



Mason County Historical Society



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2024 PEOPLE FUND ANNUAL REPORT



Pentwater Historical Society



Pigeon River Country Discovery Center





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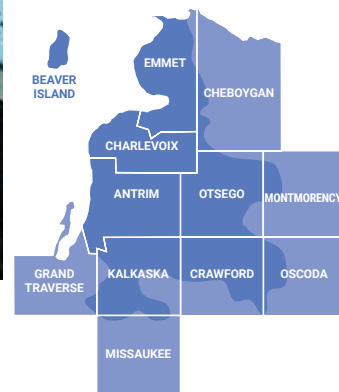
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NORTH

- \$1,000** **Advance Board of Commerce, Boyne City:** for a laptop and copy/printer/fax/scanner.
- \$5,000** **Beaver Island Historical Society, Beaver Island:** for Maritime Preservation: Saving a Great Lakes Fish Tug at the Beaver Island Marine Museum.
- \$2,600** **Big Water Creative Arts, Inc., Petoskey:** for an inventory control system.
- \$2,500** **Blissfest Music Organization, Petoskey:** for an artist marketplace revival.
- \$5,000** **Blue Lake Township Fire Department, Kalkaska:** for sirens, radios, and lights for an off-road snowmobile and side-by-side rescue vehicle.
- \$5,000** **Boyne Area Skate Park, Boyne City:** for phase one of the Boyne City skate park.
- \$1,000** **Boyne Arts Collective, Boyne City:** for a tent and assets for the Stroll the Streets Community Art events.
- \$2,500** **Boyne City Preschool, Boyne City:** for gutters.
- \$1,250** **Boyne Eta Nu Charities, Boyne City:** for Dress for Chill 2024.
- \$2,332** **Boyne Soccer Club, Boyne City:** for a storage shed.
- \$3,295.23** **Boyne Soccer Club, Boyne City:** for two rain/sun shelters, four portable bench seats, and soccer balls.
- \$4,000** **Camp Daggett, Petoskey:** for an outdoor pavilion.
- \$5,000** **Challenge Mountain, Boyne City:** for an enclosed utility trailer for adaptive biking.
- \$1,500** **Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix:** for an automated pool chemical mixing system.
- \$2,000** **Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan, Traverse City:** for a playground.
- \$2,061.70** **Crawford Ausable Day Care Inc., Grayling:** for an infant and toddler room.
- \$3,000** **Crooked Tree Arts Council, Petoskey:** to upgrade theater lighting to LED.
- \$5,000** **Forest Home Township – Friends of Glacial Hills, Bellaire:** for Friends of Glacial Hills (NMMBA) Vandermark Road trailhead parking expansion.
- \$1,000** **Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2462, Boyne Falls:** for an AED.
- \$1,250** **Free Rein Farm, Inc., Bellaire:** for a saddle, pad, and bridle for a new therapy horse.
- \$5,000** **Gaylord Last Resort, Gaylord:** for an electrical upgrade.
- \$1,800** **Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Bellaire:** for historical interpretive signage.
- \$5,000** **Harbor Hall, Inc., Petoskey:** for furnishing in their therapy hall and clinical team room.
- \$2,500** **Harbor Springs Area Historical Society, Harbor Springs:** for exhibit lighting for the restoration of the Ephraim Shay Hexagon House and Innovation Museum.
- \$1,000** **Kiwanis Club, Charlevoix:** for books and tools for a social-emotional learning library.
- \$2,900** **Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs:** for a TRAFx trail user monitoring system.
- \$2,500** **Manna Food Project, Harbor Springs:** to update business management technology.
- \$5,000** **Mount Carmel Centre, Inc., Gaylord:** for an exterior metal trim paint project.
- \$5,006** **Northern Family Intervention Services, Inc., Gaylord:** for technology for staff members.
- \$6,000** **Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, Petoskey:** for tools and technology for staff.
- \$3,000** **Otsego Conservation District, Gaylord:** for an EmRiver stream table.
- \$5,000** **Otsego County Commission on Aging, Gaylord:** for an exterior sign.
- \$2,600** **Otsego County United Way, Gaylord:** for the final phase of the OCUW Community Service Building Renovation.
- \$2,000** **Pigeon River Country Association Discovery Center, Vanderbilt:** for a projector, screen, signage, and other assets to expand/enhance education for elementary and middle school youth.
- \$1,950** **Raven Hill Discovery Center, East Jordan:** for artifacts and supplies for the Innovations Across the Ages Evolving Technology expansion project.
- \$3,000** **Training Wheels Childcare Center, East Jordan:** for playground equipment.
- \$1,500** **Tunes Music Makers, Charlevoix:** for guitars and keyboards for students on Beaver Island.
- \$7,000** **Veterans Education, Training & Support, Inc., Gaylord:** for The Landing Zone HVAC project.
- \$5,000** **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1518, Gaylord:** for specialized dome playground equipment for Phase I of a playscape in Veterans Community Park.
- \$4,000** **Village of Pellston, Pellston:** for a gas detector for the Pellston Fire Department.
- \$3,800** **Wagbo Peace Center:** for a new door and window in the fiber arts & culture classroom.

