

The Loop Newsletter

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The Friends of First Choice committee would like to applaud and thank all supporters of the 2010 First Choice campaign!

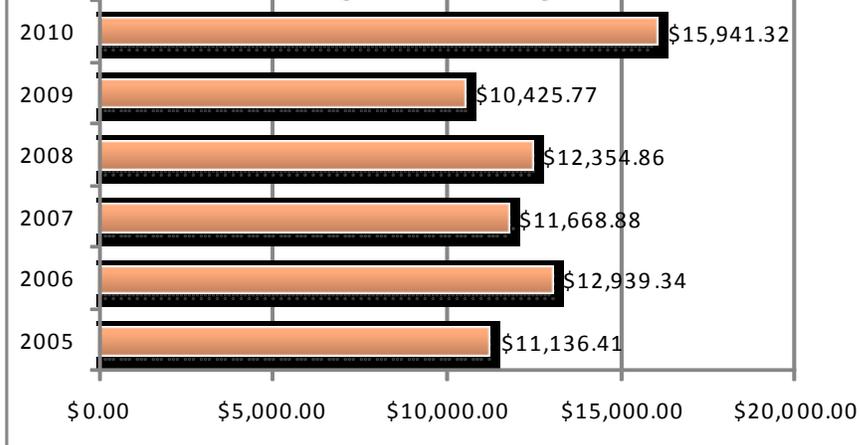


Investments of time & talents coupled with generous giving has lead to another impressive collection of funds that were forwarded on to consumers living in adult foster care homes this holiday season.

The chart below notes the success of the First Choice program over the past six years. We appreciate your continued support of this worthy cause.

**Thank you
for
your
support!**

Funds Raised for The First Choice of Saginaw Program



First Choice distribution for the past 6 years to consumers living in AFC homes

First Choice has raised over **\$74,000** and distributed over **1700** gift cards to consumers residing in AFC homes!

Upcoming Events/Contact Information

2011 Upcoming Events

**June 24- Hot Dog/Sloppy
Joe Sale**

**August - Restaurant
Fundraiser (Date
TBD)**

**Sept.— Pancake
Breakfast (Date
TBD)**

**Oct.— 3rd Annual
Chili Cook-off
(Date TBD)**

**Nov.— Bake & Craft
Sale and
Pie Sale (Dates
TBD)**

**Dec.— Jewelry Sale
(Date TBD)**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

First Choice of Saginaw Board of Directors

Ginny Reed
Chair

Ted Rapson
Vice

Jan Histed
Treasurer

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**If you have questions regarding
the First Choice Program please
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Information on First Choice can also be
viewed at:

www.saginawfc.org under “What’s New”!

Group participation pays off!

So far during 2011 there have been multiple fundraisers that were sponsored by various groups. With the addition of the support of employees through voluntary payroll deductions, First Choice has already raised an amazing \$2,176.21 for this year!

Organization-sponsored fundraisers and payroll deductions raised \$2,176.21 so far this year for First Choice Program!

Red Wing Jersey sale



SCCMHA Popcorn Sales



Pie Sale



Bake/Craft/Collectables Sale



Payroll Deductions



Thank you!



First Choice of Saginaw recognizes the volunteers who have been very generous with their personal time and talents over the last five years of fundraising. The following individuals recently received a certificate of appreciation from the First Choice of Saginaw Board of Directors:

Melinda McGovern

Dawn Estrada

Connie Filiczowski

Lynne Thomas

Sue Stinnett

Ryan Mulder

Mary Freyre

Maria Kulick

Betty Matula

Nora Hollis

Pauline Najera

Tom Peck

Linda Santino

Pam Hales

Jennifer Tomaszewski

Debbie Vasquez

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



First Choice meetings are held monthly

Our next meeting is scheduled for:
August 10, 2011

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 discussed 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 **Jan Histed** at First Choice of Saginaw, 500 Hancock, 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**”