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WEST SHORE BANK COMPLETES 15TH ANNUAL SPIRIT OF GIVING – GIVING NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER – SUPPORTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED

LUDINGTON, MI – West Shore Bank is pleased to announce the Spirit of Giving Fundraiser raised \$8,369.03 to help families and individuals in Benzie, Grand Traverses, Mason, Manistee, Muskegon and Oceana Counties. Throughout the month of November, each branch has been collecting donations for various non-profits and community organizations, in addition to hosting several events to drive more help to those in need this holiday season. The fundraiser collected funds from employees, community members and businesses. West Shore Bank proudly matched these funds up to \$1,000 in each County to increase the impact within each community.

This year, West Shore Bank staff and the community helped to raise:

- Benzie County: \$1,350 for Benzie Senior Resources, along with over a thousand non-perishable items, canned goods, personal hygiene products, clothing, and homemade blankets.
- Grand Traverse County: West Shore Bank provided a \$500 monetary donation for the Father Fred Foundation, along with collecting hundreds of food items and pieces of men's and women's clothing. A donation of \$630 was raised for Safe Harbor along with a hundred pieces of men's clothing.
- Mason County: Over 1500 non-perishable items and canned goods were collected to benefit both Hand2Hand and Food 4 Kids food pantries. In addition, \$993.25 was raised for Hand2Hand in monetary donations and \$1,066.25 for Food 4 Kids.
- Manistee County: Over 2 tons of food items were collected for the Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry, along with \$1,049.53 in donations; West Shore Bank donated \$250 to both the Onekama Lions Club and Onekama School, along with collecting hundreds of non-perishable items and household items.
- Muskegon County: \$1,200 was raised for the Muskegon Rescue Mission Community Resource Center, along with several clothing items collected during the Spirit of Giving event on November 7th.
- Oceana County: The Hart Branch collected 155 non-perishable items and 24 warm clothing pieces to share split

amongst Shelby and Hart Schools. Hart Public Schools will receive \$535 from the monetary donations raised and \$545 for Shelby Public Schools.

West Shore Bank continues to make a real difference by supporting our community members through a wide array of bank wide efforts and initiatives. For more information on the donations raised from this year's fundraiser, visit <https://www.westshorebank.com/about-us/spirit-of-giving.html>.

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Founded in 1898, West Shore Bank is here to help make a real difference in your life. Offering both valuable banking services and community support, we remain committed to helping the people and businesses in Michigan to improve their financial well-being.