

Brendan Clancy, Portage Township Trustee and Aqua Indiana work together to make a difference in the South Haven Community.

NW Indiana: A partnership that has continued to grow and make a difference in the lives of Portage Township children and families has just taken another step forward as representatives from Aqua Foundation Inc. presented a \$1000.00 check to Brendan Clancy, Portage Township Trustee and Jessica Bailey, President of Friends of Portage Township Foundation Inc. earlier this week.

Aqua's involvement with Portage Township Parks includes their participation in the park's 'Team Up 2 Clean Up' event which takes place each year in April. Not only do volunteers perform cleaning and beautification tasks at the Township's South Haven parks but they also reach out into the community and have completed projects for the Boys & Girls Club, South Haven Little League, and even cleaning a 2 mile stretch of McCool Road.

Another area where Aqua has been instrumental is in their sponsorship and volunteerism of the Haven Hollow Harvest Fest. This annual event offers Portage Township children and families a free night out of good 'ol fashion fun. "Everything is free", states Joy Lundstrom, Park Superintendent, "horse & carriage rides, pumpkin decorating, trick or treating, games, crafts, bonfire & s'mores, dancing and food. Can you imagine being a parent with several small children and being able to participate in all of these activities without having to pull your wallet out of your pocket or purse? Thanks to the generosity of area businesses and service organizations we're making it happen." "It's our way of giving parents a break; just a chance to come outside and enjoy the parks, enjoy running into friends and neighbors, and enjoy a wholesome family-friendly event", adds Clancy.

Matt Lentz, Field Supervisor of Aqua Indiana has served on the Friends of Portage Township Foundation Inc for the last several years, contributing his time and talents to help increase visibility and move the organization forward. "The relationship with Aqua Indiana has been beneficial in many ways to the Portage Township community. We are honored that the Aqua Foundation has chosen the Friends of Portage Township Foundation to be a recipient of this donation. We look forward to other opportunities to partner together to enrich the lives of local residents", states Bailey.

Aqua's support for its community reaches beyond the Township Park Department, touching many children and organizations in South Haven. "Aqua Indiana is honored to support projects that make a difference in the quality of life of our customers and neighbors. We enjoy working with the Trustee's Township park staff and with Friends of Portage Township Foundation Inc, and are happy to be a part of all the positive changes we see in this community" states Matt Lentz, Field Supervisor for Aqua Indiana.

To learn more about Portage Township Parks, Friends of Portage Township Foundation Inc., or Aqua Indiana visit www.portagetrustee.org , www.townshipfriends.org, or www.aquaamerica.com.

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Attached photo (from left to right): Joy Lundstrom-Superintendent Portage Township Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Thomas M. Bruns-President Aqua Indiana Inc., Brendan Clancy-Portage Township Trustee, Matt

Lentz-Field Supervisor Aqua Indiana Inc., and Jessica Bailey-President Friends of Portage Township Foundation Inc.