



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
PETOSKEY-HARBOR SPRINGS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Community Foundations Welcome Grant Requests

Once again, it's time to put local charitable dollars to work on behalf of the community. The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

During the next couple of months, the community foundations and their Youth Advisory Committees (YACs) will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts, and human service programs. The YACs, which are made up of teens from throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties, will award grants to programs that serve youth and families.

Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Emmet County or Charlevoix County, meet an urgent need, or enrich life for local residents in some way. The deadline for grant requests is March 2, 2009.

Grant applications are available by calling the appropriate community foundation office. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staff is available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in applying for funds.

Both community foundations are grassroots charitable organizations made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, now and for generations to come.

For more information about the local community foundations grant-making process, establishing a fund or making a gift, please contact the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation at 616 Petoskey Street, Petoskey, MI, 49770, by phone at (231) 348-5820, website www.phsacf.org, or the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727, by phone at (231) 536-2440, website www.c3f.org.