



## Thanks for the support over the long winter!

Spring 2014

### CHILLY CHASE

The Houghton High School National Honor Society sponsored a cross country ski race in January-'Chili Chase for Charity', with skiers able to have a delicious bowl of chili after the event, served by students. The event included 50-60 skiers, with SKY's own



board member, Mary Eckhart, participating. Proceeds were donated to the MTU ski trails and SKY. A special thanks goes out to the Honor Society students, supporting businesses and all the skiers who participated.

### PLUM CREEK WINS ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

The L'Anse office of the Plum Creek Timber Company won their regional ice fishing tournament this year, and generously donated their winnings to SKY. Amber Oja, Plum Creek employee, describes the event. "Once a year all 3 offices from the Lake States

Region (L'Anse, Tomahawk, Escanaba) get together to compete in this derby. Prior to the event a raffle prize is chosen. The night before the derby the employees purchase the raffle tickets in hopes of winning the prize. However, the ultimate goal as an office is to win the derby because that office gets to choose the non-profit organization that will receive the donation. This year the L'Anse office won by



a large margin and SKY was chosen because of the unique and essential services it provides for the children in our community."

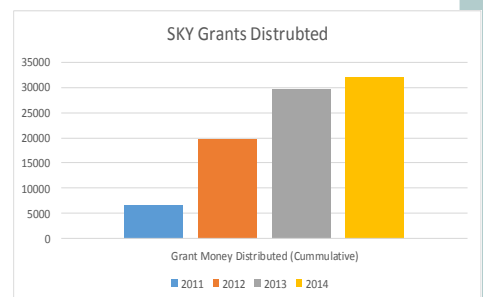
### SKY BOARD MEMBERS SPEAK TO GIRL SCOUTS

SKY Board members, Lois Weber and Lynnette Borree, recently spoke to Girl Scout Troop 5374 to help them to earn their Philanthropy badge. Board members spoke to the troop about the importance

of working in teams to help others in the community. The Girl Scout troop is currently working on a 'Buddy Bench' for the school. The bench will provide a place for students to sit to indicate they are looking for a friend to play with at recess.

### SKY GRANTS REACH OVER 400 STUDENTS

SKY has donated over \$32,000 to over 400 students in Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw counties since its inception in 2011. We continue to thank the community, volunteer board members, and teachers for their support. A special thanks goes out to the local students who have made efforts to support their peers in both fundraising and non-monetary efforts.



### 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.

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## A Few Thank You Notes from Grant Recipients (Unedited)

"SKY-I would like you to know how immensely grateful I am for your contribution to my education. I know without this grant there is no way I would have been able to take both AP Lit and AP Bio tests. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to earn some college credits."



"Thank you SKY for my new winter boots. They will keep my feet warm in the snow."



"Thank you so much for supporting \_\_\_\_\_ as they pursue their dream of competing at HOUSA Nationals. This is an incredible opportunity and a life changing experience and, with your support, it's possible. How awesome! Thanks for all you do for our young folks. What a difference you made!! It's inspiring!"

"I attended the Rock Camp program this year thanks to you. It means a lot and also made my family very proud of me to see me on stage doing what I love. The Simple Kindness for Youth program is great, and we all at Rock Camp couldn't thank you enough. I learned so much from the camp and I hope I can do it again."



"Thank you for buying those baseball gloves sky. That was so kind. We needed new ones. You're the best."



"Thank you for the money so we can play basketball and have fun"



"Dear Sky Members, Thank you for the money to buy the books, I like the books a lot. Thank you for the money to buy the socks, clothing, boots. It was very nice."



"Thank you so much for the beautiful

Christmas dress, shoes and headband. Also, thank you for the warm snowpants, hat and gloves. You are very kind and made me very excited and glad. I really love the dress. It is pretty and amazing. You are really helpful and marvelous"



"Thank you so much for the grant so my daughter can play in the band. She really enjoys it so far"



"thank you for the incredible clothes I have gotten with the money from you...I am grateful that there are people out there that care enough to help kids my age and in my generation. It can be really hard on us, but with that little bit of help, like what you give, it gives us the confidence and motivation to get up in the morning and do incredible things...thank you very much and I hope that you keep helping children and troubled teens like 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](http://www.simplekindnessforyouth.org). Call 482-4250, ext 168, or send donations to:

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