

Ruth Ann Meyer Scholarship Program

Funded completely by the Friends of the Portage Senior Center every year, the Ruth Ann Meyer Scholarship program assisted 27 members with their dues and activity fees for 2022-2023. We believe that financial need should never be a barrier to enjoying all the benefits of membership at the Portage Zhang Senior Center!

Here's what some scholarship recipients had to say...

- ♦ "I have made friends at the Portage Zhang Senior Center by participating in card groups. I appreciate the help I receive from the scholarship."
- ♦ "I would not be able to afford membership if it weren't for the scholarship program."
- ♦ "Thank you for helping me supplement so I can do more things."

The Road to the Future...

Committed to ensuring both short and long-term funding for the PZSC, the Friends of the Senior Center maintains a significant endowment fund with the Kalamazoo County Foundation. With the Foundation's commitment to asset preservation and growth, our ability to continue supporting the Portage Zhang Senior Center is assured long into the future.

Begins Today

But to reach our future goals, we need you to join us today! There are many ways you can support the Friends of the Portage Senior Center. Together, we can ensure that the Portage Zhang Senior Center will continue to enrich the lives and enhance the well-being of our communities' senior citizens.

- **VOLUNTEER:** We're always looking for volunteers to help with our fundraising activities, from the Pickle Ball & Tournament to our Golf Outing and ever-popular Purse & Jewelry Sale.
- **DONATE:** Your tax deductible financial gift to the Friends of the Portage Senior Center will help to ensure that the Portage Zhang Senior Center remains one of our community's most treasured, relevant and valuable resources.
- **PLANNED GIVING:** Secure a legacy that will resonate through generations. By including the Friends of the Portage Senior Center in your estate plans, you ensure a vibrant future for our community's older adults. Leave a footprint of compassion, and inspire others to follow.

Visit us online at friendspsc.org or call PZSC at 269-329-4555 for more information, to volunteer, or to make a donation!

Friends of the Portage Senior Center

A Year in Review

2022-2023

ACHIEVING SUCCESS FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S OLDER ADULTS



Founded in 1992, the *Friends of the Portage Senior Center* is a charitable, non-profit organization that supports the activities and programs offered by the **PORTAGE ZHANG SENIOR CENTER**.

Through their fundraising events and semiannual appeals, they encourage donations and sponsorships that help to ensure both short- and long-term funding for the many services provided by the Portage Zhang Senior Center.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN FUNDRAISING

