

Charlevoix Circle of Arts purchased and installed a new dance floor.



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2021 PEOPLE FUND ANNUAL REPORT



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Friends of Shelby Area District Library, Shelby



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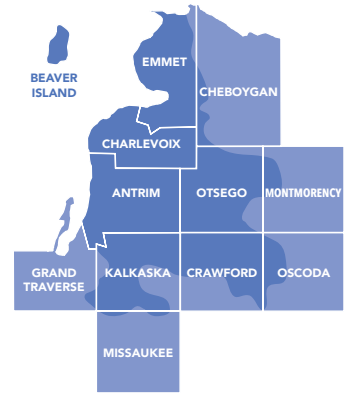
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\$1,000	Acme Christian Thrift Store & Food Pantry, Williamsburg: for food pantry supplies.	\$4,500	Harbor Springs Area Historical Society, Harbor Springs: for the "Aha" exhibit in Shay Park.
\$1,000	Alanson Area Public Library, Alanson: for a library patio and demonstration garden.	\$5,000	Harbor Springs Area Historical Society, Harbor Springs: for the window restoration at the 1886 Harbor Springs History Museum.
\$5,000	Beaver Island Historical Society, Beaver Island: for print shop museum energy updates.	\$3,000	Harbor Springs Festival of the Book, Harbor Springs: for books for schools.
\$5,500	Beaver Island Rural Health Center, Beaver Island: for hospice equipment.	\$2,562.32	Jordan River Arts Council, East Jordan: for the Jordan Art Walk.
\$1,000	Bellaire Public Library, Bellaire: for the "Prescription to Read" program.	\$2,500	Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources (KAIR), Kalkaska: for food pantry supplies.
\$5,000	Blissfest Music Organization, Petoskey: for a point-of-sale system for the campground.	\$5,000	Kalkaska Commission on Aging, Kalkaska: for a home meal delivery vehicle.
\$1,104.49	Blissfest Music Organization, Petoskey: for a laptop and monitor.	\$2,000	Kalkaska High School, Kalkaska: for a refrigerator and supplies for Karen's Kids Center.
\$2,000	Boyne Area Gymnastics, Inc., Boyne City: for building improvements.	\$5,000	Kiwanis of Boyne City/Waterfront Field of Dreams, Boyne City: for phase two of the baseball field improvements.
\$1,000	Camp Quality Michigan, Boyne City: for backpack supplies at children's cancer camp.	\$3,000	Lake Charlevoix Mariners/Sail Charlevoix, Charlevoix: for safety boat upgrades.
\$7,500	Challenge Mountain, Boyne City: to repave the parking lot to remedy storm runoff.	\$2,500	Last Dance Rescue Ranch, Charlevoix: for upgrading multiple paddocks.
\$1,820	Charlevoix Circle of Arts, Charlevoix: for a new Marley dance floor in the studio for ballet, tap, jazz fusion, yoga, barre, and other classes.	\$5,000	Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs: for a refrigerated box truck.
\$1,000	Charlevoix Conservation District, Boyne City: for a community garden project.	\$1,500	New Life Pregnancy Resource Center, Gaylord: for a new door and storage shed.
\$5,000	Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Cheboygan: for tools for making repairs and building ramps.	\$4,000	Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Petoskey: for a dump trailer.
\$1,500	Christ Child Society Northern Michigan (CCSNM), Harbor Springs: for a diaper pantry.	\$6,500	Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Petoskey: for furnace replacement for the Habitat building.
\$2,000	Crawford Ausable Day Care, Inc., Grayling: for playground equipment.	\$804	Otsego County Child Welfare Alliance, Gaylord: for books for children.
\$4,000	Crawford County Commission on Aging, Grayling: for fitness equipment.	\$3,000	Otsego County EMS/Rescue/Hazmat, Gaylord: for a public safety signal booster.
\$2,500	Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, Grayling: for a summer food program for children.	\$2,000	Otsego County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Gaylord: for computer upgrades for security and registration software.
\$2,000	Crawford County Library, Grayling: for internet hotspots.	\$2,500	Otsego County United Way, Gaylord: for home repairs for those in need.
\$5,000	Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey: for an audio/visual system for the Crooked Tree Arts Center Gallery.	\$2,500	Peaine Township, Beaver Island: for Font Lake Park pickleball & bocce ball courts.
\$3,774	Elk Rapids Area Historical Society, Elk Rapids: for window replacement.	\$2,000	Petosky Public Schools, Petoskey: for a maker space and equipment for Collaboratorium.
\$3,000	Elmira Township Parks and Rec., Elmira: for playground equipment.	\$5,000	PoWeR! Book Bags, Suttons Bay: for PoWeR! book bags for children in Otsego County.
\$5,000	Fife Lake Historical Society, Fife Lake: for roof replacement on historic schoolhouse.	\$2,500	Preservation Association of Beaver Island, Beaver Island: for the community center boiler and HVAC repair.
\$1,000	Gaylord Area Meal, Gaylord: for food and supplies.	\$2,500	Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan: for the Raven Hill Connections Trail.
\$900.45	Gaylord Community Orchestra, Gaylord: for stand lights for orchestra players.	\$10,000	TART Trails, Inc., Traverse City: for the Acme Connector Trail.
\$3,200	Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Bellaire: for technology updates.	\$3,000	Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Petoskey: for supplies for the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Academy.
\$1,011	Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Bellaire: to promote the ecological research and conservation program at Grass River Natural Area.	\$1,060.28	Training Wheels Childcare Center, Inc., East Jordan: for a laptop computer.
\$2,500	Grayling Hatchery, Inc., Grayling: sand removal from three of the public viewing raceways.	\$5,000	Village of Ellsworth, Ellsworth: for pickleball courts.
		\$500	Village of Kalkaska, Kalkaska: for law enforcement range targets.
		\$5,000	Wilson Township, Boyne City: for improvements to public and ADA Deer Lake access from Fall Park.



