

Elks National Foundation

2007-08 Impact Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the class of 2008 Impact Grant recipients!



- **Holiday Island, AR, Lodge No. 1042:** Elks will provide **books for first graders** and create and distribute print materials to encourage low-income families to read with their children.
- **San Diego, CA, Lodge No. 168:** Elks will assist in creating public awareness and volunteer assistance to **Partners Therapeutic Horsemanship**. Elks will host a Horse Show with BBQ, sponsor students to participate in other horse shows, and sponsor scholarships for an eight week session.
- **Chico, CA, Lodge No. 423:** Elks will **start a SAGE (Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship) program** at three high schools in Chico. Through this program, students start real world businesses and social enterprises, as well as compete at statewide, national and worldwide competitions.
- **El Cajon, CA, Lodge No. 1812:** Elks will initiate a program to aggressively seek donations of musical instruments for use by **needy children in a local youth symphony**. Additionally, the Elks Lodge will host a youth symphony concert.
- **Rancho Cordova, CA, Lodge No. 2484:** Elks will provide year-round material support and **food to families of military personnel posted overseas**, returning injured and maimed vets, and families with special needs identified by local police and fire departments.



- **Bridgeport, CT, Lodge No. 36:** Elks will provide a monthly **meal and care packages to the residents of Homes for the Brave**, a transitional shelter for homeless veterans.
- **Naugatuck, CT, Lodge No. 967:** Elks will **assist senior citizens in maintaining their homes** through simple maintenance and energy improvements.

- **Cocoa Beach, FL, Lodge No. 2387:** Elks will provide **veterans with care packages** of essential items to help them through the rehabilitation process and during key transition periods when the veteran is returning to an independent living situation.



- **Lake Placid, FL, Lodge No. 2661:** Elks will partner with Meals on Wheels of Lake Placid to initiate and implement a new organization that will **deliver meals to clients** in the Greater Lake Placid community.
- **Port Orange, FL, Lodge No. 2723:** Elks will provide **holiday meals to homebound seniors** who depend on meal delivery service.
- **Marion, IL, Lodge No. 800:** Elks will provide **personal hygiene products for people in low- or crisis-income situations** to help ease financial burdens while encouraging a healthier lifestyle.
- **Ashland, KY, Lodge No. 350:** Elks will **improve an existing after-school program for at-risk students** and expand it to other school locations. Activities will include sports, gardening, art, music and drama. Events to include parents will also be held.
- **Chestertown, MD, Lodge No. 2474:** Elks will **purchase and distribute food bins** to collect non-perishable foods throughout Kent County. Elks will collect donations monthly and deliver them to the food pantry.



- **Ferndale, MI, Lodge No. 1588:** Elks will **develop an after-school program to target students in fourth through sixth grades**. Activities will focus on increased math and reading skills while also developing leadership skills and community involvement.
- **Midland, MI, Lodge No. 1610:** Community organizations are coming together to build a community recreation center and medical building. Elks will **purchase kitchen equipment**,

preschool play equipment, and computer equipment for the new community recreation center.

- **Rahway, NJ, Lodge No. 1075:** To **improve literacy and cultural awareness**, Elks will interact with second graders, assisting them in understanding other cultures and preparing recipes from around the world. They will also donate related books to the school libraries.
- **Toms River, NJ, Lodge No. 1875:** Elks will **educate businesses on the benefits and importance of hiring young adults with disabilities** and set-up a "job sampling" program for students to gain work experience while in school.
- **Greater Wildwood, NJ, Lodge No. 1896:** Elks will work with a local food pantry to **distribute fresh produce** to those in need throughout the Greater Wildwood community.
- **Lockport, NY, Lodge No. 41:** Elks will establish an annual week-long **summer camp** tailored to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- **Rotterdam, NY, Lodge No. 2157:** Elks will provide funding for **various repairs and renovations of a park**, including repairing public restrooms and restoring a community room used by senior groups.
- **Lock Haven, PA, Lodge No. 182:** Elks will form a **partnership with the YMCA to offer** nutrition and fitness programs to local youths who want to make a positive change in their lifestyle.
- **New Braunfels, TX, Lodge No. 2279:** Elks will start a program to provide **low-cost or free dental services** and educate the community on preventative care.



- **Stephenville, TX, Lodge No. 2834:** Elks will work with other organizations to build an **accessible baseball field** with sidewalks, dugouts and bleachers.
- **Naval (Port Angeles), WA, Lodge No. 353:** Elks will convert two unused tennis courts located in the Elks Memorial Playfield into **six pickle ball courts**. After the conversion is complete, Elks will sponsor pickle ball leagues for seniors and students.
- **Wausau, WI, Lodge No. 248:** Elks will become a major contributor of both volunteers and funding to provide elderly and disabled adults with the freedom a **ramp** provides.

For information about the Elks National Foundation Impact Grants or other Community Investments Program grants, please visit www.elks.org/enf/community or call 773/755-4954.