



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

From the President

Dear Friend,

Greetings! The Portland Community Fund Association has completed many projects in the last year. In this edition of our newsletter, 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 500 coats along with hats, gloves and boots. A coat give-a-way was held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. The remaining coats were taken to the Department of Human Services for distribution. With your generous donations, many people were provided with warm winter wear.

In December, our Christmas Box Project provided a holiday dinner, additional food, hats, gloves and socks for 146 families in the Portland area. In addition, 290 children received gifts and a shoebox filled with goodies. Residents of local nursing homes received a blanket, fruit and socks. The remaining food was then donated to the local food banks.

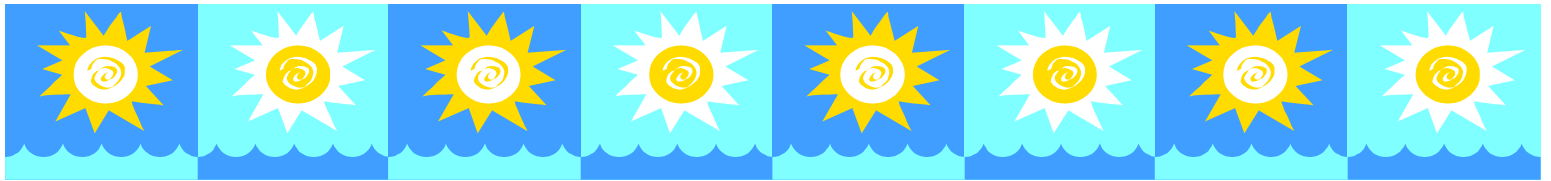


Grant applications were reviewed in January. The Community Fund was able to distribute nearly \$20,000 to organizations that provide valuable services to Portland residents. Your financial support allows these organizations to continue their efforts. .

As you can see from all the services listed above, the Community fund 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!

Thoughtfully yours,

Sandy Olson, President



Donors help support almost \$20,000 in allocations in 2008

Part of the mission of the Portland Community Fund is to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that serve those who live in the Portland School District. This funding allows these exceptional groups to continue provide 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. During the past funding cycle, the Portland Community Fund allocated money to the following organizations:



- Big Brothers Big Sisters - Capital Region
- Boy Scouts of America
- Girl Scouts of America
- Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails
- Heartland Institute of Technology
- Hope for Sobriety Foundation
- Ionia Area Hospice
- Portland Adult Education
- Portland Area Service Group
- Portland Girl Scouts
- Portland Parks and Recreation
- Portland Youth League
- Relief After a Violent Encounter

Congratulations to those who received funding!

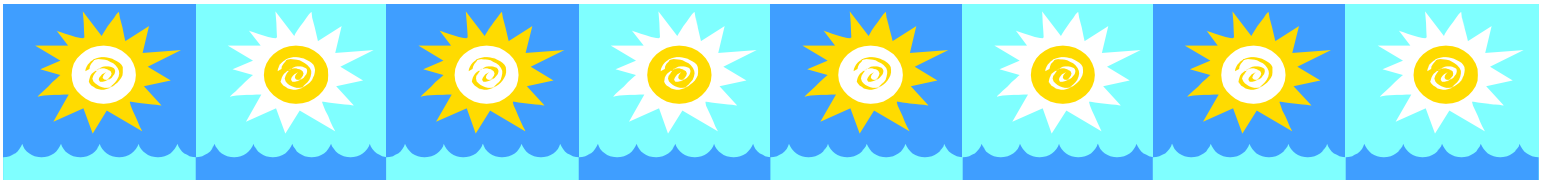
Thank You!!!

It takes many people to accomplish our mission. Local churches, schools, business, organization and individuals donors all contribute to help the Community Fund meet the needs of the 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.

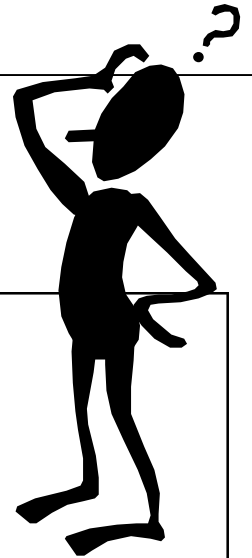


Coming Soon: Community Fund Website

We are excited to welcome Amy Cooper as a volunteer to the Community Fund. She will be helping us in the creation of a brand new website. Soon you will be able to visit us on the web to learn more about our goals, projects and community needs. So, look for our new website coming soon!

Any ideas?

If you have any ideas for special projects you would like to see done with your donation, please call Sandy Olson, Board President at (517) 647-6306.



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 PO Box 524, Portland, MI 48875.



We had another successful Christmas Box Project in 2007 due to your help and contributions!

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