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[Hancock, MI] The most recent weather event has caused disastrous results for several communities throughout Houghton County. Many people - both near and far - are seeking a way to contribute to local relief efforts.

The Portage Health Foundation Board of Directors has approved a restricted fund be maintained for the **2018 HOUGHTON COUNTY FLOOD RELIEF FUND**.

For donors seeking an official conduit to contribute to relief efforts, the Portage Health Foundation has offered to serve in this capacity. Acting as the fiscal agent, the Portage Health Foundation Board has approved the creation of the Houghton County Flood Relief Fund and will receive, record, hold and disperse all monies contributed to this fund in a manner that is deemed appropriate by the PHF Board of Directors with input from the Houghton County Emergency Response leadership. All monies contributed to this restricted fund will be used for the distribution of humanitarian relief and recovery efforts of the Houghton County Community during this most disastrous weather event. Distribution of the monies, in the event Federal Disaster declaration has been made and federal aid is made available, will be used to help offset non-federally covered expenses for municipalities, citizens and other relief efforts as determined appropriate by the Board of Directors with input of Houghton County Emergency Response leadership to return our community back to pre-storm conditions.

“There are a lot of people from our municipalities, community health agencies and organizations, utility companies, and the community at large that are working hard to mitigate and assess damages as we recover from this most recent flood.” said Kevin Store, executive director of the Portage Health Foundation. “We are simply trying to find a way to best support their efforts and work with folks who are concerned and would like to make a contribution to those efforts.”

Contributions can be made online at <http://www.phfgive.org/contribute.php> or mailed to Portage Health Foundation, 400 Quincy Street, Hancock, Michigan 49930.

Donors are asked to please follow the online instructions and put FLOOD RELIEF in the comments section of your contribution so it can be properly recorded and allocated to flood relief efforts. If sending a check, please put Flood Relief in the memo line.



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