

GREATER ISHPEMING AREA COMMUNITY FUND

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



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City of Ishpeming Community Assessment

In September 2018, the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) came to the City of Ishpeming to hold a community assessment as a pilot for the Community Foundation of Marquette County. The assessment consisted of different focus groups that engaged community members about strengths and weaknesses in their city. From the meetings, three focus areas were chosen (Housing and Blight, Recreation and Marketing) to kick start new committees and develop opportunities. Community feedback from the assessment led to possible programs to pursue, including: opening a dog park, developing a campground, restoration of historic buildings and marketing the downtown area. The next meeting will be held at 6p.m. on September 18th in the Empire Room at Bell Hospital.



FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN PARTICIPATING IN THE EFFORTS PLEASE CONTACT: INFO@CFOFMC.ORG

This is Why We Serve

In 2018 the Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund granted funds to Habitat for Humanity for their Women Build Program to build a wheelchair accessible ramp for Patty Barry and her family. While touring her home at the open house you could feel the true sense of community. Patty's handicapped son was propped at the back of the room, his legs unable to help him stand. The ramp was built for him to be able to get himself into the house because he typically used his arms to get around. When Patty spoke, she described the pain of losing her husband last fall and the renewed hope she experienced when she took her first tour of the home. Even though she knew it needed a ton of work, she could finally feel a sense of hope and visualize moving forward with her children. Standing in her tiny dining area, she profusely thanked Habitat for Humanity, the Ishpeming Community Fund, the Community Foundation of Marquette County, her friends and family who all spent countless hours working alongside her to make this house a home. In the Community Foundation world it is very easy to get caught up in the details of operations, finance and fundraising. Programs that we help fund acutely remind us although important to our success, our true



purpose can easily be forgotten. The power of community is so much more than writing a check. We are grateful to be apart of wonderful moments like this. This is why we serve.

Youth Advisory Committee Assemble Hygiene Packs

During the year the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) gather personal care items for their Student Pack Program. The packs get distributed during the school's vacations and breaks to students in need from the Ishpeming & N.I.C.E. Community School Districts. Over the last six months approximately 300 packs have been distributed; 150 of which YAC Adviser, Shannon Edmark, delivered at the end of the 2019 school year.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE PERSONAL CARE ITEMS PLEASE
CONTACT OUR OFFICE

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OUTRIGHT GIFT

Make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds or other assets. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal and state law. You can also donate to the Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund online at www.cfofmc.org.

APPRECIATED STOCK

Make a gift of appreciated stock. No capital gain to report and your gift of stock is reinvested in your community. Plus it qualifies for an immediate tax deduction based on the full market value.

LIFE INSURANCE

Leave your community as your beneficiary. Life insurance provides an easy way to give a significant gift and tax benefits you can enjoy during your lifetime.

REAL ESTATE

Making a charitable gift of real estate can help turn your property gains into community good. The value of your real estate may exceed that of any other asset you own. Use this type of gift to fulfill your charitable interests and receive financial tax benefits.

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