

Serving Emmet & Charlevoix Counties

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25th Anniversary Celebration

In October of this year, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) will have been serving the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet counties for 25 years. In anticipation of this momentous date, NCM began its celebration in November 2017 to allow for a full year of acknowledgements.

In November 2017, staff members wrote over 350, hand-written, thank-you notes to individuals, such as mediators and board members, who have supported NCM over the years. In December, NCM displayed its peace banner in eight of the libraries in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, and in February, staff members distributed candy to attorneys and court personnel who have been helpful year-after-year.

Rather than its annual Appreciation Luncheon in May, NCM hosted an evening party at City Park Grill for over 80 people. This was followed in June with NCM's being one of the designers for a table at the Women's Resource Center fund raiser, Women Can/Women Do in Charlevoix. The Queen of Hearts theme will also be used for Women Can/Women Do in September in Petoskey.

During the month of June, NCM was featured six times a day on Lite 96.3. From the middle of July to the middle of August, NCM rented billboard space on Hwy. 31 just west of the main entrance to Bay Harbor. The middle of August also saw the beginning of NCM's being featured in Circles of Kindness through TV 7&4.

In addition to the above mentioned special opportunities, NCM has capitalized upon its 25th anniversary celebration through the Chamber Expos in Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey, Project Connect, Information Summit, the annual holiday party, the theatre parties in Petoskey and Charlevoix, and both Leadership Charlevoix County and Leadership Little Traverse, as well as writing a monthly guest commentary for the *Petoskey News-Review*.

All of this would not have been possible if it were not for grant awards from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, and the Rotary Club of Petoskey. Their generosity cannot be overstated.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict. NCM has every intention of

continuing to offer quality services to the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet counties and plans to be around for another 25 years.

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