



# Northern Community Mediation

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Charlevoix Counties

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## Worth Their Weight in Gold

Northern Community Mediation (NCM) held its annual meeting on Thursday, January 10 in the Council Chambers of the Charlevoix City Hall. The annual report included the standard financial statements, case data, and project summaries. Of particular interest, however, was the information relating to the support the community bestows upon NCM.

With an annual budget of \$193,725, the State Court Administrative Office provides only 35% of the funding for NCM. Of the remaining funding, 30% comes from Charlevoix and Emmet Counties and 35% is raised by NCM through grants, donations, small fees and fund raising, such as its annual Theatre Party.

The annual report also emphasized the importance of the people who volunteer their time as mediators for NCM. To be a mediator, you must participate in forty-hours of training, followed by a 10-hour internship. Additionally, all mediators must take eight hours of update training every two year. And, additional training is required for specialized types of mediations, such as divorce and child protection. In 2007, the value of the volunteer time of the mediators totaled \$162,790.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.