

A Loving Concern...A Thankful Heart The Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund

With loving concern, the P.E.O. Home Fund began in 1936 with a \$437 love gift from State Convention members and a \$500 gift from the State Board. P.E.O.s continue to generously support this project and Home Fund assets now exceed \$1.4 million dollars.

The P.E.O. Home Fund was first created to “establish and support a P.E.O. home”. In the 1960’s a study was conducted. The results indicated that funding an actual home was not a practical idea, so the focus of the project changed, and the Home Fund of today was established. According to its by-laws, the Home Fund provides grants to “individuals who may be indigent, aged or infirm and are in need of housing, medical treatment and care.”

With loving concern the five trustees of the Home Fund review grant applications and award grants for nursing care, medical expenses, housing and other life necessities.

Our loving concern is for all in need, therefore, anyone, male or female, may apply for assistance, regardless of race or religious preference. Our recipients receive Home Fund grants and our loving concern with thankful hearts. The words of our recipients express most sincerely what a difference a Home Fund grant can make. The following are just a few of the letters we’ve received.

This thank you came from a Home Fund recipient who has a terminal illness. We have been helping her and her family with medical and housing expenses.

“Where do I begin to tell you what I feel in my heart for each of you? Thank you so very, very much! ... Your unbelievable help and generosity is one of the most touching and incredible miracles we’ve ever experienced. I could sit here for the next 100 years and thank you millions of times and that would never begin to convey the deep gratitude we feel in our hearts for you. Thank you again my precious sisters and friends.”

This next recipient is physically unable to keep up her home. We have been providing funding for some housekeeping and for Lifeline. She writes:

“Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I’ll have to admit I did have tears of joy...boy did they fall. I was trying to figure out how I was going to pay for my Lifeline and help if it (the grant) wasn’t granted...I hope I can repay you all someday, somehow.”

Our third recipient tells her own story:

“There are no words to express my undying gratitude to all of you for helping me with my major oral surgery. I am now beginning my recovery. At least now I am able to take one day at a time and know, thanks to all of you, I will have tomorrow.”

The Minnesota P.E.O. Home Fund depends upon you, not just for financial support, but also to identify possible recipients and to make the referral. Be sure to take the time to look around you. There may be a potential Home Fund recipient at your chapter meeting, in your church, or maybe within your own family. All it takes to make a difference is a loving concern, a kind word and a call to the Home Fund Chairman.

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