



Portland Community Fund Association News

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Last year over \$20,000 was passed on by the Community Fund to the following organizations:

Boy Scout Troops, Boy Scouts of America, Habitat for Humanity, Ionia Area Hospice, Ionia County Mental Health, Michigan Trails Girl Scouts, Portland Area Service Group, Portland Girl Scouts, Portland Parks and Recreation, Portland Youth League, Relief After a Violent Encounter, Portland Arts Council, Portland Adult Education, Portland Tackle Football.

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Dear Friend,

Greetings! As the Portland Community Fund Association enters our busiest part of year, I wanted to remind you of some of the services that your donations help us to provide to the community in the upcoming holiday season. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and that it helps you understand more about our organization.

In October we have a **coat drive** with St. Patrick's Youth Group. Hundreds of coats are collected along with hats, mittens and boots. We then have a coat giveaway at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. All the remaining coats are taken to Ionia for distribution. Each year we are able to provide winter outerwear to many Portland Residents as well as pass on items that can be used by others that live in Ionia and Montcalm Counties.

In mid-December, the Community Fund provides gifts and a holiday dinner to Portland area families that are in need. In **2006 over 140 families received assistance**. Gifts were also provided to residents of Portland who now live in area nursing homes. After the distribution, over 500 pounds of food was passed on to local food banks.

Our December project involves many individuals as well as organizations to get this enormous job done. The schools and churches have "Giving Trees". They also host drives for various items such as socks, food and mittens. Local businesses support the Community Fund efforts by having collection boxes in their buildings so that donors can easily contribute items. Many of the toys are provided by Ionia County Toys for Tots.



To learn more about how you can help, please read the back side of this newsletter. As you can see from all the services listed, the Community Fund depends on the generosity of the residents of Portland. It takes a total community effort to make our work possible. Please consider making a contribution today!

Sincerely,

Sandy Olson
Portland Community Fund Association President



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Portland Community Fund Association is to enhance the quality of life for all citizens, now and for generations to come. We accomplish this goal by attracting and retaining permanent funds from a wide range of donors.

How can you help?

Here are just a few of the ways that you can help fulfill our mission!

- ✓ **Transport** food donations from drop off areas across Portland.
- ✓ **Get involved in the 2008 Web project** to create a home page. If you have that talent...we could use it.
- ✓ Drop off **non perishable food** at any of our many locations across Portland throughout the holiday season.
- ✓ **Purchase a Poinsettia.** All profits go to support the Christmas campaign. Call Lisa Balderson at 647-4097 or Julie Balderson 647-7752 for details.
- ✓ Host a bake sale, bowling tournament, bike ride or any **event and donate the profits to Community Fund.**
- ✓ **By making a financial contribution,** you can help assist in one of the many projects we do throughout the year. All donations can be mailed to PO Box 524, Portland, MI 48875.
- ✓ If your work place participates in a **United Way Campaign,** you can contribute directly to Community Fund by including our number identification of 23-7168046.

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