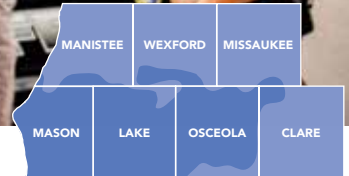
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CENTRAL

- \$3,000 **Angels of Action, Big Rapids:** for purchasing Salesforce Nonprofit software.
- \$2,500 **Bread of Life Food Pantry, Baldwin:** for a storage building and facility update.
- \$2,000 **Circle Rocking S Children's Farm Inc., Free Soil:** for LED lights, building repairs, and toner.
- \$2,500 **City of Scottville, Scottville:** for the Scottville River Park bank stabilization project.
- \$3,000 **City of Scottville, Scottville:** for McPhail Field parking lot improvements.
- \$2,000 **The General Assembly Big Band, Reed City:** for an equipment trailer.
- \$2,400 **Grant Twp. Fire and Rescue, Manistee:** for a low angle rescue equipment enhancement.
- \$2,000 **Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes Inc., Grand Rapids:** for equipping Manistee County youth for success.
- \$2,500 **Lake County Sheriff Office, Baldwin:** for the Lake County Sheriff's Explorer program.
- \$3,000 **Lakeshore Food Club, Ludington:** for membership software.
- \$3,000 **Lincoln Township Fire Department, Reed City:** for ice rescue equipment.
- \$3,000 **Ludington Area Center for the Arts, Ludington:** for crEATivity art kits.
- \$1,000 **Luther Area Public Library, Luther:** for an AWE Early Literacy Station and VMI2500 Disc Repair Machine.
- \$2,000 **Luther Fire District No. 1, Luther:** for a snowmobile.
- \$2,500 **Mason County Historical Society, Ludington:** for the Burn's farmhouse renovation.
- \$2,500 **Mason County Historical Society, Ludington:** for upgrading the collections database to Past Perfect software.
- \$3,500 **Pathfinder Community Library, Baldwin:** for a nutrition workshop for seniors and limited-income community members.
- \$3,404.64 **Reed City Area District Library, Reed City:** for a technology update project, including new computers and tablets.
- \$3,000 **Riverside Park Campground, Scottville:** for a riverside well upgrade.
- \$2,400 **Riverton Firefighters Association, Scottville:** for PPE replacement.



The Lake County Sheriff Office purchased uniforms and equipment for its Sheriff's Explorer program.

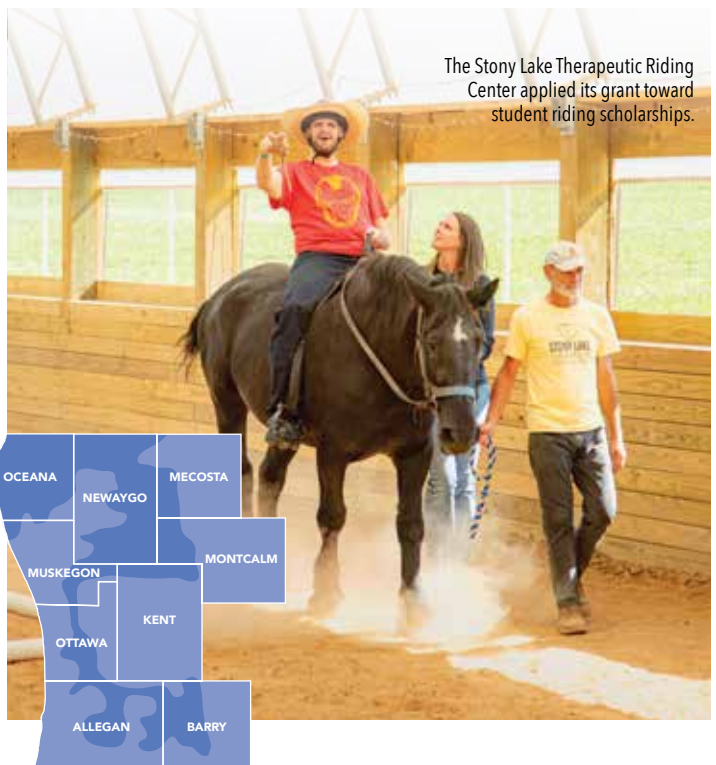


- \$2,500 **Riverton Firefighters Association, Scottville:** for a rescue boat.
- \$1,000 **Rose Lake Youth Camp, LeRoy:** for a campfire upgrade and flag replacement.
- \$1,902.40 **Sauble Township, Irons:** for a flag pole project.
- \$500 **Staircase Youth Services, Ludington:** for the Back to School Backpack Bonanza.
- \$1,900 **Stehouwer Free Clinic, Cadillac:** for office equipment.
- \$2,500 **Western Michigan Fair Association, Ludington:** for an observation deck with a handicap ramp.
- \$1,000 **Western Michigan Old Engine Club, Custer:** for an education day.

