



SKY

Simple Kindness for Youth

simple kindness, enduring effect.

2018 CHICKEN BINGO and FLOOD LOSS

SKY had several successful fundraising events over the summer, including the popular **BRIDGEFEST CHICKEN BINGO!** This year the event was held at the Ray Kestner Park, and we had plenty of participants, with hundreds of dollars given out as prizes



and raised for SKY as well. Special thanks go to Buster Roberts for MCing the event again, as well as the Gierke Blueberry Farm for supplying the chickens this year. Unfortunately, right after the event, major flooding hit our area causing a great deal of devastation. SKY has been busy using our Chicken Bingo money and other funds to help local children replace flood damaged bikes, clothing, toys and all sorts of items. Over \$2200 has been distributed to local kids in helping with flood recovery so far. But our work is not done. Please know if you are a professional working with students we are able to help

support students whose families are recovering from flood loss.

Fall 2018

RUN FOR SKY

Thanks to Pam Hiltunen, Jim Tervo and the Chassell Lions Club we had another successful 2K/5K run this year despite the flooding. Jim was able to switch the route at the last minute to accommodate the flooding and it proved to be yet another successful run. Over \$2000 was raised through this event to help our local kids.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

SKY welcomed a new board member this year, Chris Schuldt. Chris currently works at Dial Help. He has already been heavily involved with SKY work as a Chicken Bingo referee and parade participant.



Welcome Chris!

NEW GRANT LIMIT

Thanks to all of our community support, our board decided to increase the grant limits for local students. When SKY first began,

our grants were limited to \$50 per student per year, and gradually increased to \$100 and \$150 per year. This year we are increasing the grant limits to \$175 per student per school year. This will provide even more support for students to access extracurricular activities, athletic events, educational opportunities, and meet their basic needs. There's no doubt that locally, our community has been hit hard this year. It seemed only natural for us to increase our support.

UPCOMING EVENT!

Join us at the famous Miscowaubik Club for a very special dinner to benefit SKY on October 13th, 2018. Tickets will be \$75 each this year and will include dinner plus 2 hours of beer/wine availability. This was a very fun, popular event last year. The talented Bob Hiltunen will be providing musical entertainment and a special SKY auction will also take place. Ticket sales are limited. Email SKY or contact any SKY board member for tickets.



SKY Mission Statement

The SKY mission is to help young people build and maintain their self-esteem by providing means to access basic needs, enable them to feel accepted by their peers and enable access to educational activities and community participation.

SKY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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A Few Thank You Notes from Grant Recipients (Unedited)

"Dear SKY, Thank you for the flood money. I was able to replace all my winter gear. Thanks again."



"I am greatly happy that you sent the money. I used the money to get some new clothing so I won't keep having to wear the same cloths every day. You really helped me into being more clean than I was. I thank you for helping me."



"Hi...I want to thank you for the boots. They are very helpfull becuze I want to work for the D.N.R. and I didn't have boots to the boots will help a lote. Thank you!"

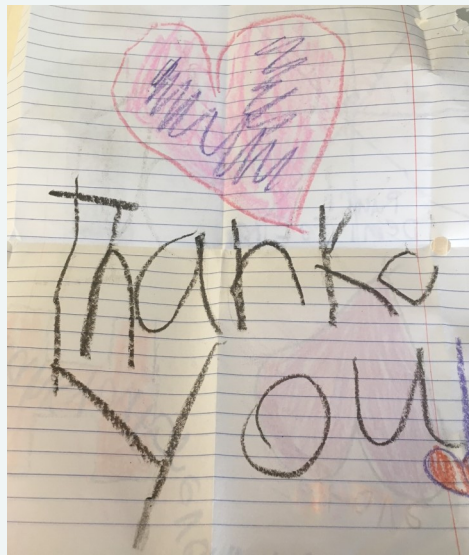


"Thank you very much for providing assistance to our band students...Due to your funds students desiring to be involved in instru-

mental music have been given the opportunity! We are eternally grateful for providing the opportunity, experience, and financial support.



"Thank you! The grant that you gifted to me means a lot to me and my family! It will be used to save my spot at Northern Michigan University and allow me to go to their orientation! Again, thank you guys!"



"Hello, my name is—and I wanted to say thank you for the big donation. I got new shoes and they are amazing. This is my first time using sky and what you are doing is amazing. I think you make lots of people happy. This definitely helped me out a lot. Thank you...for the things you do. It means a lot.



"Dear SKY,

Thank you so much for paying for me to go to ...Gymnastics! You are so amazing and kind. You are so helpful because you help children do what they want to do, Go where they want to go and that is just so amazing. You are awesome!"



"Thank you very much for the grant! I loved everything that I got. I don't know what I would do without you guys. So again thank you very, very, very much. The grant ment everything to me."

HOW YOU CAN HELP If you are interested in supporting the mission of Simple Kindness for Youth, please see our website www.simplekindnessforyouth.org, email info@simplekindnessforyouth.org, Call 482-4250, ext 168, or send donations to:

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100% of all donations go to help local students. Your support is sincerely appreciated.