation for classroom activities.
- \$800** **Friends of the Montague Library, Montague:** "The Magic School Bus" books and supplements.
- \$600** **Harbor House of Hart, Hart:** the replacement of three windows.
- \$5,000** **Johnson Square Recreation Area Committee, Mears:** a well in the community recreation area.
- \$1,250** **Missionaries Around Ravenna in Service (MARS), Ravenna:** toward pantry items and gas cards.
- \$10,000** **Newaygo County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, White Cloud:** Safe Touch workbooks.
- \$10,000** **Optimist Club of Shelby, Shelby:** new roof coating for their building, contingent on raising the additional funds to complete the project.
- \$4,000** **Project Hope of NE Allegan County, Dorr:** personal care items for their food pantry.
- \$3,429.04** **Randy's House of Greenville, Inc., Greenville:** kitchen appliances in recovery homes.
- \$1,000** **Ravenna Quilters, Ravenna:** quilting materials for cancer patients and newborn baby quilts.
- \$1,000** **Ravenna United Methodist Church, Mary's Lunch Program and End-of-Summer Fun Day, Ravenna:** summer lunches for children's backpacks, supplies, and fun day supplies.
- \$1,644.82** **Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library, Howard City:** to purchase STEM kits.
- \$1,250** **Trinity Lutheran Church Community Food Pantry, New Era:** partial funding for new flooring in their building.



Backpacks filled with supplies provided by Mary's Lunch Program and the United Methodist Church in Ravenna.



gtlakes.com

facebook.com/greatlakesenergy

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 board committees (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 **\$228,481** to local organizations in 2019 and has awarded over **\$3.7 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 2019, the People Fund awarded \$228,481 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)
<hr/>	
\$68.00	Total Bill

Sign up today by contacting us at 888-GT-LAKES or visit gtlakes.com.

Three easy ways to sign up for the People Fund

BY PHONE: Call 888-485-2537.

ONLINE: Visit gtlakes.com.

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
People Fund		\$0.46
MI Low Income Energy Fund		\$0.93
Total Current Activity		\$136.00

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!

YES! I want to join People Fund Plus!
Add \$ _____ to my monthly bill.

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 _____

Enroll to be entered to win a \$100 billing credit, awarded twice a year.

If you are already enrolled, you are automatically entered in the prize drawings each year.