



Clare Irish Festival Gives Back

Each year proceeds from the sale of Irish Festival Raffle Tickets and Merchandise are used to benefit and improve our local community. In 2011, the Clare Irish Festival Committee is excited to give \$4,000.00 to continue that tradition. The various organizations benefiting from these distributions are: CHS Art Club, Clare Band Boosters, WCMU/Public TV, Clare County Animal Shelter, Clare Summer Fest (fireworks), Clare VFW, Gateway Community Band, Clare area Meals on Wheels, Clare Train Depot Project, Boy Scouts, Clare Chamber (festival banners) and Mid Michigan Community Action Agency.

The Irish Festival Committee also hosted the Third Annual food drive for Mid Michigan Community Action Agency in memory of Kathy Rynearson. With the incredible donations from our community, we managed to fill a semi truck in four days with more than \$4000 in food. Thank you so much for all the contributions!

The committee would like to thank the City of Clare, Chamber of Commerce and the local businesses that helped make the 36th celebration a success! We would also like to extend a special thank you to those that volunteered their time and efforts on the Irish Festival Committee.

This coming year will be our 37th Annual Clare Irish Festival, March 14-18, 2012.

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*Donation requests should be submitted by March 1 each year and are distributed in April. Availability of funds change each year based on ticket and merchandise sales as well as Festival expenses. Details can be found at www.irish.claremichigan.com.



2011 Irish Festival Committee



Northern Logistics
donated the truck for
our Food drive.