



Elks National Foundation

2008-09 Impact Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the class of 2009 Impact Grant recipients! The following projects will receive between \$3,000 and \$10,000 to help make a difference in their communities. (★ Indicates renewal grant)

- **Kingman, AZ, Lodge No. 468:** Elks will host **all-day fishing expeditions** for children and veterans.
- ★ **San Diego, CA, Lodge No. 168:** Elks will expand on their Impact Grant to include injured military members in their **therapeutic horsemanship** project. The Lodge members will serve as sidewalkers, host a BBQ and more.
- **Grass Valley, CA, Lodge No. 538:** Elks will **supply healthy snacks and meals** to children in Nevada County schools and low-income apartment complexes. There will also be a monthly food distribution site with educational materials on fighting obesity.
- ★ **El Cajon, CA, Lodge No. 1812:** Elks will continue program to aggressively seek donations of musical instruments for use by **needy children in a local youth symphony**. Additionally, the Elks Lodge will host youth symphony concerts.
- ★ **Rancho Cordova, CA, Lodge No. 2484:** Elks will continue to 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.
- **Telluride, CO, Lodge No. 692:** Regional youth will be offered an opportunity to **compete across a first-class orienteering course** in the San Juan massif. Elks will organize the event, create the course, and sponsor teams of youths from local high schools.
- ★ **Bridgeport, CT, Lodge No. 36:** Elks will continue to 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 continue to **assist senior citizens in maintaining their homes** through simple maintenance and energy improvements.
- **Tampa, FL, Lodge No. 708:** Elks will **work with local transitional home for homeless female veterans** to provide the women with ample opportunities to continue their relationship with their children.
- **St. Augustine, FL, Lodge No. 829:** Elks will help create the **Kids Fit Club** to introduce high-risk, low-income children to a healthier lifestyle.
- **Milton, FL, Lodge No. 2377:** Will provide **transportation for veterans** who cannot or should not drive to the new Veteran's Affairs clinic in the neighboring county.
- ★ **Cocoa Beach, FL, Lodge No. 2387:** Elks will continue to provide **veterans with care packages** of essential items to help them through the rehabilitation process and during key transition periods.
- **Jupiter, FL, Lodge No. 2469:** Elks will provide **200 Holiday Dinners** to local needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- ★ **Lake Placid, FL, Lodge No. 2661:** Elks will continue to **deliver meals** five days a week to homebound and disabled citizens.
- **Pearl City, HI, Lodge No. 2669:** Elks will provide **Christmas trees and individualized presents** to veterans at a local rehabilitation center.
- **Decorah, IA, Lodge No. 443:** Elks will provide a **personal finance course for high school students** to prepare them to be financially literate and responsible.
- **Preston, ID, Lodge No. 1670:** Elks will help **renovate and repair** kitchen, bathrooms and delivery vehicles for senior citizen center and meals on wheels program.
- **Waukegan, IL, Lodge No. 702:** Elks will work with an after-school program to **provide training in amateur boxing**, emphasizing teamwork, education, community relations and sportsmanship.
- ★ **Marion, IL, Lodge No. 800:** Elks will continue to provide **personal hygiene products for people in low- or crisis-income situations** to help ease financial burdens and encourage a healthier lifestyle.
- **Carlinville, IL, Lodge No. 1412:** Elks will provide **food and educational programming** to low-income individuals to teach people to create nutritious meals on a shoe string.
- **Vincennes, IN, Lodge No. 291:** Elks will **enlarge the local animal shelter** to include fencing for the animals to go outside, help with repairs of the existing building, and provide heat and ventilation for the animals.
- **Wabash, IN, Lodge No. 471:** Elks will **construct an overlook** as part of a larger riverwalk and host educational seminars about the environment and healthy lifestyles.
- **Bicknell, IN, Lodge No. 1421:** Elks will host a **back-to-school mall** to provide a free back pack and school supplies for needy children, as well as personal hygiene products and a snack.
- **Goodland, KS, Lodge No. 1528:** Elks will collect **non-perishable food items** to give to Genesis food pantry and needy families in the community. Elks will volunteer to pack and deliver the food to those in need.
- ★ **Ashland, KY, Lodge No. 350:** Elks will continue to **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.
- **Opelousas, LA, Lodge No. 1048:** Elks will work with the Boys and Girls Club to bring youth on **educational field trips** and provide positive role models.
- **Christian County, MO, Lodge No. 2777:** Elks will help Christian County Family Violence Center **build a new kitchen for residents**, provide meals for residents during construction and hold a shower to raise donations.
- **Raleigh, NC, Lodge No. 735:** Elks will **collect stories of veterans** using audio and video recordings and preserve the recordings for their educational and historic value.
- **Hickory, NC, Lodge No. 1654:** The Lodge will **provide a hot, home cooked meal to the needy** one Sunday every month. They will also provide clothing, shoes and other items.

- ★ **Toms River, NJ, Lodge No. 1875:** Elks will continue to **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 continue to work with a local food pantry to **distribute fresh produce** to those in need throughout the Greater Wildwood community.
- **Colonie, NY, Lodge No. 2192:** Elks will **host monthly events, including themed dances, for members from the community with disabilities.**
- ★ **Lockport, NY, Lodge No. 41:** Elks will continue an annual **week-long summer camp** tailored to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- **Herkimer, NY, Lodge No. 1439:** Elks will **provide food and volunteers** to the nine food pantries in Herkimer County.
- **Clifton Park, NY, Lodge No. 2466:** Elks will **provide refurbished bicycles** to youth from low-income families so they can commute to school, jobs, and recreational activities.
- **Indian Lake, OH, Lodge No. 2792:** Elks will work with a **neighborhood outreach center** to create a playground, support after-school programs and collect supply donations.
- **Coos Bay, OR, Lodge No. 1160:** Elks will **provide weekend snack packs** to children at Blossom Gulch Elementary School.
- **Bristol County, RI, Lodge No. 1860:** Elks will **supplement donations to local food pantries** and ensure that they have all of the necessary supplies to serve the community.
- **Cleburne, TX, Lodge No. 811:** Lodge will **provide one nutritious meal and one snack each day** for residents at the local family crisis center.
- ★ **New Braunfels, TX, Lodge No. 2279:** Elks will continue their program to provide **low-cost or free dental services** and educate the community on preventative care.
- **Arlington-Fairfax, VA, Lodge No. 2188:** Elks will provide a **job skills training program** for military spouses and war wounded caregivers, in partnership with Operation Life Transformed.
- **Tri-Cities, WA, Lodge No. 2755:** Lodge will **construct kennels and provide supplies** so that the Domestic Violence Services of Benton & Franklin Counties can accept women and children fleeing with their pets from domestic violence.
- ★ **Wausau, WI, Lodge No. 248:** Elks will continue to **construct ramps at personal residences** to provide elderly and disabled adults with the freedom a ramp provides.
- **Watertown, WI, Lodge No. 666:** Elks will **collect, clean, refurbish and deliver needed medical equipment**, including crutches, walkers, comodes, wheel chairs, canes and hospital beds to those who request it.
- **Wheeling, WV, Lodge No. 28:** Elks will **host local youth once a week for a wholesome meal.** Featured community members will attend as guests, and homework help will be offered.

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.