

Thank You! 10 Years of Giving Nears \$1 Million



Buddy Ormsbee

Dear PIE&G Member:

This year the PIE&G Communities First Fund celebrates 10 years of operations. When the program began, everyone knew that our communities would benefit by the generosity of our members. Benefit, they did—by the end of 2008 the Fund will have awarded \$1 million in grants and scholarships to a wide-range of people and organizations within our service area.

This is something we can all be proud of. Thank you to all who contributed to this program.

Today, a little over 50 percent of PIE&G members participate in the Fund, down from nearly 90 percent early in the program. While Michigan's tough economic times may play a part in this decline, I am urging everyone to consider being a part of this very worthwhile cause. The average contribution is only 50 cents per month. You may call our office and request to enroll in the PIE&G Communities First Fund.

By "rounding-up" your energy bill to the next dollar, we can and do make a difference in northeast Michigan communities!

*Leroy (Buddy) Ormsbee, President
PIE&G Communities First Fund*



Hubbard Lake Lions Club

2007 Communities First Fund Grants



APPLICANT, PURPOSE	AMOUNT GRANTED
Cheboygan Area Schools	\$3,500
<i>Inverness Elementary 5th grade student trip to Pennsylvania</i>	
Elk Country Animal Shelter, <i>Spay/neuter project</i>	\$3,000
Hillman Community Schools, <i>Playground equipment</i>	\$2,500
Kayla Flynn, Kelsey Oberski, Jessi Sackrider, and Sharon Soik	\$3,500
<i>Student to Student Ambassador Program</i>	
Presque Isle Conservation District	\$953.25
<i>Herman Vogler Recreation Area brochure</i>	
Thunder Bay Theatre, <i>Building maintenance</i>	\$2,500
Tuscarora Township, <i>Remediation of Indian River stream bank</i>	\$3,000
Alan LaCross Martial Arts, <i>Martial Arts Classic Tournament support</i>	\$900
AuSable Valley Nor-easte'r Assn., <i>Art and music festival</i>	\$750
Cheboygan Long Lake Area Assn., <i>Milfoil control on Long Lake</i>	\$2,000
Child and Family Services of NE Michigan, Inc.	\$500
<i>Month of the Young Child event at Alpena Mall</i>	
Hubbard Lake Lions, Inc., <i>Gazebo at community park</i>	\$2,000
Johannesburg-Lewiston Schools	\$1,000
<i>Montmorency County Middle School Fun Night</i>	
Millersburg-Ocqueoc Business Assn., <i>Park benches</i>	\$2,000
Montmorency Co. Conservation Club, <i>Hunter education</i>	\$300
Northland Players, Inc., <i>Summer youth theater program</i>	\$1,500
Perennial Garden Club of Cheboygan	\$1,826
<i>Landscaping project at Vietnam Veterans Chapter 274 Hall</i>	
Wild Kittens Tumbling Program, Inc., <i>Gymnastics equipment</i>	\$1,500
Ashlee Bishop, Kristen Hansen and Heather Szumila	\$3,600
<i>Scholarship 2007-08 Alpena Community College</i>	
Alpena County Plaza Pool	\$2,000
<i>Swimming lessons, 2nd and 3rd grade students</i>	
Cheboygan Sportsmens' Club, <i>Youth 3-D archery course</i>	\$2,000
Long Rapids Twp. Fire Dept., <i>Computer w/accessories</i>	\$1,400
Village of Millersburg, <i>Summer youth program</i>	\$1,000

