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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION!

Make a Gift that Changes Lives

You have the opportunity to make a dramatic difference in the future of Portage, Wisconsin, by giving to Positively Portage!, the Portage Area Community Charitable Trust.

Positively Portage! was created several years ago by the trustees of the Bidwell Foundation. It remained dormant until two years ago when community members realized Portage needed a body to carry on when the original Bidwell Foundation sunsets. As an outgrowth of the Bidwell Foundation, Positively Portage! is completely Portage based. Our volunteer board is made up of Portage residents, our investments are handled locally, and we have no connection to the Madison Foundation or any other community foundation.

Positively Portage! has already begun awarding grants! We have given grants to the Portage Skateboard Park and River Haven Shelter. We will be announcing another grant on November!

The board of Positively Portage! is also working to raise funds to continue our work in perpetuity. We have embarked on a campaign to raise a \$1,000,000 core fund. We ask that you make a gift to help us build this fund. When you make a gift to Positively Portage! your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a matching gift from the Harris Trust. The Harris family, longtime Portage residents, established this fund on their passing. The trustees of the Harris Trust believe that Positively Portage! is a worthy recipient of your support and they are willing to double your gift! All contributions to Positively Portage! are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. You will receive an acknowledgement for use when preparing your tax returns.

The cost of community enrichment grows higher every year. This is where you can make a permanent difference in the lives of everyone in Portage, including their children and grandchildren. When you make a gift to Positively Portage! you help secure the future of Portage. This gift allows you to pay forward the generosity of those who helped you make your own personal or civic goals.

Please make your gift to Positively Portage!, 121 W Cook St., Portage, WI 53901. Checks should be made out to "Portage Area Community Charitable Trust". Or, you may visit our website, [PositivelyPortage.org](http://PositivelyPortage.org) to contribute using a credit card.

If you have any questions, please email us at [PositivelyPortage.com](mailto:PositivelyPortage.com) or talk with any of our board members. There will also be two informational meetings held in the Bidwell Room of the library at 6:30 October 10 or 30. Please plan to attend one of these meetings. Our board members include (you probably know one or more of them): Rich Jacobson, Chair; Amanda Weyh Meisner, ViceChair; Shane Schmidt, Treasurer; Pat Halasz, Secretary; Mike Hurd, George Beasley, and Ed Steck.

You have the power to make a difference in Portage by making a gift to Positively Portage! Contact us today to learn more about how you can help achieve your goals for the future.

***The Portage Area Community Charitable Trust • 121 W. Cook St., Portage, WI 53901***