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## **SNBT Injects \$100,000 in Community Contributions**

What do stained glass windows, life-saving equipment, a roof, and an after school program have in common? They are all projects that may not have been accomplished without generous donations from The Stephenson National Bank & Trust (SNBT).

At year end, SNBT made monetary donations to 33 non-profits in Marinette, Menominee, and Oconto County. “Our bank’s success ties directly back to the community,” said Daniel J. Peterson, SNBT President & CEO. “That’s the reason we decided to increase our donations by an extra \$30,000 over last year – to show our gratitude for the groups that touch so many lives in countless ways. By distributing over \$100,000.00 to more than 100 area organizations in 2013, we directly give back to the communities that have been so good to us.” Below are some specific examples of ways some of these groups will put that money to use.

**The Crivitz Rescue Squad** received a year-end donation which they will put toward the purchase of two new cots for their ambulances, priced at approximately \$8000 each. Throughout the year, the group has organized several fundraisers to reach the goal, but the SNBT donation pushed them into range to be able to afford to purchase the cots before the impending price increase at the end of January.

“These new cots will replace the ones we have been using for 8 years. They have been dragged through the snow and the woods too many times to count,” said Denise Busse, EMS Coordinator for the Crivitz Rescue Squad, Inc. “We have had several expensive repairs done throughout the years to maintain them - it is time that both cots retire.”

**Greater M&M YMCA** has decided to use the gift to help with the relocation of the popular Totwatch program. “We began offering Totwatch free to members on January 1st, 2013 and have very quickly out-grown our space,” said Terri Falkenberg, YMCA Executive Director. “Therefore, we plan to swap spaces with our Teen Center. In addition, we are purchasing about \$15,000 worth of equipment, from flooring to shelves, dress-up clothes to books, and of course keeping this all free through wonderful gifts like the donation from SNBT.”



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**The Menominee DAR Boys & Girls Club** is using their SNBT donation to help fund the After School Adventure Program, to provide scholarships for families who cannot afford it, and to enhance and purchase supplies for the Art Room.

**The Oconto Area Humane Society** will be purchasing much needed medical equipment to keep sheltered animals healthy and control the pet population.

**The Pembine Rescue Squad** will be purchasing an AED machine (short for Automated External Defibrillation, which can help a person experiencing cardiac arrest) that will be placed within the Pembine community as a public access AED.

**St. Mary's Parish in Peshtigo** will put the funds toward their roof replacement project for the parish cafeteria and west wing of the school.

**Menominee County Historical Society** will add this donation to their stained glass window restoration and refurbishment project.

"Each one of these organizations make a difference in our community everyday," continued Peterson. "For many of them, the funds from SNBT assist in continuing their mission of helping individuals and changing lives. We're proud to be a small part of that, especially if it gives these groups the chance to implement a project they may have otherwise delayed because of tight budgets."

The long-standing tradition of SNBT community service is also evident through the donation of time as well as money. In 2014, SNBT employees have pledged over 7500 hours of community service across 113 organizations.

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