

REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA P.E.O. HOME FUND COMMITTEE

The Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund is a Minnesota project providing grants to elderly, disabled or infirm individuals living in Minnesota needing financial assistance for the basics of life. During this past fiscal year, the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund made 74 grants totaling approximately \$240,000 (unaudited) and received \$43,446.20 from dues and chapter donations. Thank you and your chapters for your contributions.

You might ask how the Home Fund granted \$240,000 when dues and chapter donations brought in \$43,446.20. The Home Fund also receives gifts, memorials and honorariums from chapters and individuals, and one estate provides approximately \$25,000 of income annually. In addition, the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund portfolio is managed by the Wells Fargo Private Bank and the asset increase due to market increase allowed the Home Fund board to make these grants on behalf of all Minnesota P.E.O. members.

This past year saw an increase in chapter recommended applications. Thank you for the increased number of applications received this year supported by letters of recommendation from Minnesota P.E.O. members. Partner with social workers, social service agencies and local religious congregations to inform others about the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund.

Talking about the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund is a good way to talk about the work of P.E.O. in our communities. This past year we have spoken with representatives of the American Cancer Society, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, a mobility company in Grand Rapids, and an agency assisting people with mobility needs in Duluth to tell them about the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund.

Examples of grants given this past year vary widely and include: a number of motorized scooters and wheelchairs not covered by insurance, appliance replacement in the home of a disabled individual, financial assistance allowing an elderly man to pay for transportation to adult day care, rent/groceries/utilities for individuals facing economic hard times due to medical/prescription bills, dental work/dentures, hearing aids. Many individuals and families live in need due to one accident or illness.

Five P.E.O. members and two state officers served on the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund Board:

Christine O'Hotto, FP, Shakopee, Treasurer
Sue Sailer, FO, Perham, Administrator
Carol Jackson, A, Minneapolis, Secretary
Jamie Briones, EK, Minneapolis, Courtesy Secretary
Jill Seinola, EK, Minneapolis, PSP MSC, Chairman
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Nikki Hess, CZ, Bemidji, Vice President MSC, ex-officio

This board met quarterly to review applications, award grants, review the portfolio management and conduct the business of the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund.

Thank you for your contributions, thank you for finding and sponsoring applicants. Please continue to fund the great work of this Minnesota P.E.O. project.

Jill Seinola, EK, PSPMSC
2018-19 Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund Chairman

