Children's Day Offers Eagles A Chance To Make A Difference

In early 2012, Woodfield, Ohio, #2302 set out to participate in the F.O.E.’s annual Children’s Day Contest (formerly Child Advocacy Day) with the hope of leaving a lasting impression on its community.

Opting to put a new spin on educating youth, Woodfield worked directly with youngsters to develop and film skits regarding the harmful effects of bullying to share with their peers.

The video premiered during a two-hour program where several students came forward to share their own experiences as the victim of bullying. The heartfelt speeches even prompted some students to express their regret for being the bully. For their efforts, the Woodfield Eagles were chosen as winners of the 2012 contest.

You could be the next Children’s Day winner! All you need to do is hold one event before May 31 that provides a safe and educational experience for local youth and submit a detailed summary along with our official Children’s Day entry form, which can be found in the Programs Section of our Members-Only website. Summaries and entry forms must be submitted to the Grand Aerie by June 14.

The winner will receive a $3,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children’s Fund. Whether you’re teaching safety techniques and bullying prevention or providing a safe place for youngsters to get creative with arts and crafts, your event is eligible to win.

Change lives in your community in 2013 by hosting a Children’s Day event!
THE AUTOMOBILE RACES

The Grand Circuit driving park at North Randall, located on Miles Avenue, just beyond the city limits, is the fastest one-mile oval race course in the world and holds all trotting and pacing records. Through the courtesy of Mr. H. K. Devereux, the inviolate rule not to allow automobiles on the track is suspended and the Convention Committee has arranged through the sanction of the A. A. A. a series of great races for the world’s championship on a track of this type. The speediest drivers and the speediest machines of America and Europe will participate. Principal among these is Bob Burman, the world’s speed king, whose mile in 25 seconds will probably never be eclipsed.

The races will be started at 2 p. m. by Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering.

THE FARM
SAM GOODMAN, Proprietor
LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD
On the Lake West of White City
Chicken and Fish Dinners
Take Euclid Beach Car

Top Producers/New Leaders
As of Nov. 30

Aerie:
1. #483 Port Angeles, WA 58
2. #370 Lima, OH 51
3. #3468 Mesa, AZ 45
4. #150 Burlington, IA 43
5. #2223 North Canton, OH 41

Auxiliary:
1. #4003 Columbia Station, OH 37
2. #2298 Auburn, WA 26
3. #4089 Port Orange, FL 25
4. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 23
5. #1387 Buckley, WA 22

Aerie (Individual):
1. Robert G. Schmidt 45
   #3468 Mesa, AZ
2. Patricia J. Morris 35
   #483 Port Angeles, WA
3. Jeffrey L. Scott 18
   #150 Burlington, IA
4. Ulysses Grant Collins 16
   #3723 Heath, OH
   Ronald W. Lane 16
   #3957 Cape Coral, FL

Auxiliary (Individual):
   #4003 Columbia Station, OH
2. Carole P. Eppley 13
   #1562 Gettysburg, PA
3. Connie J. Brown 12
   #2298 Auburn, WA
4. Barbara Jean Gustafson 10
   #270 Fond Du Lac, WI
   Carol J. Duple 10
   #2722 Kearney, NE
We Are People Helping People

California
-Antelope Valley #2985 held a golf tournament to benefit Lancaster Cub Scout Pack #641, raising $2,143 to fund summer camp and uniforms for cubs in need.

Colorado
-Northwest J.O.E. #4019 raised $245 for the Denver Health Foundation’s “Newborns in Need” program, which provides prepared bags of necessities to underprivileged newborns.

Florida
-Crystal River #4272 held its 3rd Annual Sammi’s Poker Run event, raising $948 to buy Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in Citrus County.

Kansas
-The Kansas Aerie & Auxiliary treated 25 children and parents to a hamburger, hot dog and s’mores cookout at O’Connell Youth Ranch, which assists young males who face hardships as a result of family crisis. The F.O.E. presented the ranch with a check for $2,000 to help with bills and maintenance required for ranch houses.

Michigan
-Union #2092 held a Cash Bash fundraiser for the Michigan Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents, raising $6,100 dollars.