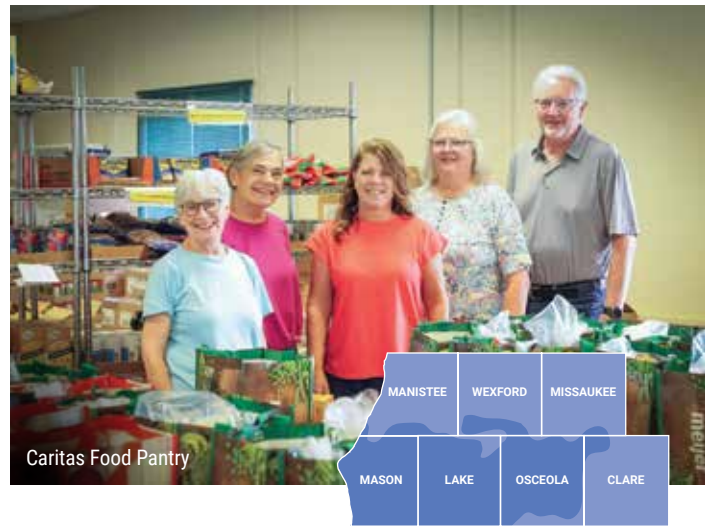


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CENTRAL

- \$3,000** **Big Rapids First United Methodist Church, Big Rapids:** for new ranges.
- \$2,500** **Bread of Life Food Pantry, Baldwin:** for emergency assistance.
- \$500** **Cadillac Winter Warriors Snowmobile Club, New Lenox:** for signs for their trail system.
- \$1,500** **Caritas Food Pantry, Custer:** for a new freezer.
- \$2,750** **Circle Rocking S Children's Farm Inc., Free Soil:** to replace tents, repair posts and fencing, and provide stump removal.
- \$3,000** **City of Scottville, Scottville:** for the Little League baseball field improvement.
- \$2,500** **Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters, Ludington:** for furniture in shelters.
- \$4,512** **Custer Area Fire Department Auxiliary, Custer:** for four thermal imaging cameras.
- \$500** **Friends of Cadillac Wexford Public Library – Adult Literacy Council, Cadillac:** for the English Second Language and Outreach program.
- \$3,500** **Habitat for Humanity Lake County, Baldwin:** for an HVAC unit for the volunteer center and executive office.
- \$3,000** **Lake County Historical Society, Baldwin:** for furnishings in the research library and museum workshop.
- \$6,000** **Lincoln Township Fire Department, Reed City:** for an additional medical first response unit.
- \$3,500** **Ludington Coats and Boots, Ludington:** for essential winter attire for qualifying youth.
- \$4,000** **Mason County Historical Society, Ludington:** for the White Pine Village Fire Barn roof replacement.
- \$2,000** **Mason County Sheriff Department Victim Service Unit, Ludington:** for uniforms.
- \$2,341.15** **Mecosta County Sheriff's Department, Big Rapids:** for a Mondopad.
- \$2,500** **Mecosta-Osceola Career Center, Big Rapids:** for the MOCC Student Success, Retention, and Recruitment project.
- \$2,475** **Pathfinder Community Library, Baldwin:** for replacement computers.



- \$4,000** **Pine River Area Schools, LeRoy:** for two AEDs for schools.
- \$1,000** **Power Book Bags, Sutton's Bay:** for Lake County Baby Pantry resources.
- \$1,000** **Sandcastles Children's Museum, Ludington:** for Zen's Den, a social-emotional exhibit and programming.
- \$2,000** **Western Michigan Fair Association, Ludington:** for an internet upgrade at the fairgrounds.
- \$2,000** **Women's Information Service, Inc., Big Rapids:** to convert garage space into three additional bedrooms for domestic violence survivors.

