



Dial Help Community Support & Outreach Center

Summer 2015

Special Thanks to the Portage Health Foundation

The Portage Health Foundation Board of Directors has recognized the significant role Dial Help plays in our community, and awarded \$50,000.00 to support our agency. This allows our team of crisis intervention professionals to continue to serve and keep people safe. Kevin Store, Executive Director of the Portage Health Foundation, said, “We know how financially challenging it is right now for many of the non-profits in our community. We hope this award will help to raise the community’s awareness to the vitally important role Dial Help plays, and the amazing work that these folks do each and every day. They support our community and the community needs to support them.”

The Portage Health Foundation’s award of \$50,000.00 has provided some financial assistance that Dial Help needed to

maintain its accredited 24/7 crisis intervention services. The support of the Portage Health Foundation has also helped relieve some of the financial burdens that Dial Help has faced in recent years, and has allowed the agency to focus more of its resources on helping the people in our community. In addition to covering crisis line costs, the funding helps Dial Help recruit volunteers, enhance financial planning, obtain grant writing assistance, cover accreditation costs, and provides other assistance that can help Dial Help sustain its operations for the long term. The Portage Health Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization that supports the health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration throughout Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties.

Volunteers Needed!
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Our Funding Partners:

- MI Dept. of Community Health
- MI Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission
- Copper Country United Way
- United Way of Dickinson County
- United Way of Marquette
- Nat'l Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Keweenaw Community Foundation
- Superior Child Abuse Prevention Council
- NorthCare
- Portage Health System
- Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital
- Houghton Rotary
- Rice Foundation
- Friends of Dial Help Like You!

Keweenaw Community Foundation Funds Youth Crisis Outreach

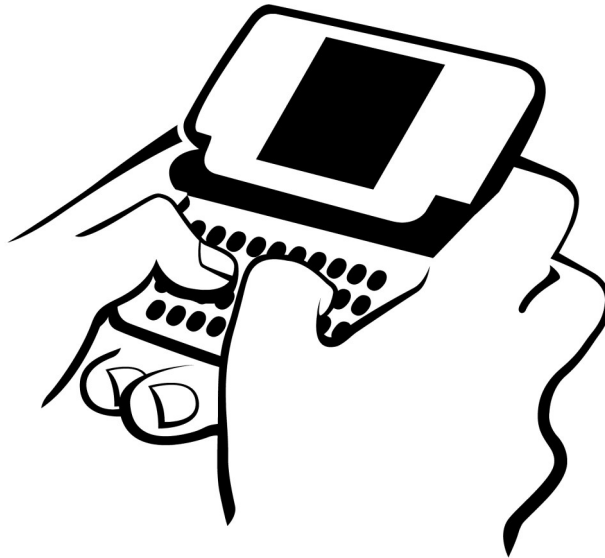


Keweenaw
community foundation

The Keweenaw Community Foundation gave \$1,350 to Dial Help to raise awareness of our crisis text messaging service among youth, thereby promoting youth safety and access to resources. Even though there has been a steady increase in youth seeking Dial Help services via text, for a long time these services were not being fully utilized due to limited funds available to promote county-wide awareness. The Keweenaw Community Foundation's contribution has helped changed that.

Compared to when crisis text messaging services launched in September 2012, the number of young people age 17 and under reaching out for crisis services through text has nearly tripled. The Keweenaw Community Foundation's generous funding allows us to bring more

attention to crisis texting as an option for Houghton and Keweenaw area youth experiencing abuse, bullying, suicidal thoughts, and other crisis-related issues. As word of our crisis text messaging services continues to spread, we hope to see even more young people reaching out to Dial Help when they are in need.



To reach Dial Help's 24/7 Crisis Line via text, just text 35NEEDS (906-356-3337).

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Where does your support go?

In addition to Dial Help's crisis and suicide hotlines, suicide follow-up program, crisis texting, instant messaging, in-person crisis response, and resource and referral services, we also provide substance abuse counseling, school-based prevention, 24/7 mobile crisis teams, mental health counseling, intensive family support services, comprehensive services to any and all victims of crime, and specialized behavioral education classes that increase safety for families and the community. The common thread of our agency is to help empower people to solve problems, reduce crisis, address trauma, and increase safety for self and others. Operation of all these services is only possible because of a committed professional staff, generous and well-trained volunteers, and financial support of local agencies and community members. Please consider a financial gift, donating goods or services, or volunteering to help us keep offering our vital services!

Funding cuts are impacting a lot of non-profit agencies, including ours! We need your help to ensure the continuation of new and existing programs the community has come to rely on. Look to the right to see the many ways you can help Dial Help continue to make a difference!

Support Dial Help!

Make a Donation:

- Use the link to **PayPal** on the "Give Help" section of www.dialhelp.org to make a safe, secure on-line donation
- Or send a **check payable** to:
Dial Help, Inc.
609 Shelden Ave.
Houghton, MI 49931
- Or set up a recurring direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account.
- Donate to the Dial Help Endowment at the **Keweenaw Community Foundation**.
- Consider Dial Help in your **estate planning**.

Dial Help is a 501(c) (3) charitable agency for tax deductible giving

Volunteering at Dial Help

**Interested in lending a
compassionate ear?
Helping someone in need?
Helping an agency that supports the
community in many different ways?**

**Call An-gel at 482-9077 to
discuss our volunteer opportunities**

- **Helpline Services**
- **Victim Services**
- **Youth Programs**
- **Internships**
- **Office Support**
- **Building Maintenance**
- **And More!**

www.dialhelp.org

Phone: 906-482-9077

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Dial Help is your resource for

Crisis Intervention * Education * Victim Services * Prevention * Counseling

482- HELP(4357) * 24 hour Victim Service line 1-866-661-5589

NEW: Text Message: 906-35(NEEDS) (906-356-3337)

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