July 2022 to June 2023

\$32,647 Raised

Fall 2022 & Spring 2023
Annual Appeals

\$22,240 Raised

Annual Golf Outing
May 2023

\$13,083 Raised

Annual Purse & Jewelry Sale
September 2022

\$10,120 Raised

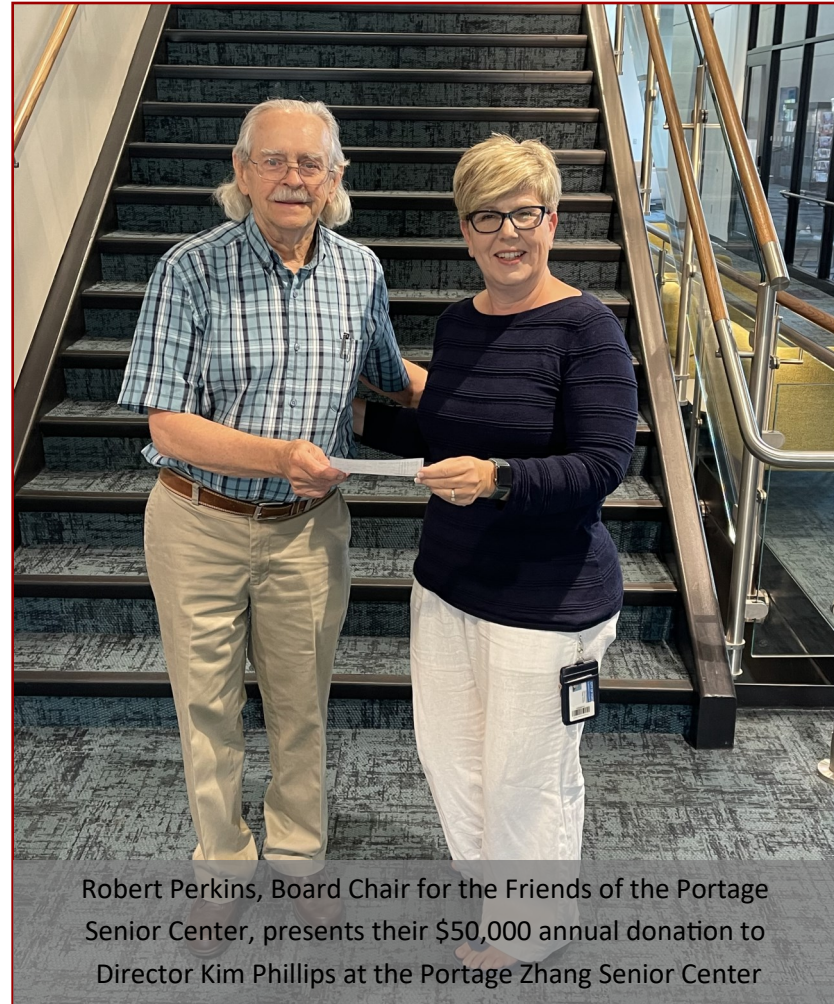
Miscellaneous
Unrestricted Donations

\$9,692 Raised

1st Annual Pickle Ball & Tournament
May 2023

\$87,782 TOTAL

Raised by the Friends on Behalf of
the Portage Zhang Senior Center



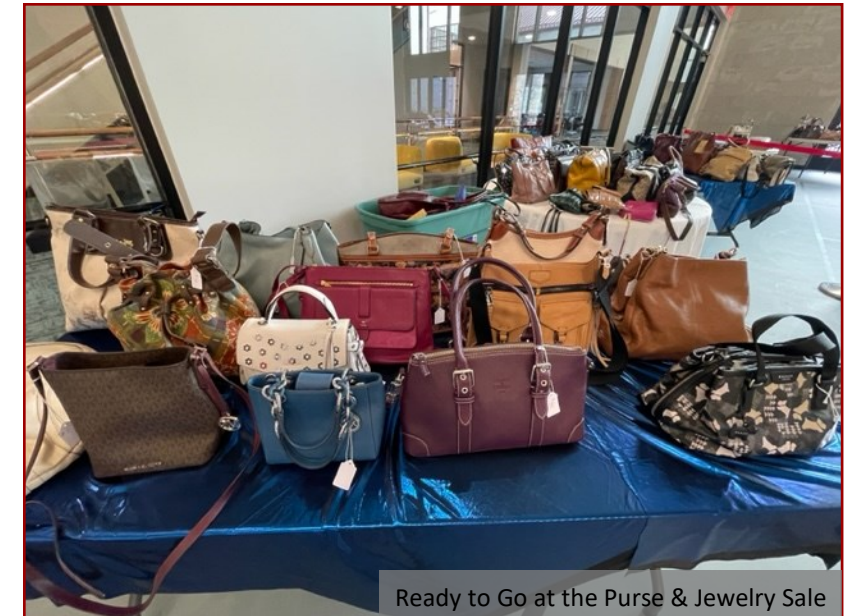
Robert Perkins, Board Chair for the Friends of the Portage Senior Center, presents their \$50,000 annual donation to Director Kim Phillips at the Portage Zhang Senior Center

Where The Money Goes

- Annual gift to support the operations and member programs of the Portage Zhang Senior Center
- An additional annual contribution to the PZSC Travel Department
- Veterans' Breakfast hosted annually by the Portage Zhang Senior Center
- Ruth Ann Meyer Scholarship Fund
- Earmarked donations to support specific initiatives and programs at PZSC



Four of our Pickle Ball & Tournament Winners



Ready to Go at the Purse & Jewelry Sale

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY'S OLDER ADULTS

Thanks in part to generous support from the *Friends of the Portage Senior Center*, 2022-2023 was a remarkable year at the Portage Zhang Senior Center

**More Members. More Classes.
More Events. More Trips**

- Opened in Spring 2022, the Portage Zhang Senior Center's new state-of-the-art facility features new facilities and amenities including a fitness center, commercial kitchen, café, performance stage, and two indoor pickleball courts.
- Membership grew by more than 165%. Today, there are more than 3,400 active members from Portage and other surrounding communities.
- With expanded programming, participation in the Center's classes, events, activities and trips grew by more than 230% from the previous fiscal year.



56 Couples turned out in June 2022 to renew their vows... *with Elvis!*