

## Snowshoes and So Much More

The Little Traverse Conservancy approached the Community Foundation for a \$2,000 grant for youth snowshoes through the competitive cycle. For more than a decade, the Conservancy has offered programs and activities to foster a greater understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the natural environment. Thousands of children from local schools and groups benefit from these programs each year.



The Community Foundation grants funds, but can also leverage those funds through collaboration with other foundations and Donor Advised Funds. In this case, the Oleson Foundation contacted PHSACF about opportunities through our competitive cycle and fully funded the Conservancy's request for \$2,000. The Ann K. Irish Charitable Fund, a donor advised fund through the Community Foundation, also recommended \$200 toward the purchase of snowshoes. The Conservancy asked for \$3,000 and got \$3,200!

Since 1991, the Community Foundation has been growing and granting dollars to support community organizations and programs like the Conservancy's outdoor education opportunities. In fact, in 1998 the Youth Advisory Committee granted \$700 for snowshoes. Ten years later, the Community Foundation was here to offer support for these outstanding youth programs again.