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The Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund

Building the West End, One Block at A Time!

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The Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund was established in 1994 with matching funds from the Kellogg Foundation as an affiliate of the Marquette County Community Foundation. Grants from the GIACF serve the people of Western Marquette County including, the City of Ishpeming, Ishpeming Township, Ely Township, Tilden Township, Champion, Michigamme and Republic.

“How Do I Apply For A Grant For My Project?”

The Greater Ishpeming Area Community fund has two grant cycles per year; one in the spring and another in the fall. To submit your project for consideration, visit

www.marquettecountycommunityfoundation.org or contact Gail Anthony at the Marquette Community Foundation at 906-226-7666.

Spring Grant Distribution

The Spring 2014 Marquette County Community Foundation Grant Distribution, including grants from the GIACF, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 12 at Kaufman Auditorium in Marquette. The public is invited to attend this event.

Technology improvements at Historical Society funded by GIACF

The Ishpeming Area Historical Society moved into a new space at the old Gossard (formerly Pioneer Square) October 1, 2013. Now that they've gone from moving in and getting settled, they'll be working on upgrading the displays and showcases; announcing extended hours throughout the spring, summer and fall; and offering activities to share Ishpeming's history with residents and visitors alike. Just as important as the interaction with the community is cataloging the artifacts and documents. With a Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund grant, a new laptop computer and "Past Perfect" museum software was purchased. Some of the many advantages of this program are preventing duplication of artifacts; keeping artifacts safely stored as a collection; and keeping track of members and donors. This is necessary in moving forward and growing the organization.



GIACF Provides Funds for Senior Art Classes

The Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund approved a grant for \$500 to the Ishpeming Commission on Aging in support of "Studio 320" an art appreciation class for seniors. The program began at the Ishpeming Senior Center on November 1, 2012. Led by Katherine Savu, seniors learn and experience different art techniques using a variety of mediums such as pen, pencil, water colors, pastels, acrylic and oil paints. The group is named "Studio 320" as Ishpeming's Senior Center is located on 320 Pine St. In Ishpeming. Sessions for the classes are held on the first, third and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM year round. There is no cost for the classes and interested people don't need to have prior drawing or painting experience.



Westwood Girls Softball receives support from GIACF

A new high school athletic program needs assistance from a variety of sources to get started. The Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund assisted the new Westwood Girls Softball program by funding the purchase of necessary equipment. Bats, balls and catcher's equipment were some of the supplies needed to get this sports program up and running. Approximately 24 girls are expected to play on this self-funded sports team, giving girls the opportunity to play softball together with their peers, not just on an adult women's league.

So Many Ways to Give

So you want to give, but not sure how — here are some ideas:

Outright Gift

The simplest way to make a big difference is by an Outright Gift. You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds or other assets to your community foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal and state law.

Gift of Appreciated Stock

Turn stock market gains into community investment. Everybody wins when you make a gift of appreciated stock to your community foundation. Your gains are put to good use. Your gift of stock is reinvested in your community, and it qualifies for an immediate tax deduction based on the full market value.

Gift of Life Insurance

Leave your community as your beneficiary. Life insurance provides a simple way for you to give a significant gift to charity, with tax benefits that you can enjoy during your lifetime.

Gift of Real Estate

Making a charitable gift of real estate through your community foundation can help you turn your property gains into community good. The value of your real estate may exceed that of any other asset you own. With the help of your community foundation, you can use it to fulfill your charitable interests and receive financial tax benefits.



Start Giving Today

Donation Form

Yes, I would like to make a donation --- for **good**. for **ever**.

- General Grants Endowment Fund
- Youth Grants Endowment Fund
- Operating Endowment Fund
- Wherever the need is greatest
- Other (for a listing of all current endowment funds contact 906-226-7666 or visit the web-site).

Name(s) as it should be listed:

(Please Print)
Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please make check payable to The Marquette Community Foundation.
Credit card donation also acceptable by calling 906-226-7666.

THANK YOU! Your contribution is tax deductible. IRS Tax ID: 38-2826563

Mail to: Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund
c/o Marquette Community Foundation
P.O. Box 37
Marquette, MI 49855

2013 Ishpeming Community Fund General Fund & Youth Fund Grant Awards Presented:

Child & Family Service of the UP
\$600 *Start the Cycle* program

Society of St. Vincent DePaul
\$500 *Food 4 Kids* program

Ely Township
\$500 *Diorite Park* playground equip.

Big Brothers Big Sisters
\$700 purchase iPads

Bell Foundation
\$500 *Pediatric Health Library*

Marquette Range Iron Mining
Heritage Theme Park
\$1,000 security cameras

US National Ski & Snowboard
Hall of Fame
\$750 computer software

Marquette County Aging Services
\$532 *File of Life* packets

Ishpeming Salvation Army
\$600 *After school archery* program

Renaissance Festival & Art Faire
\$750 story books

NICE Community Schools
\$425 *Saturday recreation* program

Liberty Children's Art Project
\$425 *Birchview after school*
art program

Ishpeming Historical Society
\$1,000 computers and software

Greater Ishpeming Commission
On Aging
\$500 *Senior Art* program

Michigamme Children's Halloween
Party
\$300 *Halloween party* supplies

If you are interested in submitting a grant application for your project, please call 906-226-7666 or visit the web-site www.marquettecountycommunityfoundation.org to apply.