

Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund Annual Report 2021

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 granted 187 applicants a total of \$200,814.43 (unaudited). This is over double the number of grants awarded last year!

The Home Fund received income from dues, chapter donations, memorials, and honorariums from 124 chapters and individual members. Thank you and your chapters for your generous contributions!

The Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund portfolio is managed by Wells Fargo's Private Banking practice and our assets increased slightly which allowed us to fulfill grant requests on behalf of all Minnesota P.E.O. members. As a Board, we agreed to donate at the highest levels of recommended giving while maintaining the portfolio for future years.

This past year, we saw an increase in chapter-recommended applications. Thank you for identifying applicants and supporting them with your letters of recommendation. We ask that you continue to partner with Minnesota social workers, non-profit agencies, religious congregations, and persons working with health care organizations to spread the word about the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund. Sharing the good news in your communities about the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund's good work will result in continued applicant participation.

Grants given in the past year met a variety of essential needs including:

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| -Mobility equipment | -Dental care not covered by insurance | -Groceries |
| -Rent payments | -Gasoline to attend medical appointments | -Utilities |
| -Accessibility solutions | -Hearing devices not covered by insurance | -Technology |
| -Medical bills | -Auto modifications for accessibility | -Furnishings |

Many of our applicants are unable to work, have exhausted all possible financial avenues and have experienced long-term health crises. Additional trials introduced by the pandemic have made their lives even more challenging. We approved many grants this year to individuals and families experiencing problems due to job losses created by school and work closures.

It is common for us to receive requests for life-changing equipment or devices not covered by social security or health insurance. Many of our recipients have already fully exhausted these resources and are denied while needing a new solution in less than a pre-determined amount of time. These recipients experience new freedom, independence and fulfillment based on approving these grants!

Please remember that the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund is open to all Minnesotans: men, women, children, P.E.O. and non-P.E.O. members.

The Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund webpages have been a terrific resource for applicants, P.E.O. members, and vendors receiving our grant checks. It has allowed us to make application forms available to anyone at any time. It's publicized our quarterly meeting schedule. And, it contains our State of Minnesota non-profit status data to confirm our legitimacy and standing for retailers wanting validation.

Our Board has partnered tirelessly to correct and verify reporting and memorials, honorariums and chapter or individual donations with MSC. I'll share a particular note of appreciation to Sue Sailer, Treasurer for her hours of work and dedication to this endeavor.

Five P.E.O. members and two state officers served on the Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund Board during 2020-2021:

- Sue Sailer, FO, Perham, Treasurer
- Carol Jackson, A, Minneapolis, Chair
- Jamie Briones, EK, Minneapolis, Administrator
- Cathy Richardson, CU, Austin, Courtesy Secretary
- Jan Briones, Q, Montevideo, PSP MSC, Secretary
- Kristi Harlan, FP, Shakopee, President MSC, ex-officio member
- Cathy Hoffman, FK, Farmington, Vice President MSC, ex-officio member

The Home Fund Board of Directors met quarterly via Zoom and Conference call during the pandemic to review applications, award grants, review the portfolio management, review the annual audit, and conduct business.

Thank you for your contributions and for finding and recommending applicants. Please continue to fund the life-changing work of our Minnesota P.E.O. project. You are transforming lives, families and communities for the better!

Thank you for supporting our Board of Directors in their years of volunteer service and leadership. It is truly humbling and a sacred honor to serve and bless fellow Minnesotans with your generosity.

In Service to P.E.O.,

Carol Jackson, Chair, Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund

Chapter A, Minneapolis

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