



## \$100,000 MILESTONE!!!

When SKY began several years ago, we couldn't have imagined that our community would be so incredibly supportive of our local students that we would be able to give out \$100,000 in grants. We were hoping to meet that milestone during this school year. We met it even earlier than anticipated. The 2017-18 school year has been off to a solid start with over 60 grants being fulfilled in September and October for things like hockey fees, SAT fees, art classes, aikido class, band instrument rentals, and clothing. Each grant has made a difference in the life of one of our local kids. We couldn't do it without your support. Thank you!

### RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

This fall we had some new fundraising efforts that were quite successful. We had special support from Barb Rose in putting together a **STARS of SKY** fundraising dinner at the historic Miscowaubik Club. The event was well attended. Music was provided by Bob Hiltunen. Guests were able to hear about the personal impact of SKY grants from one of our local teachers, Kristina Vanhala. Several valuable auction items were provided by the Continental Fire Company, Beth Jukuri, Joyce Koskenmaki and Mont Ripley. A special thanks to our

sponsors: Calumet Electronics, McGAnn's Building Supply, COM-ET Racing Leathers, Horner Flooring, Pat's Foods/Festival Foods, Peterlin Distributing and Mike Lahti properties.

Another new event was provided for us by Chickadees. They held a special **Fashion Show** at the Bonfire Grill with attendees purchasing tickets that included admission to



the show, appetizers, and a special coupon to be used at Chickadees. All proceeds from the event (over \$1500!) were donated to SKY.

Winter 2017

### GIVING TUESDAY- DOUBLE YOUR DONA- TION

On Tuesday, November 28th, the Portage Health Foundation has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day surrounding the traditions of Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday that is dedicated toward raising awareness, advocating for, and helping non-profits and to celebrate generosity world-wide. "We're calling it Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is." said Chelsea Goodreau, Marketing and Communications Coordinator for the Foundation. On November 28th, if you donate to SKY (or other selected local charities) at [phfgive.org](http://phfgive.org), the Portage Health Foundation will match your donation, dollar for dollar, for a cumulative total of \$50,000. If you've been considering making a donation to help our local youth during this holiday season, this is a special opportunity to double the value of your donation.

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 28, 2017

### 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)

"Dear SKY...Thank you SO SO SO SO much for helping me to play 'the hockey'. My dad took me to a hockey game once and I met Blizzard the hockey dog and he made me want to play the hockey! My mom told me I should thank you for getting it to happen so I'm making my dad write for me since I can't yet. Thanks again for making hockey dreams come true! "Go SKY!" (like Go, Pack, Go)"



"Thank you for the sewing machine. I love it so much. I made 6 pillow cases and I am going to make a blanket. Thanks again."



"Thank you very much for the books. I am really excited to read Dr. Seuss's Books, SHARKS! And Crabs Crawl. Thank you for helping me to have reading books and materials at home."

"Thank you so much for the grant money that will fund math tutoring for our son, —. It's people like you who make life easier for us by taking a much needed burden off of our shoulders. —has benefited greatly from tutoring...the tutors have shown him different ways to make math easier for him. Again, Thank you so much!"



"Dear SKY,

Thank you for the jacket and hat. I like the jacket because it is warm and the color is cool. I have to walk to school and home every day so the jacket really helps in the winter....Thank you for helping me out.



"Thanks for the drumsticks and picks and guitar strap. The sticks will help because I have some, but my brother broke them. The picks will help because I get better I'm supposed to get thicker picks, so

THANK YOU! The prizes also motivate me to get my work done and motivate me to try harder. THANK YOU!"



"Thank you...for paying for my prom tickets. Thank you for the gift card to Bamboo. Thank you also for your gift to help me get my driver license... Because of SKY I was able to attend my senior prom. Your gift to me was a total surprise. Thank you!"



"Thank you for the glasses!"



"Dear SKY I am so thankful for these shoes. I really needed shoes. My mom is thankful because I needed these and we did not have enough money to buy some for me and now I got new shoes. 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](http://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.**