



YOUR SMALL CHANGE MAKES A BIG IMPACT

2023 PEOPLE FUND ANNUAL REPORT



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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



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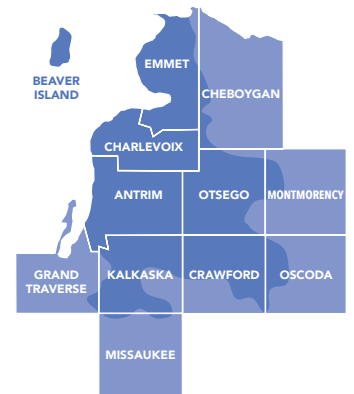
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NORTH

- \$1,200.40 **Acme Christian Thrift Store & Food Pantry, Williamsburg:** for proper drainage in the parking lot.
- \$5,000 **American Legion Post 227, East Jordan:** for the EJ Honor and Service project.
- \$1,000 **Antrim County Drain Commissioner, Bellaire:** for the Citizen Precipitation project.
- \$1,340 **Antrim County Historical Society, Bellaire:** for the Derenzy School pillars and bases.
- \$7,000 **Banks Township Fire & Rescue, Ellsworth:** for dive team equipment.
- \$7,000 **Bellaire Area Historical Society, Bellaire:** for a newspaper digitization project.
- \$4,000 **Big Water Creative Arts, Inc., Petoskey:** for equipment for the Rock Jam programs.
- \$4,500 **Boyne City Community Greenhouse, Boyne City:** for expansion of classroom space.
- \$1,500 **Boyne Eta Nu Charities, Boyne City:** for the Dress for Chill annual project.
- \$3,000 **Camp Daggett, Petoskey:** to digitize its hard copy library of documents, images, and video.
- \$1,503.99 **Camp Quality, Boyne City:** for a Camp Quality Teen Weekend.
- \$1,622.65 **Central Lake Township Fire Department, Central Lake:** for CPR manikins.
- \$7,000 **Charlevoix Historical Society, Charlevoix:** for roof replacement on the Charlevoix Historic Train Depot.
- \$2,500 **Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix:** for signs in the North Point Nature Preserve.
- \$2,500 **Cheboygan County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Cheboygan:** for the Technology for Our Future program.
- \$3,000 **Christ Child Society Northern Michigan, Harbor Springs:** for the Layette Project.
- \$1,600 **County of Emmet, Camp Petosega, Alanson:** for tree planting at Camp Petosega.
- \$1,850 **Crooked Tree Arts Center, Petoskey:** for the CTAC Visitor Experience project.
- \$3,000 **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Crawford County, Grayling:** for books and postage.
- \$2,000 **Elk Rapids Area Historical Society, Elk Rapids:** for a Preschool Hands-On Museum Experience Area.
- \$2,400 **Free Rein Farm, Inc. Bellaire:** for the equine therapy barn floor and equine-assisted learning at local schools.
- \$2,000 **Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Petoskey:** for a Meals on Wheels replacement vehicle.
- \$1,075 **G.R.A.C.E. Center, Grayling:** for an AED.
- \$1,500 **Harbor Springs Festival of the Book, Harbor Springs:** for books for schools.
- \$1,738 **HeadWaters Land Conservancy, Gaylord:** for a phone system upgrade.
- \$3,275 **Kalkaska County Commission on Aging, Kalkaska:** for an AED and COA meals.
- \$6,500 **Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs:** for the Melvin Family Hiking and Biking Trails in Cheboygan County.
- \$1,565 **Milton Township Fire Department, Kewadin:** for a gas detector replacement.
- \$2,300 **Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheelers, Walloon Lake:** for a commercial grill replacement.
- \$2,000 **Northern Michigan Equine Therapy, Boyne City:** for a restroom upgrade.
- \$5,000 **Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Petoskey:** for tools to increase capacity.
- \$1,000 **Otsego County Child Welfare Alliance, Gaylord:** for family home safety items and books.
- \$1,500 **Otsego County Commission on Aging, Gaylord:** for COA park benches.
- \$5,000 **Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan:** for SOS-Save Our Space.
- \$5,000 **Rotary Club of Charlevoix Charities, Inc., Charlevoix:** for the Mount McSauba Community Playground build.
- \$4,000 **The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center, East Jordan:** for transportation.
- \$5,000 **The Salvation Army, Petoskey:** for a replacement copier/printer/scanner.
- \$4,231.11 **Village of Ellsworth, Ellsworth:** for the River Park playground equipment upgrade.
- \$5,000 **Waterfront Field of Dreams, Boyne City:** for the waterfront Little League Park.
- \$5,000 **Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Petoskey:** for technology for the Empowering Bright Futures program.



