Children's Day Contest Offers Eagles Chance To Win $3,000 Grant

Throughout the year, Aeries and Auxiliaries everywhere hold events geared toward educating and assisting community youth.

The annual Children's Day contest is your opportunity to compete for recognition for your efforts in hopes of receiving a $3,000 grant from the Eagles’ Jimmy Durante Children's Fund to be given to a local organization of your choice.

Any youth-oriented event that was held between Aug. 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014 is eligible for entry. If you've held an event geared toward youth (including Christmas events, Easter Egg hunts, fundraisers to benefit local schools, assisting less fortunate families, etc.), simply download the form from our Children's Day page, write up a summary of your efforts and submit both to the Grand Aerie at marketing@foe.com or by mail to the Grand Aerie Headquarters and you'll be entered to win.

The winner will be determined at the 2014 International Convention in Orlando, Fla.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding Children's Day, let us know at marketing@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2210.

North Dakota 5th Grader Wins Art Contest

Valley City, N.D. Fifth Grader Lissa Jorgensen was awarded the Grand Prize in the 2014 Children's Art Contest for her YouTube collage, which creatively showed how modern technology ties together many of her “Favorite Things.” For complete results and to view each of this year's winners, visit the Children's Art Contest page at www.foe.com.

Niles Eagles Show One Family The Meaning of People Helping People

Part of becoming an Eagle is making a promise to protect and assist not just your brothers and sisters, but your community as a whole. The Eagles of Niles, Ohio, #1476 held true to their word in the winter of 2013 and, in the process, helped a local family of six realize that miracles really do exist.

A local single mother (who has asked to remain anonymous) was living day-to-day, caring for five children as best she could without employment. Despite her best efforts to obtain employment, she began to face the realization that a traditional Christmas simply could not fit the family budget.

Her spirit endured as she put her children to bed, reading a story about Christmas miracles and how funny things can happen during the season of giving.

Meanwhile, the Eagles of Niles #1476 were looking for a way to spread Christmas cheer using their community influence and fundraising ability. They reached a decision to assist an area family in need and contacted the local...
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in kentucky...

Hopkinsville, Ky., Aerie and Auxiliary #3423 did a beautiful job on the seventh annual telethon for the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, enthuses Joe B. Robertson, the Fund's southeast regional director and director of the telethon since its beginning.

This year's gigantic 24-hour effort raised better than $16,000 in pledges. After expenses were deducted, $14,000 was netted for the children-helping fund, and in particular, for the Civitan School for Exceptional Children in Hopkinsville.

Robertson is on stage for about 26-hours total, getting groups on and off camera. This year, from 45 to 60 entertainers turned in fine performances, including Past Grand Worthy President J.C. Mitchell, starring on the fiddle and guitar. Bands, gospel groups, soloists, emcees, dancers - all donate their time and talent to this cause.

Manning the cameras for the marathon stent were Past State President Jim West and Andy Anderson. West has been with the telethon for seven years also. Off-camera activity proceeds at a frenzied pace, with each resulting in a substantial contribution to the cause.

Hopkinsville Aerie's softball team set up roadblocks, collecting more than $2,000 for the telethon. Other Aeries and Auxiliaries holding various programs to swell the telethon coffers were: Kevil, Princeton, Providence, Dawson Springs and Mayfield. State Presidents Jimmy Jones and Linda West, Grand Madam Trustee Barbara Keeling and state officers Henry Keeling, Bill Kettenger, Eugene Wyatt, Bedar Watson, Jerry Pullen for Districts 5 and 6, and Elbert Steinbeck were all in there pitching, says Robertson. All of the clubs did an excellent job in donations and lending support.

