



2022! As we celebrate 40 years of service in Upper Michigan this year, we reflect on how our organization has grown. We are now serving more elderly people in more counties through more programs and services from our humble beginnings in 1982.

We would not be where we are today without YOU, our donors, who make it possible!

In the following pages, you'll see how we have celebrated life with our elderly friends over the past year and the smiles you brought to their faces and joy you brought to their lives.

Coming Together: Celebrating Summer with Friends



Volunteers gather at the Kestner Park in Houghton for our annual appreciation picnic.

Abbey and Chris Green were chosen as Volunteers of the Year for their dedication and caring of their elderly Forever Friend and their commitment to the organization.



Patty, Rosario, and Lorraine arrive at a picnic at the L'Anse waterfront in our new Ford Transit Van made possible by the Superior Health Foundation.



Betty and Mike share a laugh at a summer picnic.



Friends join together at Harlow Park in Marquette. A volunteer from the Marquette Regional History Center, Susan Hornbogen, attended to share the history of the park and the story of the family who donated the land to the city. Forever Friends also learned about a Veterans memorial located within the park.

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

As we look back over the past 40 years, we have so many memories to treasure and so much to be proud of - and we have you to thank for our success!



Without you - our donors - we could not carry out our programs, expand to new counties, serve more elderly friends, nor adapt when challenges arise.

Since 1982, LBFE programs have proven to be both sustainable and adaptable to the needs of our elderly community. We have always put the needs of our elderly friends first and are so grateful for how you embrace and support our mission of providing friendship in all we do. We carry that philosophy through all our programs.

We look forward to this 40th year with excitement as we have plans throughout the year to celebrate and honor our elderly friends, volunteers, and donors and continue to build our programs.

Thank you for helping us achieve so much. We hope your support will continue as we have so many elders yet to serve!

Sincerely,

Cathy Kass-Aten
Executive Director

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Addressing Food Insecurity with Pantry Staples

The Michigan Tech Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity has traditionally hosted a food drive for our benefit every year through their national North American Food Drive.

Empty bags are distributed to houses throughout Houghton County, and the fraternity brothers pick up the filled bags on the first Saturday of November.

Each year, we collect approximately 7,000 pounds of non-perishable food to fill our pantry.



Jocelyn distributing empty bags.



A Lambda Chi brother picking up filled bags.



Volunteers deliver about 100 personalized bags each month to elderly friends experiencing food insecurity.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Each purchase adds up, so be sure to choose **Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Upper Michigan Chapter** to support our cause when you shop.



MONTHLY GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Sustain our everyday work by committing to a monthly donation. You will receive regular updates on how your gifts support our mission.

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary, we are asking you to consider \$40 a month, but donations of all sizes are appreciated.



For your convenience, we can automate your donations through monthly withdrawals from your bank account, or you can automate a monthly credit card payment through our website events.org/donate/lbfe-monthly.

If you prefer, you can manually give each month by sending a check or making a credit card donation.

For more information about monthly giving, please contact Carol Korpela at 906-482-6944 ext. 1005 or email carol.korpela@littlebrothers.org.



Mark provides a ride for Heidi with the assistance of her daughter, Friederike.



Chris delivers a meal to Jerry on Halloween.

Friendship & Service



We celebrated Sharon's birthday with a special meal delivery and visit.



Dean visits Emma with flowers in the spirit of our motto, "flowers before bread".

SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE CHAPTER THROUGH THE LITTLE BROTHERS - FRIENDS OF THE ELDERLY FOUNDATION

Help the Little Brothers Foundation support the Chapter with their commitment of service and friendship to elderly friends beyond our lifetime. You can help us **Secure the Future** by remembering Little Brothers in your Estate Plan.

Please consider the best way to share with Little Brothers and make the most of your charitable dollars. This ensures that we will be here to love and serve elderly people who are alone and in need.

Here are some ways that you can help if you are considering a planned gift:

- Gifts through your will or trust
- Gifts of Property
- Life Insurance gifts
- Retirement Plans
- IRS Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)

Endowed Funds

- * John and Cookie Johnson Needs Endowed Fund – supports special needs of our elderly Forever Friends
- * Wood Program Endowed Fund – supports the Firewood Program
- * Lola Yoder Expansion Endowed Fund - supports expansion efforts in Upper Michigan



The John and Cookie Needs Endowed Fund helped Forever Friend, Diane, regain her independence by paying for her car repair.

Please contact Michael Aten at 906-370-2215 or email him at mike.aten@littlebrothers.org if you would like more information.

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Spreading Holiday Cheer Through Meal Delivery on Thanksgiving and Christmas

Volunteers of all ages participate in making our holiday meals special for our elderly friends.

About 1,000 meals are homemade from scratch on the holiday and packaged in festive bags to be delivered.

Portions are generous enough so elders can enjoy a second meal.

Complete meals, a flower, and treats were delivered to the homes of the elderly with a short, physically distanced visit.



Kelly's Kids Childcare decorate bags in which the meals are delivered.



MonaJean, Erin, Jack, Les, and Vincent



Volunteers prepare food on Christmas morning.



Santa (Jack) and his helper Kelly load meals for delivery.