

Local *Woman's Life* Chapters Rewarded for Providing Over \$286,000 of Valuable Service to the Community in 2008

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Port Huron –Mich. - Over 100 local members of ***Woman's Life Insurance Society*** gathered recently in the Abbey at the Thomas Edison Inn to celebrate their 2008 chapter accomplishments and for the presentation of the Society's Annual Activity Bonus Awards. The awards are presented by the Society to chapters based on their level of community outreach and impact during the previous year. Fourteen of the Society's 17 local *Woman's Life* chapters were represented at the event and each received a check for their chapter treasury ranging from \$700 to \$1,000. "That is a total of \$13,400 that will now make its way back into our community through your *Woman's Life* chapter to help others and to help make our community a better place to live", said National President Janice Whipple. She noted that "obviously, there are a million and one needs in our local area that could benefit from your help, with a large donation or a small one, and with this addition to your treasuries you are prepared to help."

In 2008, *Woman's Life* Port Huron area chapter members raised \$77,796 for local charities and people in need and contributed 10,697 hours of services supporting the community.

According to Independent Sector, a leadership forum for charities that tracks philanthropy and charity in the United States, the assigned dollar value to volunteer time for 2007, the latest year for which the figures are available, is \$19.51 per hour.

Using the value of \$19.51 per hour, community service in the Port Huron area for 2008 was worth about \$208,698 bringing the total value of their efforts in the community to \$286,494.

In 2008, members of *Woman's Life* nationwide contributed a total of \$2.751 million in combined fundraising activities and volunteer service hours.

Woman's Life Insurance Society is a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society founded more than 116 years ago to help women protect themselves and their families from the unexpected and the unplanned. Today, ***Woman's Life*** continues to support women by connecting and engaging them with other women through a unique local chapter network that provides social activities, individual support programs and monetary support for community service activities, as well as access to life insurance and annuity products. For information on ***Woman's Life Insurance Society*** and local chapters in the Port Huron area, contact the Sales and Marketing Department at 985-5191, ext. 181.