Missouri
-Cape Girardeau #3775 held its annual Special Needs Christmas Party last month for residents of area group homes and nursing homes. Guests met with Mr. & Mrs. Claus and received a free meal and goodies.

Montana
-Billings #176 held a Car & Bike Show, raising $4,059 for the charity of Montana S.W.P. Gary Matiska.

New Jersey
-Morristown #1311 held a “Restore The Shore” event to help local families and areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. The Eagles collected various cleaning products, water and clothes for the relief effort and $1,000 through the sale of special bracelets made by the Aerie. The group also donated $900 to the “Wish Upon A Hero” Foundation in the name of Zoe Everett and Family, after her parents were killed when a tree fell across their car during the storm.

New Mexico
-El Valle #4308 held an ATV Trail Ride fundraiser for members Gary and Sylvia Sanders, raising $8,136 from the event and $16,200 from an ATV raffle.

Ohio
-Croghan #712 handed out $31,000 in donations to area organizations.

Oregon
-Marc Roemer, a local bartender and member of North Lincoln #2576, raised $1,000 to purchase gift certificates to Old Navy for teenagers in need during the holidays.

Pennsylvania
-Kittanning #896 donated $1,000 to the Wick City Boxing Club and $2,000 to the Kittanning Care Center, the Armstrong County Health Center and Orphans of the Storm.

Texas
-Longview #4125 presented checks to eight local volunteer fire departments for a total of $10,000.

Virginia
-Piedmont #4420 presented 27 complete dinners to members of the Pittsylvania County School Board for distribution to area families.

Washington
-North Beach #4197 donated a Sea-Doo jet ski valued at $13,000 to the local Police & Fire Department.

Wisconsin
-Superior #80 made $2,564 in donations to various local causes and $300 scholarship to local student Kathryn Recznik.

In recognition of more than 20 years of support to the community, Lake Havasu City Mayor Mark Nexsen, a member of the Eagles, and the city council voted to change the name of the street next to Aerie #4299 to Eagles Way.

British Columbia
-Ladysmith #2101 raffled off an iPad to raise $1,000 for Alzheimer’s Caregivers.

Various
-Elmont, N.Y., #3128; the Connecticut State Aerie; Stamford, CT, #579; Hudson, FL, #4208; Florida District 2; Middletown, NY, #544; Johnstown, NY, #1575; Cobleskill, NY, #2695 and South Glens Falls, NY, #2486 combined to donate $2,450 to the Steven Siller Tunnel to Tower Foundation to provide direct relief to those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

People Helping People
While all items are published and shared electronically, space is limited in print. In an effort to provide a diverse offering of news items for our members each month, the largest and/or most unique donation from each State/Province we receive news from will be featured in our People Helping People section. Once each State/Province we have news from has been represented, we will begin to allow additional items.

Please keep in mind that all photos must be high-resolution and cannot be taken from a newspaper or a news outlet’s website as the Grand Aerie does not have the right to use those photos.

As always, we welcome any questions or suggestions you might have. Please see the panel on page 2 for contact information.
because of the hard work of Eagles.

115 years after six individuals came together with the idea of ending a local strike, their modest group has soared to unfathomable heights, touching the lives of millions and growing into an international symbol of the power of giving.

"10 For 6" Campaign
To help reach our goal of making 2013 the biggest Eagles’ year yet, we’re establishing the “10 for 6” campaign. With great focus from February through November (10 months) we will raise the remaining $6 million of our $25 million commitment to The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center.

Each month, a different facet of Eagledom and/or fundraising tool will be emphasized to bring attention to the great work done by Eagles across the organization and to help bring new life to what we do to improve lives around the world.

The campaign kicks off in February with a focus on Founders’ Day and will conclude in November.

A special Founders’ Day tool kit with a press release, flier, PSAs and more, can be found now on the Resources page of our Members-Only website to help you reach out to members of your community regarding the birth of the Eagles on Feb. 6, 1898, and the history of the organization in the 115 years since.

The DRC section of our Members-Only site will feature special information on the "10 for 6" campaign just for current members, as well as reports to update you on the progress we’re making toward our ultimate goal of completing our commitment.