Onaway Area Youth Sports Boosters	\$2,000
<i>Helmets for youth football program</i>	
Presque Isle District Library, <i>SS Carl D. Bradley documentary</i>	\$2,000
Alpena Volunteer Center – ACC	\$590
<i>Establish flute festival to promote the arts</i>	
Bartlett, Garrett, <i>Purchase adaptive goalie glove</i>	\$400
Cheboygan Touchdown Club, <i>Pre-season football camp</i>	\$500
Cramer, Allan	\$500
<i>Travel expense, American Quarter Horse Youth World Championship</i>	
Holly Ehrke, Sara Fullerton, Emilee Madison, Erika Price, and Jacob Chambers	\$3,000
<i>Student to Student World Leadership Forum</i>	
Historical Society of Cheboygan County	\$1,000
<i>Low-voltage lighting project for 1918 jail</i>	
Montmorency 4-H Fair Assoc., <i>Re-roof Smith Hall Annex</i>	\$1,000
N.E. Michigan Community Partnership, <i>Computer equipment</i>	\$1,200
Rodriguez, Samantha, <i>Tuition for Honors Academy</i>	\$500
Rogers City Optimist Club, <i>Purchase playground equipment</i>	\$410
Village of Posen, <i>Install fencing for new playground</i>	\$2,500
Cheboygan Blue Line Club, <i>2007 Hockey Camp Expense</i>	\$537.50
Alcona FFA Chapter-Comm. High School	\$2,000
<i>Syrup Production Equipment</i>	
Ellenberger, Christopher, <i>Eagle Scout Project-Edna Lound Field</i>	\$814
Hospice of MI	\$2,000
<i>Grief Support and Volunteer Services Program Expenses</i>	
Cheboygan Area Schools-East Elem., <i>Field trip to Mackinac Island</i>	\$730
Atlanta Municipal Airport, <i>Construction of concrete fueling pad</i>	\$2,500
Thunder Bay VFW Post #9489, <i>Host holiday party for children</i>	\$300
Johannesburg-Lewiston Schools-H.S. Robotics Team	\$5,000
<i>Program support and registration fees</i>	
Posen Area Fire & Rescue, <i>Accident reconstruction equipment</i>	\$2,295
Sarver, Scot, <i>M.T.U. Education Camp Tuition</i>	\$1,500

TOTAL \$76,505.75

**Presque Isle Electric & Gas Communities First Fund
Statements of Financial Position
Dec. 31, 2007 and 2006**

Assets	2007	2006
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 45,089	\$ 49,834
Cash – restricted	3,000	3,000
Account receivable	5,138	5,483
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 53,227	\$ 58,317
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 34,400	\$ 42,287
Unrestricted, designated	15,827	13,030
Permanently restricted	3,000	3,000
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 53,227	\$ 58,317
Activities and Change in Net Assets		
REVENUE:		
Contributions – members	\$ 68,102	\$ 73,575
Contributions – PIE&G	9,557	8,477
Contributions – other	5,203	5,249
Interest	797	877
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TOTAL REVENUE	83,659	88,178
EXPENSES:		
Grants	71,543	70,520
Scholarships	4,800	5,980
Professional fees	1,500	1,500
Program expense	9,557	8,477
Director's expense	1,349	1,145
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TOTAL EXPENSE	88,749	87,622
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(5,090)	556
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	58,317	57,761
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NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 53,227	\$ 58,317



Onaway Area Youth Football



Inverness Elementary School



Scholarship Recipient Heather Szumila

How Can I Help My Community?

The PIE&G Communities First Fund has operated since 1998. Funds for this program are generated when PIE&G members agree to "round-up" their utility bills to the next dollar amount. The average cost is 50 cents per month, or \$6 per year. All contributions are tax deductible.

So, the next time you pay your utility bill, check to see if you "round-up". If the amount due shows dollars and cents, please consider becoming a participant in the PIE&G Communities First Fund. You can sign up to participate by:

- Contacting our Member Services Department at 1-800-423-6634;
- Including this coupon with your next payment; or
- Visiting online at pieg.com, and clicking on "Contact Us".

Yes! I want to participate in the COMMUNITIES FIRST FUND. Please "round-up" my bill to the next highest dollar each month.

Name (please print) _____

Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Signature _____