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The Portage Health Foundation has expended over \$1.3 million in Flood Relief Aid (so far).

[Hancock, MI] This past week marked the four-month anniversary of the Father's Day flood. Since then, a lot of progress has been made by the Portage Health Foundation's (PHF) Flood with Love initiative. The initiative's intent has been, and continues to be, ***doing the most good for the most people***. The focus of the initiative is to get families back into safe, healthy home environments. The PHF initially received 487 applications for flood relief funding. As reported, on-site assessments have been conducted over the past two and a half months and work for most eligible applicants has already been completed. Currently, the PHF has about 65 remaining applicant-projects still in progress that were a direct result from the Father's Day flood.

"We've receive a couple calls asking about how much money has been spent; more specifically asking ***who received what amounts***." said Kevin Store, Executive Director for the PHF. "This information is incredibly sensitive and private for those who have been involved. We will not share that personal information to the public. However; when we're finished with all eligible applicants; and once our accountant and auditor have completed their work, we will be providing a complete update to the community about our flood relief efforts." Store, added.

PHF is continuing to work with mechanical and building contractors, excavators and sub-contractors to get the remaining homes completed before winter. So far the Portage Health Foundation has spent over \$1.3 million dollars in Flood Relief Aid directly to the homeowner-victims of the Father's Day Flood. "Thanks to the hard work of a lot of people, a lot of families will be able to get back into safe, healthy homes – without them, this would not have been possible." Store concluded.



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If anyone has any questions regarding PHF's initiative, they are asked to please call their office at 906-523-5920 or email them at info@phfgive.org. They are happy to answer questions you have and eliminate any misinformation or confusion in regards to this effort.