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ACT NOW is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization
“Neighbors with Police...Caring Together for Our Community”

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY ACT NOW

GERRISH TOWNSHIP C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) \$10,290.00 *

Fourteen trained volunteers who are ready to be deployed when called upon. They hold annual meetings, exercises, and trainings under the direct supervision of the Gerrish Township Police Department. They receive 20 hours of training to become certified members who can help the community by providing critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, providing damage assessment information, and organizing other volunteers at disaster sites. They are also trained to assist the local and state emergency services and perform such duties as shelter support, crowd control, evacuations, first aid and search and rescue. The Gerrish Township CERT team was established in 2006.

KIDS HELPING KIDS PROGRAM \$67,046.00 *

Currently planning for our 16th Annual program that furnishes Christmas gifts for approximately 50-60 foster children placed with foster families out of Roscommon County. We partner with the Department of Health & Human Services and provide a little extra for foster children as the state only provides a \$25.00 gift card for each child during the holidays. Kids from our local schools, youth groups and organizations volunteer to shop for the gifts and wrap the gifts. DHHS staff deliver the gifts to the foster children along with a Walmart gift card to the family.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM \$26,000.00 *

ACT NOW awards two \$1,000 scholarships to Roscommon High School graduating seniors each year. The scholarships are awarded based on GPA, community service and need. The scholarships are based on the value and importance of community service as seen through the eyes of the youth applicants. The scholarship program was established in 2008.

SHOP-WITH-A-COP PROGRAM \$86,871.00 *

2024 will mark the 23rd Annual Shop-With-A-Cop Program where officers take one child from each of the selected families shopping for gifts and treats them to a meal afterwards. These families are selected through an application process in which the officers work with the local schools to locate children and families that are in need of assistance at Christmas time. This is not only a way to give to those in need but to also encourage positive law enforcement interaction with the children. To date we have brightened the holiday season for 168 families, 279 adults and 583 children. Our community group gathers to wrap all the gifts and the officers deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas.

TRUNK OR TREAT \$28,5297.00 *

2024 will be the 16th Annual Trunk or Treat which is held on Halloween night each year. This is a huge community event for children and families. Participants decorate their vehicles and set up on

the outdoor park area behind the Gerrish Township Hall and pass out candy to hundreds of kids each year and the “trunks” are judged and prizes are awarded for “Most Creative,” “Scariest” and “Best Decorated.” Random participation drawings are included for everyone who puts a trunk in the event. Approximately 900 - 1,200 people attend this event each year. Last year 36 trunks participated. The project was modified to a DRIVE-THRU event in 2020 & 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and were held at the Roscommon Area Public Schools complex, however, went back to in-person event in 2022 & 2023.

GERRISH TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY FUND \$17,636.00 *

This fund supports the Gerrish Township Public Safety Services (Police, Fire, EMS) with helping to sponsor public safety programs and projects such as the CERT team with their Trailer Project, Fire Safety Week and the Safety Education Trailer for children, providing child safety car seats through the Crawford Roscommon Child Protection Council and helped provide the Police Department’s original Drug Drop Box, just to name a few. This fund also provides Neighborhood Watch signs and recently started an “AED Refurbishment Project” to update older AEDs and donated them to community businesses.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND \$23,974.00 *

This fund provides citizens with heating and electrical assistance costs in the winter when all other resources have been expended. In the past it has provided furnace repairs, wood, fuel, propane, and propane tank installations and/or repairs.

ACT NOW also sponsors other community groups and organizations such as the Special Olympics of Michigan Law Enforcement Torch Run, Northern Michigan Children’s Assessment Center, Roscommon Area District Library, Roscommon CRAF Center, The Lion’s Den MBTC, Roscommon Area Christian Ministries, Roscommon Bucks Marching Band, Roscommon Musical Program, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and the Higgins Lake Sunrise Run.

ACT NOW also hosts an Annual Meeting & Picnic every July to thank the members and volunteers. We provide burgers, hot dogs, sides, beverages, and dessert to all that attend. We keep our members and community aware of our meetings, events and fundraisers via our G.A.P.S. Monthly Newsletters, emails, web posts and social media outlets.

ACT NOW also does an Annual Scrap Metal Project from April – October to promote recycling of metal and cleaning up our neighborhoods and community and also participates in Road Clean-Up through the MDOT Adopt-a-Highway program twice a year in the spring and the fall.

ACT NOW holds an Annual Golf Outing every August and a Bowling Tournament Fundraiser every April to raise money for all our great community projects and programs and in the past have also held large successful ATV Raffles, Getaway Package Raffles, Cash Raffles and Glow Golf events.

ACT NOW has been a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization since June 10, 2009 and has an Executive Board with nine voting members and two non-voting advisory members with a general membership of over two hundred citizens.

Our Mission:

We, the Advisory Community Team – Neighbors On Watch (ACT NOW) are committed to benefit the people of Gerrish Township by promoting the preservation, appreciation, and improvement of the physical, social, and aesthetic qualities of all Gerrish Township neighborhoods, through benevolent actions.

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*Denotes amount donated since
program/project inception
TOTAL \$260,346.00
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