

The Loop

Newsletter

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The Friends of First Choice committee would like to applaud and thank all supporters of the 2017 First Choice campaign!

Investments of time & talents coupled with generous giving has lead to another impressive collection of funds that were forwarded on to consumers living in adult foster care homes this holiday season.

We appreciate your continued support of this worthy cause.

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**Thank you
for
your
support!**



First Choice distribution for the past 12 years to consumers living in AFC homes

First Choice has raised over **\$179,300** and distributed over **3896** gift cards to consumers residing in AFC homes!

Awesome!

Upcoming Events/Contact Information

2018 Upcoming Events

May

11—Clever Container sale & Jewelry/Card sale @ Hancock

June

29—Hot dog/sloppy joe sale @ A&W

July

13—Hot dog/sloppy joe sale @ Hancock

27—Ice Cream Sundae bar @ Hancock

August

24—Root Beer float sale @ Hancock

Sept.

14—Jewelry/card sale @ A&W

Oct.

TBD—Halloween Candygrams

Nov.

TBD—Thanksgiving luncheon
TBD—Wreath/Pie sale

Dec.

TBD—Cookie/Jewelry/Card sale @ A&W

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please call Jennifer Tomaszewski
at 498-2269 to sign up!

First Choice of Saginaw Board of Directors

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If you have questions regarding the First Choice Program please feel free to contact:

First Choice of Saginaw

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Information on First Choice can also be viewed at:

www.saginawfc.org under “What’s New”!

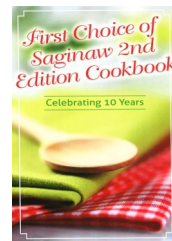
Group participation pays off!

Candygram Sale



So far with the support of employees through voluntary payroll deductions, community group donations and various fundraisers throughout the year, 2018 is proving to be a busy year!

Cookbook Sales



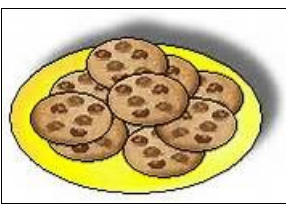
Cookout Sale



Jewelry Sale



Cookie Exchange



Payroll Deductions



Did you know?



First Choice of Saginaw is one of the 501C3 organizations that can be selected through the www.smile.amazon.com website. This is Amazon's charitable site. A portion of your online purchase is donated by Amazon to the charity you select. Please consider designating First Choice of Saginaw!

First Choice of Saginaw regularly collects several items to turn into cash for the program all year, every year.

Please help us by turning in these items to First Choice:

- Bottles/cans for deposit
- Used books/magazines/DVDs/CDs
- Costume jewelry for the annual jewelry sale

First Choice of Saginaw

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www.sccmha.org

**The Friends of First Choice
Committee would love to
hear from you!**



First Choice meetings are held
monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of
the month

Upcoming meetings are sched-
uled for:

May 9, 2018 @ A&W building
June 12, 2018 @ Hancock building

If you have ideas on how to
improve the program or if you
have a great fundraising idea,
please be sure to contact us so
that your ideas can be dis-
cussed at an upcoming First
Choice meeting!



The Loop newsletter is written periodically throughout the year to help keep people "In-the-Loop" about the First Choice of Saginaw Program!



First Choice was developed beginning in 2005 to help improve the quality of life for adults living in foster care homes by attempting to raise some additional discretionary funds for them to use during the holiday season. SCCMHA serves persons with serious disabilities which result in a significant life functioning impact. Persons served often have extremely limited resources, and are receiving minimal disability coverage which barely covers their basic housing, necessary care and supervision costs. These individuals often have less than \$50/month to pay for their other necessities or needs, including medical co-pays and any personal care items or expenses, including clothing. The goal of First Choice is to raise enough funds to support the current consumers of SCCMHA, who reside in licensed residential home settings, with an annual stipend or gift card.

Donation Information



First Choice pledge forms can be obtained from
www.sccmha.org under

"What's New" and "First Choice".

Donations can be forwarded to First Choice of
Saginaw, 500 Hancock, Suite 200, Saginaw, MI
48602 at any time for **ANY** dollar amount!

Every donation makes a difference!

Checks should be made out to "First Choice of Saginaw"