



FIRST CHOICE OF SAGINAW NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

First Choice of Saginaw is a small, non-profit organization affiliated with SCCMHA that raises funds annually to provide holiday gift cards for adults being served by SCCMHA who have limited discretionary funds and reside in licensed residential settings. This is a serious hidden need in Saginaw County for these adults with disabilities who are often impoverished and have not had the opportunity to have even a small amount of discretionary funds to spend as they wish. In FY2022, First Choice again raised funds to provide gift cards to 357 consumers of SCCMHA services. 2023 fundraising is underway now, the 18th year of this program. Gift cards are annually disseminated in December. The First Choice of Saginaw website address is: www.saginawfc.org.

Any interested person can support First Choice fundraising efforts in a variety of ways, whether you have an hour or two to donate your time, can offer some in-kind resources, cash donation or want to get more involved in the annual fundraising efforts. All SCCMHA staff and providers are invited to participate.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

The Friends of First Choice Committee sponsors various fundraising efforts. Watch for these notices and offer your time to help with an event. Even a brief amount of volunteer time is meaningful for the long range success of First Choice. You can also join the planning committee. We always welcome new planning committee members as well as new and ongoing volunteers.

PROVIDE IN-KIND SUPPORT

Are you too busy to volunteer your time? Most fundraising events invite donations of food or items to sell. Watch for these notices and offer a small in-kind donation to support a planned event when you are able. Good condition costume jewelry for jewelry sales and unused greeting cards of any type are examples of the periodic events where you can donate items to help the annual campaign. You can donate jewelry and cards year round. From time to time some staff members have donated event tickets that they have and cannot use for First Choice to offer in a silent auction, with all proceeds going to First Choice. We are also always looking for donations of napkins, paper products and plastic silverware for the various events throughout the year. You can also help promote and participate in fundraising events at any time.

OFFER YOUR RESOURCES

Every increment of support helps the organization. For example, did you know that there is a pop can collection in the lower level break rooms at the Hancock and A&W buildings for First Choice? On Wednesdays, bags of empty cans and bottles can also be dropped off at the A&W loading dock. Some staff donate small amounts of money throughout the year, at various events, at various times, or through payroll deductions. Donations from individuals and companies are always welcomed year round. You can also designate First Choice of Saginaw to routinely receive support through *AmazonSmile* or *Kroger Community Rewards* for any purchases you make at these retailers. Through both these programs, Amazon and/or Kroger will make a donation to First Choice at no additional cost to you!

GET MORE INVOLVED

New members for the monthly noontime meetings of Friends of First Choice Committee are always welcome. Typically, meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Noon via Zoom or in Room 222 – the conference room at the Hancock Building. Contact First Choice of Saginaw at info@saginawfc.org to be added to the meeting notices for First Choice meetings. Or if you have an idea for an event that you would like to lead or suggest, great! Contact First Choice of Saginaw (info@saginawfc.org) if you would like more information at any time. We would love to have you involved in this important endeavor.

*First Choice of Saginaw is a 501c3 organization.
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