

More Than \$21,000 Awarded To Local Woman's Life Chapters

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Port Huron, Michigan - More than 100 active members of Woman's Life Insurance Society gathered at Alexander's of Marysville to celebrate their 2009 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. Twenty-three Woman's Life chapters were represented at the event and each received a check for their chapter treasury ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. "That is a total of more than \$21,000 that will now make its way back into the community through these Woman's Life chapters. Money that will assist people in need and help make our community a better place to live", said National President Janice Whipple. She noted that "obviously, there is no shortage of need in our local area right now. With this addition to their chapter treasuries, Woman's Life members are prepared to help."

In 2009, Woman's Life chapter members in the greater Port Huron area raised \$128,296 for local charities and people in need and they contributed about 18,800 hours of volunteer service 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 2008, the latest year for which figures are available, is \$20.25 per hour. Using the value of \$20.25 per hour, the community service performed by Woman's Life members in the Port Huron area in 2009 was worth about \$382,644, bringing the total value of their efforts in the community to \$510,940.

Nationally in 2009, members of Woman's Life contributed a total of \$512,645 in fundraising activities and dedicated 108,719 hours to volunteer service benefiting needy individuals, local and national causes, and worthy charities in their respective communities.

Woman's Life Insurance Society is a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society founded in Downtown Port Huron in 1892. 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 more information about Woman's Life, call 1-800-521-9292 or visit www.womanslife.org.