

Volunteer Issue



20th Year HEAT'S ON Project



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I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.
Edward Everett

The Moving Wall

Our Labor-Management Fund continues to be involved in numerous activities that benefit both Washtenaw and Livingston County areas. H.E.R.O. (Hamburg Enhanced Recreation Organization) was granted the honor and privilege of bringing the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall to the community in July, and our Labor-Management Fund was a Primary Sponsor assisting their endeavors.

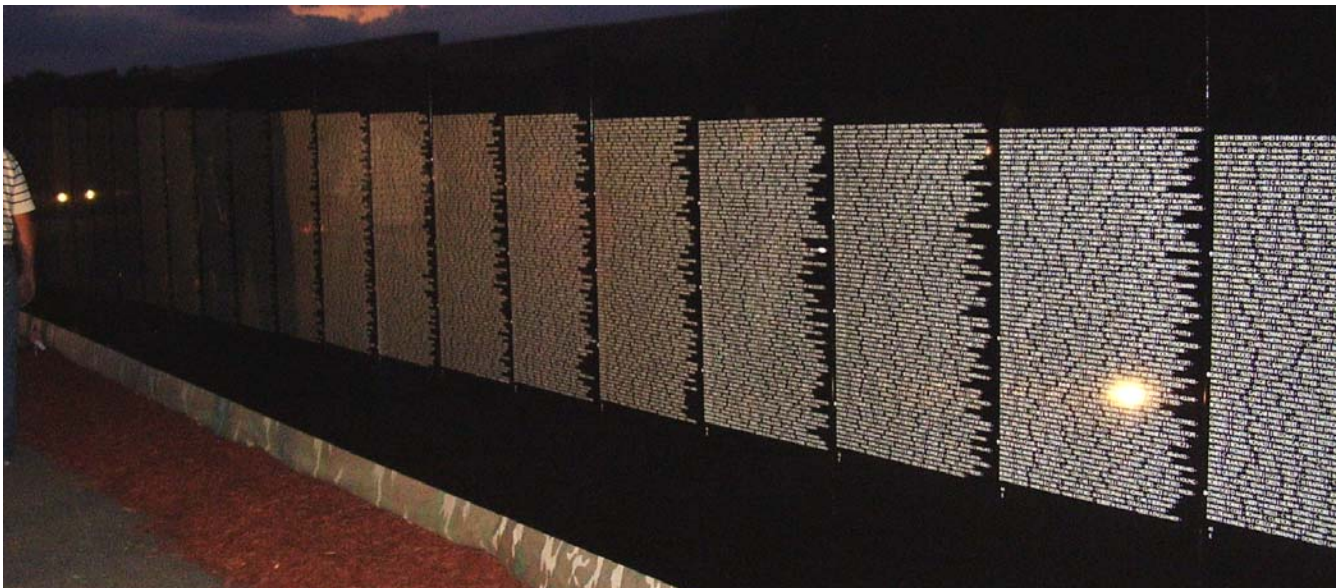


Along with being a Primary Sponsor we had a 4' x 14' sign for the Fund attached to The Moving Wall sign that was displayed across Merrill Road in Hamburg, where all Village Offices, Police, Senior Centers, Township Offices, all sports fields, soccer, baseball, football and library are located. This was the greatest exposure to the Livingston County residents that we have ever mounted.

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veteran's Memorial that has been touring the country – "IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR. THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES AND OF THOSE WHO REMAIN MISSING ARE INSCRIBED IN THE ORDER THEY WERE TAKEN FROM US."

The effort to host the Moving Wall was a collaborative one involving H.E.R.O., Veteran's Organizations from throughout the area, local businesses, organizations such as ours, and community volunteers.

We supplied 30,000 flyers to be distributed on pizza boxes in all of Livingston County and the South Lyon and Dexter areas for three weeks before the event. They were also set out at businesses prior to the event throughout the county. PMC had committed, before bringing the idea to the Labor-Management Board, to print all posters and parade flyers.



20th Year HEAT'S ON Project

Through the combined efforts of both the Greater MI MSCA and UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians, the local HEAT'S ON Project completed it's 20th year, in our local area, and our 8th year with our Ferris Chapter.

These homes, thanks to the efforts of MSCA and UA 190, will be safe and warm this winter.

The program continues to install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for those who don't have them. If they do, we change their batteries and make sure they are in good working order.

This year we had to shut down five furnaces, and had them repaired and working in no time.

The program has a number of return clients.

When the service personnel walk in usually the recipients have snacks ready for the workers.

It's a great relationship to build with the community.



Pictures of the days events.

Below—James Johnson of Family Independence Agency accepting award from Jim Dornbrock for his many years of service to the program.



