

Our Community Impact 2022: Leprino Foods Company Remus

To support the communities where we live and work, Leprino Foods Company's Remus employees and the Leprino Foods Company Foundation (LFCF) annually partner with local nonprofit and other organizations to provide philanthropic donations and volunteer support. Since 2015, the LFCF has contributed nearly \$4,000,000 to the communities where we operate.

Leprino Foods began operating the Remus facility in 1987. The site of a former creamery, the Remus plant has been in continuous operation since 1917. With approximately 140 employees, Remus is very dedicated to giving back to the community. During 2022, the Remus plant and the LFCF supported 12 regional organizations with donations and grants of nearly \$21,000.

Our Remus employees volunteer their time to help improve livelihoods, foster empowerment, and build resilient communities. Volunteering is employee-driven, and activities support four focus areas of nutrition, education, fitness, and local needs. In Remus, we are proud to be involved with local and regional organizations that celebrate the many diverse cultures, communities and lifestyles that comprise our community like youth, families, veterans and elderly.

In support of our focus on nutrition, plant employees, through their Community Impact Team (CIT), helped secure a \$3,300 Foundation grant to the **Barryton Area Mobile Food Pantry** to help with food insecurity in the region. As part of Leprino Foods Company's first-ever company-wide Month of Impact, Remus employees volunteered at the food pantry, and employees donated more than 500 lbs. of food to **God's Helping Hands of Mecosta County's** food pantry, which was also supported with a \$500 donation from an employee raffle. The team also donated fresh produce from a community garden.

Continuing a long partnership with **Mid-Michigan Honor Flight** to honor veterans who have served our country, Remus employees secured a \$10,000 Leprino Foods Company Foundation grant for the Michigan Yellow Ribbon Flight which funded transportation for local Vietnam veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the war memorials that recognized their sacrifices. In recognition of Veterans Day, employees delivered cards to **BRAVE**.

A \$4,700 LFCF grant was provided to **Angels of Action**, a non-profit organization serving children and families in Mecosta and Osceola counties. Angels of Action partners with schools, churches, community agencies and local businesses to equip children and families to thrive. Proceeds of an employee recipe book were also donated to Angels of Action. A \$2,000 LFCF grant to the **Wheatland Township Fire Department** funded the department's community fire day event. Other organizations supported by the plant include the **Remus Area Historical Society**, **Chippewa Hills School District's** cross country and wrestling programs, **The Trevor Project** and **Zion Lutheran Church**, **Alma Schools**, and **Meceola Currie Comfort Home Golf Outing**.

The Remus plant donated more than 500 lbs. of cheese to various organizations including **Farm Bureau Trunk**, **Toys for Tots**, **Chippewa Hills Wrestling Team**, **St. Peters School**, **FFA Auction**, **Barryton Elementary School**, **MOCC Brockway Christian Academy Auction**, **Village of Barryton Park Fundraiser**, **Marion Public Schools**, **Nottowa Sherman Firefighter Auction**. Ascent Protein products were donated to **Grand Valley State University Athletics** and a local high school cross country team. In-kind donations of boots, toilet paper, COVID tests, water bottles were also donated to the community.

We are proud of the partnerships we've built and the organizations we have been able to support in our community. We look forward to continuing to make a positive impact on our community and the people in it.

REMUS, MICHIGAN

2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT

FIGHTING FOOD INSECURITY

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12 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

\$21,000

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

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