



## Help Us Fill A Need

Are you looking for a far-reaching, highly successful foundation for your tax-deductible contribution that serves and stays in the Upper Peninsula?

There are 48 Lions clubs in the Upper Peninsula known as District 10. The Hunger Initiative was started by Hunger Chairman Gary Perala in 2020. The Hunger Initiative addresses many Hunger and Food Insecurity needs throughout the U.P. ***Where there is a need, there's a Lion!*** To facilitate giving, we created UP Lions Serve, a 501c3 Foundation allowing clubs, members, individuals, and businesses to give to the Foundation knowing it is a tax-deductible donation. We still have much to accomplish and your donation will greatly affect the positive outcomes of reaching people throughout the U.P.! Please consider \$500, \$5000 or \$10,000 to help us gain on the fight against food insecurity, childhood illness, malnutrition, and disease; growing locally grown food to feed communities and food transportation to areas of great concern! Below is a list of the Hunger accomplishments in just 3 years!

- Received a LCIF Let's Seed U.P.! Impact Grant for \$1,796
- Received a LCIF Hunger Impact Grant for \$6,935 and granted those funds below:

**\$800** in conjunction with \$500 from Gladstone Lions to the Kiwanis Kids Backpack Program (Gladstone and Rapid River School System) to provide 120 bags for 35 weekends during the school year. Total impact = 4200 meals!

**\$800** in conjunction with \$200 from Marquette Lions to support the JJ Packs Program (Marquette Public Schools) providing 170 packs during the school year.

**\$2,000** to Partridge Creek Farms, Ishpeming (a District 10 Lions supported program) to aid in building community gardens, farm to school education, distribution of local produce and building home gardens. As a result, PCF grew and distributed 2,600 pounds of fresh produce to families, seniors and vets in the Ishpeming area. PCF organized 15 community volunteer events where 175 people learned gardening, healthy cooking skills and received fresh produce that they harvested. Provided 104 hours of nutrition, gardening, and healthy cooking programs to 159 youth.

**\$2,000** to UPCAP for the UP Food as Medicine / UP Fresh Food Access Program. 600 people will benefit through a referral process. 13 farms across the U.P received cold food storage units to increase storage capacity and food preservation. And, a 6 week nutrition education program was designed by MSU Extension in partnership with UPCAP.

**\$500** in conjunction with \$500 matched by the Gwinn Lions to the Gwinn Seed Library for purchase of seeds, 12 workshops, packaging of 50,000 seeds, community outreach and plant / seed distribution, all of which are free services.

**\$500** in conjunction with \$200 from Negaunee Lions to Lakeview Elementary School Garden Project. A 20 Raised bed Farm-To-School program serving 500 plus kids.

- Provide ongoing support and education to U.P. Public Schools F2S Programs.
- Assisted and monetarily supported building 2 F2S gardens that utilized multiple Lions Club members and community members.
  - Ishpeming, affecting over 1000 children.
  - Birchview Elementary, affecting over 200 children and teaching staff.
  - Lakeview Elementary, affecting 520 children and teaching staff.



- D10 Hunger and UPCAP developed an Emergency Food Transportation Program that will reimburse mileage to D10 Lions club volunteer drivers for transporting fresh food to qualified clients in their area.
- Assisted Partridge Creek Farms in collecting 275 food security surveys / data required by Superior Health Foundation for a grant to build a \$3 million, 3.75-acre F2S Intergenerational Campus. PCF broke ground this past September.
- Partnered with Let's Seed U.P.!, Partridge Creek Farms, Partridge Creek Compost, UPCAP, UP Food Exchange, NMU and MSU Extension to increase reach into food scarcity impact.
- Advocated for Lions response to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries needs through design and submission of a RED ALERT to all D10 Lions Clubs for assistance with food, financial or volunteer help.
- Presented at the 2023 UP Food Summit and U.P. Community Health Town Hall Broadcast by Northern Michigan University Center for Rural Health and Michigan Technical University.
- Assisted in the creation of a \$500 matching Garden Grant for District 10 to help Lions Clubs with garden start-up funding.
- Supported *Tour Da Yoop, Eh*, a 1,200 mile, 10 day bike tour of the U.P. that raised over \$100,000 to fight childhood cancer.

In 3 years, the Hunger Initiative has affected several thousand children in the U.P., assisted hundreds of families, organized, or participated with organizations to address food scarcity and nutrition campaigns. We live the Lions Clubs International strategic objective: *to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service*. The rural communities of the U.P. have challenges in addressing humanitarian services but we are tackling them! We want to continue to expand reach in our communities . . . with your help!

From a single seed an entire farms worth of food can be produced in less than 3 years of seed gathering. Please recognize the value and strength of your donation 'seeding' the needs and initiatives of UPLionsServe HUNGER.



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