

“Giving Tuesday” overview.

November 2, 2017--



For the past 3 years the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan has sponsored one 24 hour period as a fundraising opportunity for 10 lucky nonprofits they serve in this region-- this year we're one of the groups chosen! This event is based on-line, so it may be more difficult for some of our members. In an effort to try to make it possible for everyone to participate, we are trying to share the information ahead of the Nov. 28 day of the event.

Why we are fundraising-

We have submitted a grant application to the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program for the fog signal roof replacement. The scope of work for this project includes removing the metal ceiling panels on the interior of the fog signal building. This will be necessary for the contractor to be able to assess any damage that may have been caused by the water infiltration from the missing shingles. The cost of having to replace at least one half of the roof trusses has been figured into the total project cost used to establish a grant request amount. What wasn't known at the time was that the metal ceiling panels are coated with lead based paint, and that is going to cost more for the handling during the removal process, and disposal at a licensed contaminated material landfill.

<http://www.cfnem.org/givingtuesday>

How you can participate-

If you aren't an internet user, or don't use Facebook, you can mail a check in any amount, made out to :THUNDER BAY ISLAND & CULTURAL RESOURCES FUND. Mail it to our PO Box 212, Alpena, MI 49707. We will deposit it with CFNEM in your name, and enter your donation on our spreadsheet. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain additional funds for our project, but also to get huge publicity and exposure. If you have any questions, or need assistance with your donation, please reach out to either Jessica Cummins at jessica.cummins.8608@gmail.com, or Sue Skibbe by calling 989-356-9491.

If you're wondering about the Fog Signal building-

As the saying goes-"a picture is worth a thousand words" the picture inserted was taken in June of 2017. There is no mistaking the need to replace the roof. Our historic structures report now being completed list the roof project in the Phase 1 repairs (those needing immediate action). The period of interpretation has been set to the 1939-1955 time frame, the roof then was Victorian metal shingles.



