

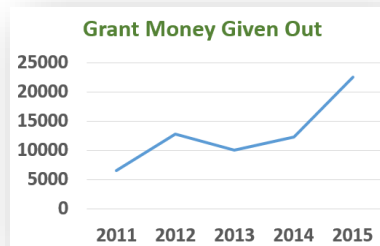


Simple Kindness for Youth

simple kindness, enduring effect.

RECORD NUMBER OF GRANTS GIVEN OUT

2015 was a record year for SKY grants. Over \$22,000 in grants were given out in 2015, which exceeded our goals and was almost double the



amount given in 2014. A big thank you goes out to all the grant requesters who do a wonderful job watching out for our local students.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

SKY welcomes two new board members to our group: Shelly Smith, school social worker for Calumet Public Schools, and Pam Hiltunen, postmaster for the Chassell Post Office. Both Shelly and Pam have been active in SKY activities over the years, and bring positive energy and fresh ideas to our active board of directors.

2016 FUNDRAISERS

SKY had several successful fundraising events over the spring and summer, including the popular **PIES FOR**



SKY pie auction which was broadcast on the radio over WOLV-FM 97.7. Local supporters baked pies, which were auctioned off on the radio. Several pies went for over \$100 each!

When a SKY board member suggested a **yard sale fundraiser**, the idea was simple. We would ask board members, friends and SKY supporters to donate items to raise money for student needs. Again, the generosity of many of those who attended reaffirmed our appreciation for the strong community support for local children. In a few short hours we were able to raise over \$800!

A special thanks also goes out to the community of Chassell and Chassell Lions Club for sponsoring the **Strawberry Festival Fun Run for SKY!** This year there



were 144 participants, with over \$1700 raised to help local students.

Neither a torrential downpour nor gigantic, flowing puddles could keep shoppers at **Econo Foods** from generously donating to SKY while SKY members bagged their groceries. On June 25th during one of the worst thunderstorms seen by the Copper Country- shoppers eagerly donated receipts, put change in SKY's donation jar, and

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gave up their returnables to help raise money for SKY and ultimately for local youth.



INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING SKY?

Due to the overwhelming number of SKY grant requests last year, our board recently decided if our funds reach a low threshold, that we would temporarily reduce our student grant amount from \$150 to \$100 per year. Though we're not at that point yet, we're asking for your support to build up the coffers again. If you would care to



make a donation, or are interested in doing a fundraising activity for SKY, please let us know. Our community has been incredibly supportive ever since we began our efforts in 2010. Let's keep it going!

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

Lynnette Borree Teri Braun Mary Eckhart Kathy Flagstadt Pamela Hiltunen Robert Megowen Janette Polkinghorn
Susan O'Connell Shelly Smith Gwen Stockwell Elsa Strayer Sandra Uusitalo Lois Weber Risa Williamson

A Few Thank You Notes from Grant Recipients (Unedited)

"Dear SKY This means so much to our family! It Can be Challenging to find support at times and its so heartwarming to know an organization is out their that truly Care! Thank you again!"



"Thank you so much for the generous grant for us to go to Michigan History Day. It was truly a beneficial experience, and we got to learn a lot about history-both local and worldwide. This definitely was an experience we will never forget."



"I wanted to write this to all of you to express my gratitude for the grant you gave me to cover my Cap and gown. I really appreciate it. I worked hard to get this far practically by myself. So it was a really nice thing, you helping me when I needed it the most."

"Dear SKY grant, Thank you for the money so I can go to Bay Cliff Camp."



"Thank you so much for giving us the funds to buy —stabilizer braces for—. She now has a pair for school and home and is more engaged at school! Your kindness is greatly appreciated."



"Thanks for the money you gave me for the shoe's...Now I can go to the whight room. I have Been waiting to go for a Long time But I couldent Because I didn't have shoe's. Now that I got Shoe's Ill Be in the whight room every Day."



"Thank you for helping me to get my ID. I really appreciate it."

"Thank you so much for the clothes!...it is very generous of you to do so. I hope you make more kids happy by doing this, and we are all thankful. Thanks, once again!"



"Dear SKY Committee, thank you for the art supplies it's super cool. I earn it by doing homework and puppy dollars. I already earned sketches to draw and charcoal pencils so thanks for the supplies."



"Thank you for the money to buy work boots."



"I just wanted to say thank you for buying me clothes. I really need new clothes. I always out grew them. I am so thankful of this because I Love kind, genoris, and thoughtful people."

HOW YOU CAN HELP If you are interested in supporting the mission of Simple Kindness for Youth, please see our website www.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.