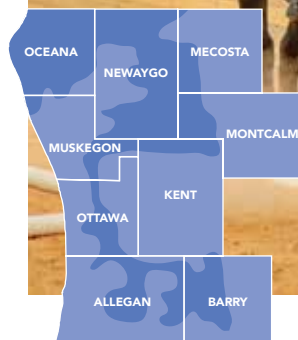
SOUTH

- \$3,000 **Angels of Action, Big Rapids:** for purchasing Salesforce Nonprofit software.
- \$3,285 **Eagle Village, Hersey:** to update lighting.
- \$2,500 **Friends of Shelby Area District Library, Shelby:** for shelving.
- \$5,000 **Golden Township, Mears:** for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake for lighting and walkways.
- \$4,000 **Grant Township Fire Department, Rothbury:** to outfit a shared firefighter rehab trailer.
- \$6,550 **Harmonized Healing Counseling Services, Inc., White Cloud:** for refurbished laptops.
- \$3,000 **Hart Police Department, Hart:** for the Safe Streets Speed Trailer project.
- \$5,000 **Hersey's House of Hope, Hersey:** for the Hersey's House of Hope East expansion.
- \$1,350 **Howard Christensen Nature Center, Kent City:** for outdoor lighting.
- \$3,200 **Love INC of Oceana County, Shelby:** for thrift store physical and technological updates.
- \$1,875 **Mecosta County Sheriff's Department, Big Rapids:** for a winter doghouse and GPS collar for police dog, Zeke.
- \$5,000 **Michigan's Edge Mountain Biking Association, Holland:** for the Jamestown Trail Project.
- \$2,000 **Missionaries Around Ravenna in Service, Ravenna:** for food and monetary assistance.
- \$750 **New Era Christian Reformed Church, New Era:** for a community garden.
- \$5,000 **Newaygo County Museum and Heritage Center, Newaygo:** for technology upgrades.
- \$4,392 **Oceana County Council on Aging, Hart:** for an AED and lift chairs for the senior center and adult day service.
- \$2,450 **Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, Hart:** for picnic tables.
- \$1,000 **Our Brothers Keeper, Big Rapids:** for shelter flooring repairs.
- \$5,000 **Pentwater Arts Council, Pentwater:** for Pentwater Public Arts Sculpture Walk 2022.
- \$3,250 **Pentwater Historical Society, Pentwater:** for Pentwater Historical Society building improvements.
- \$2,500 **Project Hope of NE Allegan County, Dorr:** for the Annetta Jansen Ministry Center.
- \$310 **Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.)-Mecosta County Council on Aging, Big Rapids:** for recognition luncheon & Camp 911's "File of Life" emergency magnets.
- \$2,400 **Sable Point Lighthouse, Ludington:** for air purifiers for lighthouses.
- \$10,000 **Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center, Allegan:** toward building a new facility.
- \$7,500 **Shelby Township, Shelby:** for Shelby Township Community Park improvements.
- \$5,000 **Spiritual Care Consultants of West Michigan, New Era:** for children and adolescent virtual program.
- \$11,000 **Stony Lake Therapeutic Riding Center, New Era:** for student riding scholarships.
- \$6,200 **Sylvia's Place, Allegan:** for 24/7 hotline operations support for survivors of domestic violence.

- \$2,600 **The Harbor House of Hart, Hart:** for HVAC equipment installation.
- \$3,000 **Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity, Grand Haven:** for senior housing repairs.
- \$8,500 **West Michigan S.A.I.L. Program, Pentwater:** for veteran aid.
- \$1,200 **White Lake Music Society, Montague:** for instrumental clinics.
- \$7,500 **Wings Home, Holland:** for Wings Home caregiving.
- \$7,099.20 **Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., Allegan:** for new laptops and set up.
- \$10,000 **Zero Day, Delton:** for an Unmanned Aerial Systems apprenticeship training program for veterans.



The Stony Lake Therapeutic Riding Center applied its grant toward student riding scholarships.





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People Fund grants are funded with "extra change" donated by members who have their Great Lakes Energy bills 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). Applications are accepted through our online portal. The deadlines for receiving grant applications are April 15 and Oct. 15.

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PSCR On Energy Use	884 kWh @ 0.00		\$0.00
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People Fund			\$0.46
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Total Current Activity			\$136.00



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