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[Hancock, MI] When the Father’s Day Flood happened last June, it brought in a lot of support throughout the immediate process. People and organizations from all across the country sent financial aid to support the Portage Health Foundation’s Flood with Love initiative. Even now, only a few months shy of the one year anniversary, groups are still donating funds to support flood relief and the few remaining projects that carried over into 2019.

The second annual Keweenaw Bridal Expo (Expo) was held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts. This year’s Expo featured 27 wedding industry/wedding-related vendors and had over 120 attendees. Bryana Palosaari (Riutta Images) and Heather Waligursky (Heather Lynn Photography) co-hosts of the event, pledged to donate all proceeds from this year’s event to assist the flood victims of 2018 and are both honored to be able to present a sizeable donation to the Portage Health Foundation to contribute to their continued work in the community.

“We are both honored to be able to present the donation to the Portage Health Foundation to support their continued work in and commitment to the community,” said co-hosts Bryana Palosaari and Heather Waligursky.

“It is really amazing to see people and groups still coming together to support PHF’s Flood with Love initiative after months have passed,” said Chelsea Goodreau, PHF’s Marketing and Communications Coordinator. “It was a pleasant surprise when Bryana and Heather reached out with their raised monies. Thank you to Bryana and Heather for their coordination of the funds and everyone who participated in the Expo.”

The monies raised from the Expo will support the remaining projects that PHF carried over into 2019 due to the weather preventing them from being completed back in the fall. Thank you to the Keweenaw Expo and everyone involved for making this donation possible.

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**You make the difference. Together we make it possible.**

The Portage Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that receives and contributes charitable donations which support the health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration throughout Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties.