

Thank You from Leslie Lee to Friends of Pine Hollow Institute

Kindness and concern regarding the fate of PHI has radiated from hundreds of people since PHI closed its doors. Many fellow Elk Rapids' residents, colleagues from Traverse City, and the nonprofit world have called, emailed, written letters, or stopped me on the street to express their disappointment, and to encourage me. To all of you, a heartfelt thanks. This public display of warm regard reminds me that raising my children and living here was one of the smartest choices I've ever made.

Elk Rapids has many dedicated public officials and volunteers who work hard at developing a healthy community. These civic-minded individuals, who hold the wellbeing of the community foremost, deserve our utmost respect. They have mine. It's up to voters to decide whether officials are performing this difficult job, acting in their own self-interest, have an agenda that doesn't serve the community at large, or aren't up to the task. We each have a vote. My grandmother taught me the core value of a democracy was for the majority to carefully consider the concerns of the minority. We each have a choice to listen, as well.