Inside this issue of Soar is an insert with a special “10 for 6” message from Grand Worthy President Ron Stine and Grand Madam President Sally Villalva. Also included is a copy of the flier created to honor the 115th Anniversary of The Fraternal Order of Eagles. Please feel free to share these with fellow Eagles.

Keep an eye on our Members-Only website, Soar, and the Grand Aerie’s Facebook page (facebook.com/FOEGrandAerie) for the latest news regarding our Anniversary and how you can be a part of Eagles history.

News & Notes
Winter Horseshoes Tournament Deadline Approaching
For the second year in a row, Deer Valley #3871 is hosting the Winter Horseshoes Tournament. The tournament takes place Feb. 22-24, with a deadline to enter of Feb. 13. Cost to enter is $20. Deer Valley hopes to make this year’s tournament even better than last year’s so save your spot today! To download the flier and entry form for the Winter Horseshoes Tournament or to find information regarding how you can bid to host or enter our other sporting events, visit the Sports section of our Members-Only website, or call 614-883-2210.

Book Your Convention Room Today
Reservations are now being accepted for the 2013 International Convention, held July 29 – August 1, 2013 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nev. The Grand Sierra previously hosted the 2009 International Convention and has since undergone renovations which will provide an improved guest experience for members of The Fraternal Order of Eagles. The resort features a full casino, bowling alley, movie theater, go kart track, arcade, virtual golf, driving range and more. Rooms are $89 per-night. Visit the Convention page of our Members-Only website to reserve your room. Reservations can be made over the phone by calling 1-800-648-5080.

Program Calendars Now On Sale
The 2013 Grand Aerie Program Calendar is on sale now through the Grand Aerie Supply Department for $15. With relevant dates and deadlines from across the Eagle world, the calendar makes for a great display to help keep members of your Aerie/Auxiliary informed. Each month features a unique artwork from past Children’s Art Contests. The Program Calendar is perfect for hanging on an office wall and is printed on uncoated paper to better allow you to write in your own important deadlines and events. Order yours today by calling the Supply Department at 614-883-2178 or by e-mail at supplies@foe.com.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since the moment six Seattle theater owners gathered on February 6, 1898, to form what became The Fraternal Order of Eagles, communities across the United States and Canada have benefited first hand from the spirit of “People Helping People.” From the creation of Mother’s Day, Social Security and Medicare to the hundreds of millions of dollars donated to various research and assistance organizations across North America, no life has been left untouched by the actions of an Eagle.

As we celebrate 115 years of making the world a better place to live, we’re asking our 850,000 members to join us in making this year the best yet. For years, our Aeries and Auxiliaries have existed in neighborhoods as beacons of hope, friendship and family.

It is time, now, for our generation to honor the great works of those before us and make our own mark. Show the world what it means to be an Eagle. Do it by bringing in new members. Do it by selflessly helping those in need and raising money for our various charities. Do it by helping us complete our commitment to The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center.

Toward that end, we’re establishing the “10 for 6” campaign. With great focus from February through November (10 months) we will raise the $6 million and meet our $25 million promise to find a cure for diabetes. With teamwork and determination, there’s no question we can do it.

When Eagles provided the push to create Mother’s Day and pass Social Security, they didn’t do it alone. They used their influence to educate those around them and build excitement in bringing change to the world. Our organization reached out to non-members and encouraged them to join our cause.

For our 115th year, let’s follow the path laid out by those before us and travel beyond their limits to set a new standard for excellence. With the help of our friends and neighbors we can give more, gain more and reach greater heights than ever.

Please follow our “10 for 6” campaign in print and online. Each month we’ll reveal a new tool or strategy to assist you. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to all of our charities.

Fraternally,

Ron Stine
Grand Worthy President

Sally Villalva
Grand Madam President
For 115 years, communities everywhere have benefited from the hard work and determination of The Fraternal Order of Eagles. To honor our history, the F.O.E. is welcoming community members to help us make a difference in the lives of millions.

Celebrating 61 years of Auxiliary excellence in 2013.