Packets for Military Personnel

The Association, along with our younger support teams put together Christmas care packages for the soldiers in Iraq.

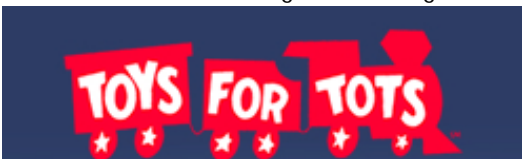


The students went shopping, after taking the time to research on the internet, for the items the soldiers needed the most.

Packets, Christmas Cards and candy were packed and sent to a division in Iraq. This program was even more meaningful as one of the soldiers in our group is a friend of the family, of an employee.

US Marine Toys for Tots Food Gatherers

The Greater MI PMC was a collection location for the US Marine's Toys for Tots and the Food Gatherers. This year we combined our volunteering for these organizations with the



Inspectors Luncheon. Those attending were notified that if they were

interested in donating, receptacles would be available during our Annual Inspectors Luncheon.

The mission of the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community.



Food Gatherers exists to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community by reducing food waste through the rescue and distribution of perishable and non perishable food; coordinating with other hunger relief providers; educating the public about hunger; and developing new food resources. The Association collected 269 lbs of food and 3 boxes of toys for Toys for Tots.

Helping Waters Trip to Haiti

Dave Jones, Branch Manager of the Ann Arbor John E. Green Company is involved in the "Helping Waters Program". He spent time in St. Louis, getting trained on the installation of a unique water purification system for use in developing countries. Dave had been planning a trip to Haiti this summer to look for possible installation sites but things were accelerated by the earthquake on January 12th. A group, including Dave, traveled to Haiti during the 3rd week of June. They had hoped to bring one of the systems with them purchased through Edge Outreach.



They were not able to bring the water purifier on the plane because of an embargo by American Airlines on overweight luggage during the summer months. This wasn't very clear on their website and it made for some interesting last minute juggling at the airport! Dave's wife Therese took the water purifier back home and they went on their way without it.

The water purifier is being installed at Pwoje Espwa near Les Cayes, about a 4 hour drive east of Port au Prince. Pwoje Espwa is an orphanage of over 750 children and their clinic serves not only the orphanage but all people in the surrounding area. This is the only source of medical care for people in the vicinity.

Since his return, Dave had been looking for a relatively inexpensive way to ship the water purifier. He found a group in Grand Rapids, Rays of Hope for Haiti, that ship sea containers to Haiti for groups looking to send supplies.

It took a month to arrive in Haiti and is taking 1-2 months to clear customs. Once it's ready, people at Pwoje Espwa will be contacted to pick the water purifier up from Rays of Hope from Haiti's warehouse in Port au Prince.

40 Years of Helping Students Begin Their Future In The Construction Industry



Throughout the forty years of the program, the students have built quality homes in some of the best neighborhoods in Ann Arbor. ***But the most important asset that comes from the program is not the homes -- it's the students.*** The AASBIP has historically served non-traditional student popula-

tions within the Ann Arbor school district. These tradespeople of tomorrow will need to pursue studies beyond high school in order to compete in the competitive marketplace. For these young men and women, three scholarships were formed to assist the students with college as they studied construction related courses and are often a lifeline to pursuing their dreams.



The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program kicked off their brand new development, *Sumerset Neighborhood* with a *Beginning Celebration*, in 2005.

Sumerset Neighborhood is a development of 11 home sites to be built by the students of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Student Building Industry Program over the next decade. They began their 36th home which was completed in 2006. These houses are providing attractive homes in a lovely setting as well as providing an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in the residential construction industry.

Financing for the development costs are provided by UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians/Gas Distribution Pension Trust Fund.



Continuing with the great history of this program, much of the time, effort and labor required to develop this property was either volunteered, donated or performed at cost.

Labor—Management Fund Supports “Rocking for the Hungry”

PMC and UA 190's Labor-Management Committee advertised on local Radio Stations to support “Rocking for the Hungry.” Every day, thousands of people in Washtenaw County rely on Food Gatherers as the areas largest food rescue and collection organization. Every year they distribute more than 4.6 million pounds of food to over 150 local non-profit organizations and agencies that see to it that our neighbors in need, mostly families and children, won't go hungry.

The Labor-Management Committee did extensive advertising to insure that everyone who wanted to help, would know when and where to participate. With the need for food at a nearly all-time high, Ann Arbor area residents stepped up and set a record during the five-day **Rockin' for the Hungry** event.



The Greater Michigan PMC and UA Local 190 have been involved in the local Habitat for Humanity programs for the past 15 years.

As costs for materials continue to rise, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund the construction of Habitat homes in Michigan and across the country. Without their assistance, it would be necessary to raise a good deal of additional money to accomplish the building of our house!

