

# PRIDE OF SCOTTS COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION

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Hello Friends and Neighbors!

As a Scotts area resident you are no doubt aware of the Pride of Scotts Community Center in downtown Scotts. But do you know what happens at the Center, and the efforts of the Pride of Scotts Community Service Organization (POS) that owns and maintains it? Opened in 1989, the Center has been in constant use, cost-free, over the years by community groups like 4-H, Scouts, Tractor Club, Hallelujah Party, Tuesday Jammin' sessions, senior activities, funeral dinners, etc. With an auditorium and a meeting room, the building also provides a low-cost setting for receptions, parties, community gatherings, and so forth.

We have "Welcome" signs at the North and South entrances to Scotts, seasonal banners on the main street, and flower barrels throughout the village. In July, POS sponsors a mile long parade, and coordinates community-wide garage sales. This year, as part of "Scotts Days," we also added vendor booths at the Center, a car show, and a bake sale. Between 2004 and 2018 many repairs and upgrades were made to the building and grounds with the efforts of our hard-working volunteers, grants from the Vicksburg Foundation and Kalamazoo Community Foundation, and the help of private donations.

Currently we are planning to replace the flooring in the Community Center's 46' x 66' auditorium, the kitchen, and the ladies' room. These tile floors are original to the building, and have served us well. But they are now showing their age, and have become more costly to maintain. We have explored several options for new flooring, and our budget is \$30,000. We are applying for a local grant, which, if approved, has historically been received as a match to what we raise for the project. In addition to other fund raising efforts we are having a **Lasagna Dinner, Bucket Raffle & 50/50 Drawing on October 8**, so mark your calendars for this fun evening.

But we still have a long way to go. That is why we are coming to you, our community and friends. Your donation to the Pride of Scotts, P.O. Box 159, Scotts, MI 49088, will not only be very much appreciated, it could also be doubled by a matching grant. And since we are a non-profit organization, your donation is also tax deductible.

Sincerely,

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President