

# 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, Spay/neuter project                    | \$3,000        |
| Hillman Community Schools, Playground equipment                    | \$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, Building maintenance                          | \$2,500        |
| Tuscarora Township, Remediation of Indian River stream bank        | \$3,000        |
| Alan LaCross Martial Arts, Martial Arts Classic Tournament support | \$900          |
| AuSable Valley Nor-easte'r Assn., Art and music festival           | \$750          |
| Cheboygan Long Lake Area Assn., Milfoil control on Long Lake       | \$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., Gazebo at community park                 | \$2,000        |
| Johannesburg-Lewiston Schools                                      | \$1,000        |
| <i>Montmorency County Middle School Fun Night</i>                  |                |
| Millersburg-Ocqueoc Business Assn., Park benches                   | \$2,000        |
| Montmorency Co. Conservation Club, Hunter education                | \$300          |
| Northland Players, Inc., Summer youth theater program              | \$1,500        |
| Perennial Garden Club of Cheboygan                                 | \$1,826        |
| <i>Landscaping project at Vietnam Veterans Chapter 274 Hall</i>    |                |
| Wild Kittens Tumbling Program, Inc., Gymnastics equipment          | \$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, Youth 3-D archery course               | \$2,000        |
| Long Rapids Twp. Fire Dept., Computer w/accessories                | \$1,400        |
| Village of Millersburg, Summer youth program                       | \$1,000        |

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

**TOTAL \$76,505.75**

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

| <b>Assets</b>                              | <b>2007</b>                    | <b>2006</b>                    |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Current assets:</b>                     |                                |                                |
| Cash                                       | \$ 45,089                      | \$ 49,834                      |
| Cash – restricted                          | 3,000                          | 3,000                          |
| Account receivable                         | <u>5,138</u>                   | <u>5,483</u>                   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                        | <u><b>\$ 53,227</b></u>        | <u><b>\$ 58,317</b></u>        |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                          |                                |                                |
| Unrestricted                               | \$ 34,400                      | \$ 42,287                      |
| Unrestricted, designated                   | 15,827                         | 13,030                         |
| Permanently restricted                     | <u>3,000</u>                   | <u>3,000</u>                   |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>                    | <u><b>\$ 53,227</b></u>        | <u><b>\$ 58,317</b></u>        |
| <b>Activities and Change in Net Assets</b> |                                |                                |
| <b>REVENUE:</b>                            |                                |                                |
| Contributions – members                    | \$ 68,102                      | \$ 73,575                      |
| Contributions – PIE&G                      | 9,557                          | 8,477                          |
| Contributions – other                      | 5,203                          | 5,249                          |
| Interest                                   | <u>797</u>                     | <u>877</u>                     |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                       | <u><b>83,659</b></u>           | <u><b>88,178</b></u>           |
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>                           |                                |                                |
| 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                         | <u>1,349</u>                   | <u>1,145</u>                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>                       | <u><b>88,749</b></u>           | <u><b>87,622</b></u>           |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>                | <b>(5,090)</b>                 | <b>556</b>                     |
| <b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>       | <u><b>58,317</b></u>           | <u><b>57,761</b></u>           |
| <b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>             | <u><u><b>\$ 53,227</b></u></u> | <u><u><b>\$ 58,317</b></u></u> |



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](http://pieg.com), and clicking on “Contact Us”.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Include this coupon in your next bill payment, or mail to: PIE&G COMMUNITIES FIRST FUND, P.O. Box 308, Onaway, MI 49765.