



Elks National Foundation

2010 Impact Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the class of 2010 Impact Grant recipients! The following projects will receive between \$2,500 and \$10,000 to help make a difference in their communities. (Red indicates renewal grant.)

- ❖ **Blocton, AL, Lodge No. 710:** Elks will partner with a local high school to facilitate a **communitywide book club**.
- ❖ **Holiday Island, AR, Lodge No. 1042:** Elks will provide books and promote reading to youth in the community.
- ❖ **Highland, AR, Lodge No. 2539:** Elks will **sponsor low-income students** in the community, providing them with school supplies, basic necessities, and other support.
- ❖ **Kingman, AZ, Lodge No. 468:** Elks will continue to host all-day **fishing expeditions for children and veterans**.
- ❖ **Page, AZ, Lodge No. 2498:** Elks will **expand a second-hand shop** in their community that funds a local domestic violence shelter.
- ❖ **San Francisco, CA, Lodge No. 3:** Elks will establish a **new field studies program** at a local alternative high school.
- ❖ **Grass Valley, CA, Lodge No. 538:** Elks will continue to **supply healthy snacks and meals to children** in Nevada County schools and low-income apartment complexes. They will also maintain a monthly food distribution site with educational materials on fighting obesity.
- ❖ **Santa Barbara, CA, Lodge No. 613:** Elks will offer **weekly support to a Veterans clinic** by providing supplies and food, and holding holiday and other events for Veterans.
- ❖ **El Cajon, CA, Lodge No. 1812:** Elks will continue a program to seek **donations of musical instruments** for use by needy children in a local youth symphony. The Elks will also host youth symphony concerts at the Lodge.
- ❖ **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**.
- ❖ **Evergreen, CO, Lodge No. 2363:** Elks will partner with Operation Silver Spurs to provide a **therapeutic horseback riding program** for veterans.
- ❖ **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 continue to **work with a local transitional home for homeless female veterans** to provide the women with ample opportunities to continue their relationships with their children.
- ❖ **St. Augustine, FL, Lodge No. 829:** Elks will continue to hold the **Kids Fit Club**, teaching high-risk, low-income children about healthy choices.
- ❖ **West Palm Beach, FL, Lodge No. 1352:** Elks will partner with Habitat for Humanity to **provide meals for volunteers** several times a week.
- ❖ **Milton, FL, Lodge No. 2377:** Elks will continue to **provide transportation for veterans** who are unable to drive to the new Veteran's Affairs clinic in the neighboring county.
- ❖ **Lake Placid, FL, Lodge No. 2661:** Elks will continue to **deliver meals five days a week** to citizens with disabilities and those who are homebound.
- ❖ **Cartersville, GA, Lodge No. 1969:** Elks will provide supplies for and **hold a children's program** at a community safe shelter.
- ❖ **Weiser, ID, Lodge No. 1683:** Elks will **construct a new fishing dock** at a popular community lake, making it accessible to people with disabilities.
- ❖ **Marion, IL, Lodge No. 800:** Elks will continue to **provide personal hygiene products** for people in low- or crisis-income situations, helping to ease financial burdens and encouraging healthier lifestyles.
- ❖ **Carlinville, IL, Lodge No. 1412:** Elks will hold **an after-school program** for kids, teaching them about healthy choices.
- ❖ **Bicknell, IN, Lodge No. 1421:** Elks will again host a **back-to-school mall**, providing free backpacks, school supplies, personal hygiene products and snacks to needy children.
- ❖ **Winfield, KS, Lodge No. 732:** Elks will take the lead in providing supplies and recruiting volunteers for a city **neighborhood home repair program**.
- ❖ **Junction City, KS, Lodge No. 1037:** Elks will renovate, repair and **expand the capacity of a transitional home** for families.
- ