



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

From The President

Dear Friend,

Greetings! The Portland Community Fund Association has completed many projects in the last year. It was a very rewarding year for all of the board members. Each year more Portland residents benefit from the work of our organization. I would like to remind you of some of the services that your donation has helped us provide to the community.

In October, we collected over 600 coats along with hats, gloves and boots. A coat give-a-way was held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Over 115 people came and got coats. The remaining coats were taken to the Department of Human Services in Ionia for distribution. With your generous

donations, many people were provided with warm winter wear.

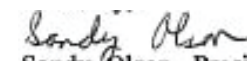
In December, our Christmas Giving Program provided a Christmas dinner, socks, hats and gloves to 179 families. In addition 358 children received gifts and a shoebox filled with goodies. Residents of local nursing homes received personal care items. The remaining food that was donated was given to the three local food banks.

Grant applications were reviewed in January. The Portland Community Fund was able to distribute \$16,500 to local and county organizations that provide valuable services to our local residents. Your

financial support allows these organizations to continue their efforts.

As you can see from the services listed above, the Portland Community Fund Association depends on the generosity of the residents of Portland. It takes a total community effort to make our work possible. We are proud of all of you that care enough about your neighbors to make our projects successful!

Sincerely,


Sandy Olson, President

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DONORS HELP SUPPORT \$16,500 IN ALLOCATIONS IN 2010-11



Part of the mission of the Portland Community Fund is to provide grants to local and county nonprofit organizations that serve residents of the Portland School District. This funding allows these exceptional organizations to continue providing much needed support to our neighbors. Our community has a wide range of needs and as you can see, the organizations we support help provide valuable services.

- Epic - A Community Church
- Girl Scouts of Michigan
- Shore to Shore
- The Hope for Sobriety Foundation of Ionia County
- Hospice of Ionia and Lansing
- Kinder Art Classes
- Mount Hope Church
- Portland Area Service Group
- Portland Church of the Nazarene
- Portland Parks and Recreation
- Portland Tackle Football Association, Inc.
- Portland Wrestling Club
- Portland Youth Baseball League
- RAVE
- Tri-County Electric People Fund
- Victim Advocates

During the past funding cycle, The Portland Community Fund allocated money to the following Organizations:

- Beacon of Hope
- Big brothers / Big Sisters, Michigan Capital Region
- Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America

Congratulations to those who received funding!

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Please accept our sincere thanks for your valuable donations."

THANK YOU!!!

It takes many people to accomplish our mission. Local schools, churches, businesses, organizations and individual donors all contribute to help the Portland Community fund meet the needs of our community.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your valuable donations of money, food, 'coats, gifts and time. As you can see from the accomplishments listed in this newsletter, working together, neighbors helping neighbors, we can make a difference!



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.

Ideas?

If you have any ideas for special projects you would like to see done with your donation, please call:

Sandy Olson, Board President
517-647-6306



WEBSITE:

To learn more about our goals, projects and community needs, visit our website:

www.portlandcommunityfund.org

How can you help?

We always seeking new volunteers to help support our many projects. By donating only a few hours a month, you can make a difference for your neighbors in Portland. We are currently seeking volunteers to join the various committees. Please call Sandy Olson, Board President at (517) 647-6306 for more information.

You can also support the Portland Community Fund by making a donation. The money that you donate goes to help us support agencies that provide services in the Portland area to youth, the elderly, low income families, battered women and much more. All donations can be mailed to: **Box 524, Portland, MI 48875.**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

--Margaret Mead

If your employer is involved with any United Way Campaign, you can designate your gift to the Portland Community Fund by writing in the code **UP22.**

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