



Greater Ishpeming Area
community fund

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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 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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My Great Ishpeming

What a long way Ishpeming has come, from the 2018 Community Assessment! The original community groups identified in the meeting (housing, recreation and marketing), continue to meet to promote the area and invite others to help create a great place to live. One place to share and continue the work going on is on a Facebook page called My Great Ishpeming. This page was created to share positive

things about living, visiting, & working in Ishpeming, Michigan. The creator of My Great Ishpeming is currently working on a short video series, highlighting people and places in the area. The first video included a brief listing of the top 25 best things about Ishpeming, including: Al Quaal Recreation Area, Congress Pizza, rich history, and pasties. Visit the page on Facebook for more information.



Follow My Great Ishpeming
on Facebook for updates.

Community Response Fund

In March, the Community Foundation of Marquette County, in partnership with United Way of Marquette County, initiated the COVID-19



Community Response Fund in order to address issues related to the pandemic, and to provide support to local nonprofit organizations. The committee, consisting of various community leaders, meets frequently to review grant applications and distribute funds. Community needs will be addressed in three phases: immediate needs, intermediate support for nonprofits, and a final Community Response Endowed Fund, to help provide future funding to nonprofit organizations in a crisis. The Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund and its Youth Fund granted \$3,000 to the Community Response Fund efforts in the area. The fund has distributed over \$45,000 to date, providing grants for various programs, including: Feeding America, for Marquette County food pantries; Partridge Creek Farms, to purchase aluminum for nose pieces in face masks; Big Brothers Big Sisters, to assist families with basic needs; Hope Free Lutheran Church, to provide meals and assistance for their food pantry program; and Great Lakes Recovery Center, to purchase personal protective equipment for staff and clients.

For more information about how to apply or donate to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund, visit our website: www.cfofmc.org

Greater Ishpeming Area Fund 2020 Grants

The Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund Committee, along with their Youth Advisory Committee met this spring to review grant applications from the Community Foundation's competitive grant cycle. This year the committees distributed \$8,650 to programs in the area. Granted organizations include: Courage Incorporated, for their summer programs; Hope Free Evangelical Lutheran Church, to purchase ingredients to prepare meals for their food pantry; Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum, to assist with start up costs to purchase Michigan made products for their gift shop; U.P. Land Conservancy, to support the completion of a trail connecting the Peshekee Headwaters Nature Preserve to Craig Lake State Park; Cancer Care, to support their patient care services; Marquette County Land Bank Authority, to plant trees in the Hematite Art Park; and the Michigamme Township DDA, to update the entrance of the library for handicap accessibility.

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OUTRIGHT GIFT

Make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, or other assets. Most charitable gifts qualify for the 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. There is 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

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

REAL ESTATE

Make a charitable gift of real estate. This 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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