The Sawaquat Center for Human Development is a 501(c)3 PUBLIC BENEFIT non-profit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes. Specifically, The Sawaquat Center's mission is to work toward preventing community deterioration by working with At Risk Youth, Homeless Teens, Veterans with PTSD, and Individuals or Families in need. The nature of the Sawaquat Center is unique along with the varied unique services it provides. Currently there is nothing within a 100-mile radius of Traverse City that provides such a complete array of services for individuals seeking Alternative Healing Modalities, Counseling, Teaching and Growing as a Community. The Sawaquat Center provides a wide range of services and we see this as one of our major strengths.

It is the mission, duty and purpose of The Center to address, educate coordinate, and provide aid and relief to eradicate community deterioration on a local and global level. It is expected that the Center will reach out, touch and meet the varied needs of the communities it comes into contact with, needs that other agencies and organizations are unable to meet currently. So many communities are struggling with the influx of lost individuals and families in crisis and most are not covered under the guidelines of those agencies and/or organizations or don't meet the criteria for assistance.

However, there are health, safety and environmental concerns involved when a septic system begins to fail. In order that we may continue to provide these services to the ever-growing population of At-Risk Youth, Homeless Teens and Disabled Veterans, we must repair the failing septic field and system. We anticipate that the summer of 2014 will bring in many more people: more Volunteers and more Individuals In Need. This will over-tax the septic system as it stands right now. Repairing the septic field will allow The Center to continue to operate, and to expand our outreach.

The Center has gotten three separate bids and each has come with a recommendation for a complete re-work of the system and estimates are at $13,000. These bids include removal, cleanup and disposal of the old septic field components, which can be a particularly nasty job. It is imperative that we raise the funds so it can be completed by the end of May.

We appreciate your continued support so The Center can continue to serve those in need of the many services that are offered. Thank you for any and all donations and please share this on social media.