Top Producers/ New Leaders
for April 2014

Aerie:

1. #2223 North Canton, OH 63
2. #699 Tarentum, PA 57
3. #824 Winchester, VA 46
4. #3973 Santee, CA 45
5. #486 Coeur D'Alene, ID 41

Auxiliary:

1. #2469 Grand Rapids, MN 28
2. #712 Fremont, OH 26
3. #895 Ironton, OH 26
4. #3214 Whitehall, MI 22
5. #347 Lafayette, IN 20

Aerie (Individual):

1. Kathleen M. Seyfried 45
Santee, CA #3973
2. Cherilyn J. Rhoads 24
Coeur D'Alene, ID #486
3. Roy E. Swartz 23
Winchester, VA #824
4. Michael A. Jordan 17
Larksville, PA #546
5. Bill Neff 14
Cambridge, OH #386
Charles E. Swartz
Tarentum, PA #699

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Barbara J. Stull 10
Fremont, OH #712
2. Robin A. Stenson 9
Sumner, WA #2298
3. Jeannette Smith 8
Port Angeles, WA #483
Charlie E. Cederquist
4. Mary Donaldson (#2051) 7
Coeur D'Alene, ID #486
5. Linda Donaldson (#2051) 7
Phyllis Ryder (#3957) 7
Joanna Vansteenburg (#965) 7
Arkansas
-Representatives of Twin Lakes #3183 donated $1,200 to the Ozark Football Association, a not-for-profit youth football league.

California
-Sanger #1147 donated $3,000 to HOPE Sanger, which works to benefit the homeless. HOPE board members were on hand to receive the check from Sanger Worthy President Denny Noller. Grand Worthy President David Tice and California State President Larry Steketee were on hand to help celebrate the occasion. “I’m grateful to the Eagles and am so happy they are truly giving to the community of Sanger,” said HOPE Sanger CEO/President Julie Mendoza. The grant will be used to purchase coats, hats and accessories for the less fortunate children of Sanger.

Indiana
-The Auxiliary of Beech Grove #4167 presented Grand Madam President Katie Ziebol with a check for $1,500 to benefit Christmas Box House International.

Minnesota
-Detroit Lakes #2342 Past President’s Club CEO Ron Wenberg and Eagles Gaming Manager Jerry Wagendorf presented a check for $5,000 to the Becker County Food Pantry Director Jack Berenz, center. The Minnesota Food Pantry’s food share month is March and every dollar in March is matched with another dollar from the Minnesota Food Pantry. In addition, the Detroit Lakes Auxiliary raised $1,300 for the Pantry. With the donations and matching, the total amount received by the Becker County Food Pantry is $12,600.

Nebraska
-More than 1,000 players filed into the Adams County Fairgrounds the last weekend of March for the annual Nebraska State Eagles Pool Tournament. The Eagles raised approximately $1,600 which will help fund heart transplants at the Children’s Hospital in Omaha. More than 130 teams participated, with 8 players per team. Strokes, of Omaha, won the tournament for the third consecutive year.

Ohio
-Hillsboro #1161 donated $6,500 to the Ernie Blankenship Radio Telethon for the Benefit of the Highland County Society for Children and Adults. The drive raised nearly $144,000 to assist families struggling with medical bills and equipment needs.

- Zanesville #302 donated $4,394.78 to the Zanesville Police Department to purchase 40 digital tape recorders for officers and two cameras for evidence technicians.

Vermont
-Arrowhead #4218 donated $500 to the annual Freezing Fun for Families Winter Co-Ed Softball Tournament to raise money for kids with life-threatening illnesses. This year’s recipient was 2-year-old Brantley Brooks, who is battling Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH). The disease is so rare that Brooks is the first recorded case in the state of Vermont.

Washington
-Daffodil Aerie & Auxiliary #2308 raised a total of $5,042 during a fundraiser held April 6 to benefit families affected by the recent landslide in Oso, Washington. Funds will be sent directly to Pierce County Crime Stoppers attention of Pierce County Detective Ed Troyer, to be dispersed to families which lost their homes as a result of this tragic event.

Virginia
-Virginia Beach Aerie and Auxiliary #3204 celebrated 50 years of service to the community with a special anniversary event. The Aerie was presented with a 50 Year Achievement award from the Grand Aerie and a 50 Year Proclamation Award from Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms and members were presented with 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 45 and 50-year service pins.

Alberta/ Saskatchewan
-For the people of Regina, Aerie & Auxiliary #4126 continually offer a product that simply cannot be ignored. At 110 years old, Regina #4126 is one of the oldest Aeries in existence, but it’s not keeping the members from modernizing their product. In 2012, the Aerie and Auxiliary combined to give $44,000 to local organizations and the Eagle Riders have provided another $14,000 to benefit Wascana Rehab. Their ability to help others begins in the kitchen, with quality food offerings at a great value to consumers. The restaurant is open to the public during lunch and is run to break even, with profits benefitting charity.