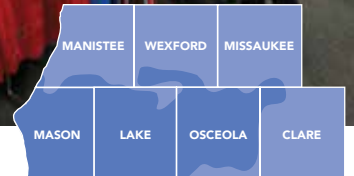
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CENTRAL

- \$4,000** Branch Township Fire Department, Walhalla: for turnout gear equipment racks.
- \$500** Childhood Cancer Campaign, Ludington: for a pop-up canopy for fundraising events.
- \$1,000** Church of the Holy Trinity, Manistee: for baby formula for the Holy Trinity Baby Pantry.
- \$2,000** Circle Rocking S Children's Farm Inc., Free Soil: for a partial roof replacement and a new computer.
- \$4,000** FiveCAP, Inc, Scottville: for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Mason and Lake counties.
- \$1,993** Lake County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Baldwin: for computer equipment and building a website.
- \$2,000** Lake Fellowship Ministries, Baldwin: to repurpose space in the River Community Center for a personal care center.
- \$2,500** Lakeshore Children's Advocacy Center, Manistee: for the Mason County Satellite Center Project.
- \$5,895** Lincoln Township Fire Department, Reed City: for the Lincoln Township Lifepak AED Project.
- \$1,000** Ludington High School Robotics, Ludington: for robotics machining equipment.
- \$5,000** Luther Fire District No. 1, Luther: for a Scott Air-Pak.
- \$2,050** Mason County Historical Society, Ludington: for exterior wood door repairs at the Port of Ludington Maritime Museum.
- \$3,900** Meceola Currie Comfort Home, Reed City: for a snowblower and a printer.
- \$1,250** Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, Inc., Mecosta: for Veterans Honor Flights/Missions #15, 16, and 17.
- \$2,932.89** Pathfinder Community Library, Baldwin: for STEM and Lego storage.
- \$2,500** PoWeR! Book Bags, Suttons Bay: for reading and enrichment bags for Lake County children.
- \$2,500** Reed City Area District Library, Reed City: for an outdoor equipment storage shed.



Lake Fellowship Ministries



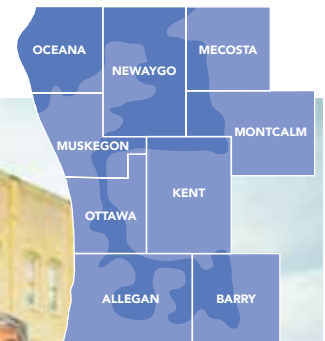
- \$2,368** Reed City Police Department, Reed City: for an MPH Sure Shot handheld lidar.
- \$2,000** Riverton Firefighters Association, Scottville: for four battery-powered portable LED scene lights.
- \$5,000** Sandcastles Children's Museum, Ludington: for the Budding Naturalist exhibit.

SOUTH

- \$1,000** Allegan United Methodist Church, Allegan: for the AUMC Hands of Grace Food Pantry.
- \$500** Barryton Area Mobile Food Pantry, Barryton: for food distribution.
- \$3,000** Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore, Norton Shores: for one-to-one youth mentoring orientation costs.
- \$5,000** City on a Hill Ministries, Zeeland: for an internet upgrade and phone system replacement.
- \$2,552** Empowerment Network, Fremont: for a technology upgrade.
- \$1,000** Helping Hands, Inc., Howard City: for food restocking.
- \$700** Hesperia Beautification, Hesperia: for Story Walk, a public art exhibit.
- \$1,000** Hope 101 Ministry, Newaygo: for bat management at Newaygo County transitional homes for the homeless.
- \$2,500** Mecosta Conservation District, Big Rapids: for the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.
- \$1,000** Mediation & Restorative Services, Muskegon: for marketing to increase awareness of services.
- \$1,250** Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, Inc., Mecosta: for Veterans Honor Flights/Missions #15, 16, & 17.
- \$1,000** Missionaries Around Ravenna in Service, Ravenna: for food for the pantry.
- \$1,620** New Day Foundation for Families, Rochester Hills: for a fundraising hardware update.
- \$3,200** Newaygo County Environmental Coalition, Newaygo: for the NCEC Michigan Green Schools project.
- \$3,000** Newaygo County Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect, White Cloud: for child forensic interviews.
- \$5,000** Newaygo District Library, Newaygo: for updated computers for public use.
- \$500** Oceana County Animal Friends, Pentwater: for the Union Street TNR project.
- \$1,717** Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, Hart: for side-accessible, ADA-compliant picnic tables.
- \$1,000** Pentwater Historical Society, Pentwater: for the building stories program.
- \$1,000** Project Hope of NE Allegan County, Dorr: for the Project Hope food pantry.
- \$10,000** Shelby Optimist Club, Shelby: for ceiling repair.
- \$7,500** Spiritual Care Consultants of West Michigan, Hastings: for the Spiritual Care Children and Adolescent program.
- \$5,000** The Fountain Hill Center, Grand Rapids: to upgrade an electronic billing server.

- \$2,500** Trinity Lutheran Church, New Era: for the Baby Pantry & Reading Room.
- \$2,500** West Central Michigan Horticultural Research, Inc., Hart: for the Oceana County F.I.R.S.T. Motor Robotics Team.
- \$2,500** Wings Home, Allegan: for Wings Home caregiving.
- \$4,800** Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., Allegan: for telehealth technology.

Pentwater Historical Society





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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 at gtlakes.com/people-fund/. The deadlines for receiving grant applications are April 15 and Oct. 15.

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The People Fund awarded **\$253,928** to local organizations in 2023 and has awarded more than **\$4.5 million** since 1999!

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\$65.42	Bill
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Current Activity		
Monthly Charge		\$39.21
Energy Usage	884 kWh @ 0.13702	\$121.13
Energy Optimization Surcharge	884 kWh @ 0.00198	\$1.75
PSCR On Energy Use	884 kWh @ 0.00188	\$1.66
State Sales Tax (\$163.75 x 4.0%)		\$6.55
People Fund		\$0.70
MI Low Income Energy Fund		\$0.88
Total Current Activity		\$171.00

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