SOUTH

- \$1,000** **Allegan United Methodist Church, Allegan:** for the Hands of Grace Food Pantry.
- \$1,500** **Arts Council of White Lake, Whitehall:** for the Colby Street pocket park mural.
- \$500** **Cadillac Winter Warriors Snowmobile Club, New Lenox:** for signage in their trail system.
- \$1,000** **Christian Neighbors SE, Plainwell:** for food pantry assistance.
- \$1,356.98** **Congregational Kitchen, Allegan:** for two stainless carts and a worktable.
- \$2,900** **Disability Network West Michigan, Muskegon:** for Jaws and Zoom magnifier glasses for the visually impaired in Mason and Lake counties.
- \$1,000** **Evert Public District Library, Evert:** for tinting of museum and library windows.
- \$4,000** **First Tee-West Michigan in Muskegon/Oceana & Newaygo Counties, Muskegon:** for homework and hitting programs.
- \$3,000** **Good Hands Plainwell, Plainwell:** for a backpack food program for Plainwell students in need.
- \$750** **Grant Public School District, Grant:** for a middle school playground upgrade.
- \$1,118** **Harmonized Healing Counseling Services, Inc., White Cloud:** for two new doors.
- \$750** **Hart Public Schools – Spittler PTO, Hart:** for Spittler PTO playground updates.
- \$1,168** **Holland Free Health Clinic, Holland:** for cookbooks and testing supplies for the Diabetes Empowerment Initiative.
- \$1,200** **Michigan Music Alliance, Grand Rapids:** for equipment to support musicians.
- \$2,722.32** **Missionaries Around Ravenna in Service, Ravenna:** for remodeling and signs for the food pantry.
- \$1,000** **New Era Christian Reformed Church, New Era:** for Farmers Market entertainment.
- \$5,000** **Newaygo Area District Library, Newaygo:** to update the adult/teen reference center.
- \$5,000** **Newaygo County Compassion Home for the Terminally Ill, Fremont:** for a generator.
- \$1,264** **Newaygo County Environmental Coalition, Newaygo:** for vernal pool monitoring.
- \$2,537** **Newaygo County Museum & Heritage Center, Newaygo:** for upgraded lighting.
- \$3,838.34** **Oceana County Council on Aging, Hart:** for a new range.
- \$1,950** **Oceana County Historical & Genealogical Society, Hart:** for digitizing VHS, cassettes, and CDs for future use.
- \$750** **Oceana County Medical Care Facility, Hart:** for a digital piano.
- \$3,000** **Paws With A Cause, Wayland:** for leashes, clippers, and blades for the PAWS Prison Partners program.
- \$1,000** **Pentwater Historical Society, Pentwater:** for the USS Sequoia Exhibit.

- \$500** **Pentwater Lake Association, Pentwater:** for an EnviroDIY Monitoring Station for the Pentwater River.
- \$1,000** **Project Hope of NE Allegan County, Dorr:** for food pantry assistance.
- \$1,000** **Renewed Hope Free Health Clinic, Allegan:** for medical supplies.
- \$2,500** **Rothbury Community Church Helping Hands Food Pantry, Rothbury:** for local produce.
- \$1,000** **Shelby Public Schools, Shelby:** for the Ride with Pride program.
- \$4,600** **Sylvia's Place, Allegan:** for furniture and fixtures in their emergency shelter.
- \$2,500** **Trinity Community Food Pantry, New Era:** for a walk-in cooler and freezer.
- \$2,000** **Village of Walkerville:** for the Pioneer House Museum rehab project.
- \$1,000** **White Cloud Lions, White Cloud:** for a freezer.
- \$500** **White Lake Music Society, Montague:** for family concerts during the Chamber Music Festival.
- \$2,700** **Woodland Park Community Center, Bitely:** for the plywood for a roof renovation.





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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 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 submitting grant applications are April 15 and Oct. 15.

Did You Know...

The People Fund awarded **\$262,026** to local organizations in 2024 and has awarded more than **\$4.8 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.

All People Fund contributors earn the chance to win a \$100 bill credit twice per year. In 2024, the People Fund awarded \$262,026 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)

\$68.00 Total bill

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Current Activity		
Monthly Charge		\$43.17
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 (\$167.71 x 4.0%)		\$6.71
People Fund		\$0.71
MI Low Income Energy Fund		\$0.87
Total Current Activity		\$176.00

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