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Giving Tuesday Fundraising Exceeds Previous Year for Local Nonprofits

Nearly \$50,000 Raised

In its second year of providing the platform for local nonprofits to participate in the ever-growing Giving Tuesday movement, the Community Foundation for



Northeast Michigan (CFNEM)

surpassed the 2015 event by helping to raise \$41,187 with 495

individual gifts for organizations throughout the region on November 29, 2016.

"The people of northeast Michigan are incredibly generous, and that really showed on Giving Tuesday" said Christine Hitch, CFNEM's Marketing Communications Director. "Our totals from donations received online, as well as from people who came in to our offices to drop off gifts were just over \$41,000. But, as we are hearing from our participating organizations who received gifts that day, or even gifts in the following days inspired by Giving Tuesday, that number is easily now near \$50,000."

Giving Tuesday follows the widely recognized shopping events, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, to kick-off the holiday giving season. The hope for this movement is that people will set aside a few minutes from holiday shopping to give back to their community through the charities and causes they support.

"We are so grateful to be able to participate in this," said Sue Keller, president of Friends of Negwegon State Park. "Our tiny nonprofit would never have been able to achieve this on our own. The support the Foundation gives to our organization makes preserving wild places possible." [Read more about Giving Tuesday 2016.](#)

Important Dates

The following are application deadlines and upcoming events. To access application forms and guidelines, please click on the underscored titles following the dates.

JANUARY 15

[CFNEM Community Impact Grant Applications Due](#)

[CFNEM Tobacco Grants Due](#)

[NE Michigan Youth Advisory Council Grant Applications Due](#)

FEBRUARY 28

[Iosco County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council Grant Applications Due](#)

MARCH 1

[Iosco County Philanthropist of the Year Nominations Due](#)

MARCH 15

[Straits Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council Grant Applications Due](#)

APRIL 1

[All Scholarship Applications Due](#)

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Successor Chosen for Retiring Executive Director

After 23 years as the Executive Director for the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM), Barb Frantz will retire in March 2017.

Throughout her career, Frantz has experienced the Community Foundation's growth from \$4.6 million in assets to over \$38 million; the establishment of over 300 new charitable funds (bringing the current total to 476); the beginnings of Youth Advisory Councils through grants from the Kellogg Foundation; the establishment of three affiliate foundations; the acquisition and granting of the Thunder Bay Recreation Center, and much more.



Patrick Heraghty, a 14-year resident of Alpena, has been chosen as her successor. Heraghty has been on the job since early November, and will work alongside Frantz to learn the ins and outs of the position until her retirement.

Heraghty joins CFNEM after successful careers in both the payment processing industry (14 years) and the hospitality industry (12 years). He has also been active in several local organizations including the Alpena Rotary Club, Alpena Chamber of Commerce as an ambassador, the Alpena Planning Commission and the Thunder Bay Schooners Swim Club. Heraghty moved to northeast Michigan from Arizona over a decade ago to allow his wife, Anne, to be near her family and to raise their two sons, Patrick and Liam, in her hometown. [Get the rest of this story.](#)

CFNEM Annual Report Available Online

Check out the Community Foundation's most recent [annual report](#) online! You'll find stories about some of our long-time donors, information on the Northeast Women's Giving Circle (WGC), a full list of our 2015 grants, donors and financial reports, and some great photos from throughout the year.





Don't Need that Required IRA Distribution?

If you turned 70 1/2 years old this year and have an IRA, then you must make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) by December 31st. This distribution is considered taxable income, but not if you give your RMD to a charity!

Did you know that you can elect to have all or just a portion of your distribution given to a qualifying charity (community foundations are among those)? Up to \$100,000 given to a charity will not be taxable.

We encourage you to speak with your tax professional or professional advisor to learn more about making a qualified charitable distribution. What an easy way to satisfy Uncle Sam and make a difference in your community!

CFNEM Awards over \$76,000 in December

On December 13, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan Board of Trustees approved 50 new grants totaling \$76,126 through its Community Impact and Youth Advisory Council grant opportunities. Grants awarded this month include funding for Mikado Township's "No Child Without a Christmas" program, Friends Together for its "2017 Caregivers Retreat", funding for Huron Broadcasting in Rogers City, and funding for the Thunder Bay International Film Festival. You can find a full list of grants awarded online.

[See all 50 grants awarded in December.](#)

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