

PAY IT forward

In the spirit of the holiday season the Community Trail Blazers of HAMHWE developed Pay it Forward, a program designed for staff to give to others.

HAMHWE purchased Hayward Chamber Dollars allowing staff to pass out \$10 certificates in the

community. The intent was for employees to pass out certificates

while they were out and about, shopping in the community. Employees handed out certificates at the grocery store, gas stations, shops on Main Street and other area businesses.

Participating staff were asked to complete a log indicating where they handed out the certificate and the recipient's reaction. Many people were surprised by the gift, but thankful. Some expressed they would Pay it Forward to someone else, while others said it would make a difference because of recent personal hardships.

All in all the program achieved its goal by connecting our organization to the community, displaying random acts of kindness during the holiday season and providing a mechanism for our staff to interact with others in a personal and meaningful way in the midst of the pandemic.

In twenty days we distributed over \$1200 worth of Chamber Dollars into the community, supporting individuals and area businesses. Thanks to everyone who participated!

HAMHWE Gives Generously Throughout the Month of January

HAMHWE's normal support of area events looked very different throughout 2020. As our organization enters the last quarter of our fiscal year we decided to make several donations totaling \$12,000 to area organizations.

Recipients included:

- Salvation Army of Hayward
- Hayward Food Shelf
- Cable Area Food Shelf
- Comforts Food Pantry in Minong
- Hayward Library Foundation
- Drummond Public Library
- Winter Library
- Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance
- Bayfield County Snowmobile Alliance
- Minong Trails Club
- LCO Boys & Girls Club
- Hayward Sports Center
- Cable Natural History Museum
- Hayward Area Ski Trails Association (HASTA)
- Sawyer County Outdoor Projects & Education (SCOPE)
- Fishing Has No Boundaries – Hayward Chapter
- American Legion Posts – Hayward, Cable, Minong, Barnes & Solon Springs
- Senior Resource Center Meals on Wheels Program
- Northwest Connection Family Resource Center
- Habitat for Humanity