Ontario
-Maple Leaf #2311 made a $1,000 donation to the F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center.
Great New Travel Savings
Eagles now have access to great travel rates through LMT Club – a wholesale travel discount club run by travelers, for travelers. LMT provides members with exclusive access to the cheapest hotel, flight, rental car, cruise and vacation home rates in the world! Maximize your next trip by taking advantage of the great services offered to Eagles by LMT Club. To receive your discount, use the code FOETRAVEL.

Eagle Store Now Open
Our members are proud to call themselves Eagles – that’s why we’ve worked to develop a new Eagle store designed to showcase that pride with modern, high-quality items appealing to all ages. Open now, the store includes a variety of items useful to Eagles everywhere and offers discounts on bulk orders to our Aeries and Auxiliaries. Visit foe.com and click the Store tab to see what we have to offer.

Showcase Your Special Talents
Don't miss out on the chance to show off your unique skills. Friday, June 27, is the last day to enter the annual Eagles Talent Show, held July 16, at the Rosen Centre Hotel as part of the 2014 International Convention. Members in good standing, their children and/or their grandchildren are eligible to participate (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Each act will be no longer than four (4) minutes with penalties for exceeding the time limit. Props and/or music must be provided by the entrant. Categories include Male Vocal, Female Vocal, Variety, Comedy, Instrumental and Group in both adult and youth divisions. Visit the Convention page at www.foe.com to download an entry form today.

Grand Aerie Headquarters Notice
The Grand Aerie Headquarters in Grove City, OH, will be closed from Thursday, July 10, through Friday, July 18, due to the 2014 International Convention in Orlando, Fla. Normal operating hours will continue on Monday, July 21. Voicemails and supply orders will be handled in the order in which they are received upon return. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

News & Notes

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schools for help identifying one whose holiday they could provide much needed cheer.

Niles Intermediate School Principal Christopher Staph recommended an area single mother and her five children, who were facing hard times and in need of a Christmas miracle. The Eagles immediately got to work.

Within a few days, money had been raised to purchase a full Christmas breakfast along with fresh fruit and an assortment of cookie dough so the family could bake together. As more money was raised, a Christmas dinner was purchased, including turkey, stuffing, dessert and everything else necessary to keep a family of growing children satisfied on the most wonderful day of the year.

By the end of the first week, enough had been raised to provide the mother with $300 in gift cards ($50 for each child and one for her) to purchase gifts.

The Niles Intermediate School staff was shocked when Eagles arrived on the final school day before Christmas break, armed with an incredible amount of food and goodies for the family. The mother was called and assured that everything was fine, but that she was needed at the school as soon as possible.

Upon arrival, she was overwhelmed by the gesture, repeatedly thanking the Eagles for their efforts. The spirit of season proved contagious as the mother proudly informed the Eagles that she had just been offered a job that would solidify the family’s future, but would not have allowed a proper Christmas without their help.

She asked the principal to bring her two children who attend the Intermediate School to the office to share in the good news. When the mother showed off the care package provided by the Niles Eagles, her youngest boy began to sob and shared the lesson that all parties involved will be sure to take away from the kind gesture – “Mom, that story you read us was right! Christmas miracles really do happen!”
Do you have what it takes to bring in the highest bidder? Donate an item/basket as part of our 2014 International Convention Auction Challenge to benefit The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center.

The best entries will be auctioned off live on stage during the Welcome to Orlando Show Sunday, July 13. Remaining items will be included in a silent auction held throughout the week at the Charity Foundation Booth.

Entries must be dropped off by Noon, Sunday, July 13, to the Marketing & Communications table in the main exhibit area.

2014 Diabetes Research Center Auction Challenge Form
Submit this form along with your item at the International Convention in Orlando

Donated By: __________________________________________________________

Phone #: ____________________________ Estimated Value: ______________________

Item Description: _______________________________________________________

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Ted Newman
Lake Havasu City, AZ #4299

Ted’s cedar trunk inspired a $10,000 bid from the Kansas State Aerie during the 2013 DRC Live Auction.
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MONDAY, JULY 14

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