



Welcome to our first newsletter!

Spring 2013

HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since our inception in 2009, SKY (Simple Kindness for Youth) has been overwhelmed by the generosity and support from our community! Through this newsletter, we hope to share and celebrate how much your support has done for local children.

SKY received non profit status in 2010. Thanks to the support of our community, in 2011, we doubled the individual grant limit from \$50 to \$100 per student. Over time, we have supported hundreds of children (preschool to a year past high school), with an increasing number of grants fulfilled each year. Thus far, we have given over \$25,000 in grants, while continuing to have no administrative costs. SKY has been recognized by the Keweenaw Health Foundation, the Copper Country Association of

School Boards, and the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance for service to the community.

TYPES OF GRANTS

SKY grants to students from Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw counties have included:

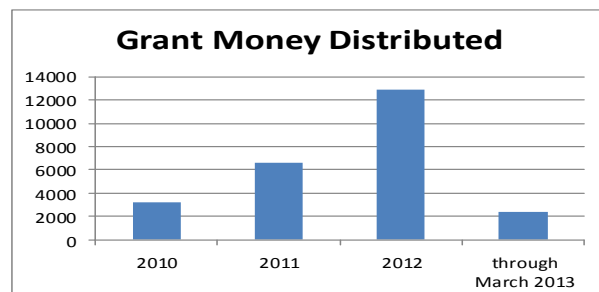
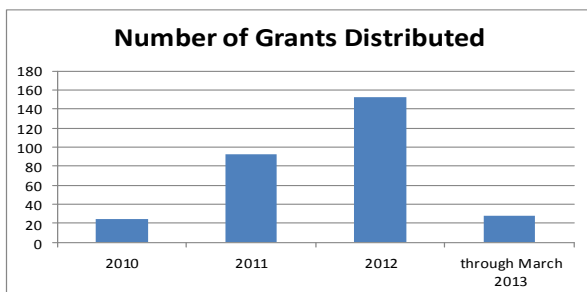
- Clothing
- Backpacks, Books
- Academic Materials
- Instrument Rentals
- After school tutoring
- Enrichment programs
- Extra curricular activities
- Transportation to activities
- Graduation cap and gown
- Materials for shop classes
- Overalls required for shop
- Sports team equipment
- Dress for queen candidate
- Rocking chair (autism)
- School pictures

FUNDRAISING

Funds for SKY have come from the generous donations of private individuals, businesses and organizations. Fundraisers have included:

- Pancake breakfasts
- Bake sales
- Reach for the SKY Talent Show
- Spring Gala
- Dining to Donate
- Salad luncheons
- School events
- Festival booths
- SKY Bucks
- SKY Traveling Bird
- Quilt raffle
- Pillowcase sales
- Zumbathon
- Golf Outing
- Halloween Hustle

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED



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)

"Thank you for helping _____. His mother did pass away a week before he got his shoes, and I know that this lifted him a little. I also took him out to eat the same day he got his shoes, and this was also paid for by a SKY grant. I believe that he will always remember getting the new shoes and I thank you again. P.S. I have enclosed a check for the balance of the grant that I did not spend, and the receipt."



"Thank you so much for the winter gear to keep me warm. Love _____"



"Thank you so much for the check. I didn't know how I was going to pay for Solo & Ensemble this year. The \$44 will not go to waste! Every year I have gotten 1st place. You're helping my future! Thank you once again"

"Dear SKY,

Thank you for the money for skating lessons. I really love skating, it is so so awesome."



"Dear SKY, i just wanted to thank you for all my new stuff i really appreciate you helping me get new things. i love my hat, gloves and Jacket they are really warm.

Thanks a whole bunch for every thing."



"Dear SKY Organization,

I am writing this letter to thank you for helping me buy my cap and gown. Having my cap and gown allows me to walk with my class at graduation. This means a lot to me. I sincerely appreciate the SKY Organization for all the help. Sincerely, _____"



Dear SKY, thank you for the books. I am going to read to my sisters. It was nice of you to help me get books. I can't wait to read my books! Love, _____"

"Dear SKY members,

I'm very grateful for the money that you sent. I used the money on a cab fare so that I could get to where I wanted to go. Most of the time I would not have the money to get me places. Your assistance was greatly appreciated."



"Dear simple kindness for youth,

My name is _____. I would like to thank you for giving me my rolling back pack. It is allot better than my old system of using a larger cart and having to use my schools old elevator to change floors. With my new back pack I am able to use the stairs like all of my class mates. I have a disability called ___ and I have some equipment that I can not carry with out a back pack, or cart My new back pack has given me more mobility in school. Thank you."

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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