



Northern Community Mediation

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A MESSAGE OF PEACE



Pictured from left to right: Karen Cole, Kristy Whitman, Kirstyn Horan, Caroline Smith

Northern Community Mediation's holiday greeting is one of peace.

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Give Peace a Chance
Peace Be With You
Sing in Peaceful Harmony

NCM is sharing this message by placing the above banner in the libraries in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The banner has already been to the Pellston Library and is presently at the Jordan Valley Library through December 4. The itinerary for the remainder of the season is

Harbor Springs Library	December 5 – 7
Boyne City Library	December 8 – 10
Walloon Library	December 11 – 13
Charlevoix Library	December 14 – 18
Petoskey Library	December 19 – 23

Funding for this banner was provide by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. In fact, read about the significant support that the two foundations are giving to NCM in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

USELESS FACT

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25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Each of the community foundations has awarded NCM \$2,470 to go towards its 25th anniversary celebration. The majority of this funding will be used for the following:

- Peace banner seen on the left
- Project relating to peace in the middle schools
- Decorating a table at both the Charlevoix and Petoskey Women Can/Women Do luncheons
- NCM display on the billboard just to the south of the entrance to Bay Harbor from July 16 to August 12
- A month of daily promotions on Lite 96.3
- Circles of Kindness project featuring NCM in numerous ways on TV 7 & 4.

In addition, NCM will be contributing time and money for

- The Chamber Expos
- A party honoring all present and past employees
- Participation in parades throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties
- Postage and note paper for personalized letters
- Special, token candies for court personnel and attorneys who have worked with NCM over the years
- Holiday party
- Gala event on May 15 at City Park Grill for past & present mediators and board members, attorneys, court personnel, donors, supporters of NCM
- Monthly guest commentary in the *News-Review*

The purpose in all of this is to draw attention to NCM and its services. A HUGE THANK YOU GOES TO BOTH OF THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. Without their support, we would not have been able to accomplish the first six bullets described above.

REMINDER

When directing parties to caucus, please avoid sending them to the break room. The staff needs to have access to this room. Instead of the break room, use one of the smaller mediation rooms.

THINKING OF YOU

Mediator Jan Schlaybaugh had to move her 95-year-old mother into an assisted living facility. Not always the easiest challenge.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.” ~ Malcolm Forbes