



**GRATIOT  
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## **Rescue Medical Project**

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### ***Gratiot Emergency Services Authority (G.E.S.A.) Announces Fundraising Partnership with Howes Families***

**The fundraising campaign will be promoted until December 1, 2025, with the proceeds being applied to the replacement of the Ithaca Fire/Rescue Department's aging medical first response equipment.**

- ✓ Recent concern by the department about the deteriorating condition of their medical first response vehicle coincided with a recent proposal by the Howes families' offer to contribute to the department a \$50,000 match to funds raised by the community for any department need. The result was a G.E.S.A board approval of the Rescue Medical Project to fulfill that objective.
- ✓ "We have always tried to look for additional sources of revenue, either through grants, fundraisers, and donations, to take the additional financial load off the local taxpayers. This fundraising partnership with the Howes family will accomplish that goal while providing additional funds to complete our project." -- *Dave Nelson, Fire Chief-CAO*
- ✓ "I'm proud to be part of this fundraising effort in partnership with G.E.S.A. It's a meaningful opportunity to give back to the community that shaped me. I care deeply about the health, safety, and future of this community, and I hope this initiative will bring lasting support where it is needed most." – *Mike Howes*
- ✓ "Commercial Bank is honored to contribute \$10,000 towards this important project. Our bank has a long history of serving Gratiot County, and we know how vital it is to support the safety and well-being of the people who live and work here." – *Kevin Collison, President and CEO*
- ✓ "This is about all of us working together to solve a public health and safety need; therefore, no financial contribution is too small, and we've tried to make that process as convenient as possible regardless of where you live. At the end of the day, we want everyone -- individuals, businesses, or organizations, to look at the project's success and be able to proclaim, 'look what we did together.'" – *Fred Howes*

***Electronic donations can be made by visiting***

***<https://gratiotesa.com/fundraising/>. Checks payable to G.E.S.A can be mailed to 130 W. Center St., Ithaca, Michigan 48847, or dropped off at Ithaca City Hall, 129 W. Emerson St. For complete project details, visit [www.gratiotesa.com/fundraising](http://www.gratiotesa.com/fundraising).***