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**GIACF Provides Funds for Senior Art Classes**

The Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund approved a grant for $500 to the Ishpeming Commission on Aging in support of “Studio 320”, an art appreciation class for seniors. The program began at the Ishpeming Senior Center on November 1, 2012. Led by Katherine Savu, seniors learn and experience different art techniques using a variety of mediums such as pen, pencil, watercolors, pastels, acrylic and oil paints. The group is named “Studio 320” as Ishpeming’s Senior Center is located on 320 Pine St. in Ishpeming. Sessions for the classes are held on the first, third and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM year round. There is no cost for the classes and interested people don’t need to have prior drawing or painting experience.

**Westwood Girls Softball receives support from GIACF**

A new high school athletic program needs assistance from a variety of sources to get started. The Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund assisted the new Westwood Girls Softball program by funding the purchase of necessary equipment. Bats, balls and catcher’s equipment were some of the supplies needed to get this sports program up and running. Approximately 24 girls are expected to play on this self-funded sports team, giving girls the opportunity to play softball together with their peers, not just on an adult women’s league.
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**2013 Ishpeming Community Fund**
**General Fund & Youth Fund Grant Awards Presented:**

- Child & Family Service of the UP
  - $600 Start the Cycle program
- Society of St. Vincent DePaul
  - $500 Food 4 Kids program
- Ely Township
  - $500 Diorite Park playground equip.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - $700 purchase iPads
- Bell Foundation
  - $500 Pediatric Health Library
- Marquette Range Iron Mining & Heritage Theme Park
  - $1,000 security cameras
- US National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame
  - $750 computer software
- Marquette County Aging Services
  - $532 File of Life packets
- Ishpeming Salvation Army
  - $600 After school archery program
- Renaissance Festival & Art Faire
  - $750 story books
- NICE Community Schools
  - $425 Saturday recreation program
- Liberty Children’s Art Project
  - $425 Birchview after school art program
- Ishpeming Historical Society
  - $1,000 computers and software
- Greater Ishpeming Commission
  - $500 Senior Art program
- Michigamme Children’s Halloween Party
  - $300 Halloween party supplies

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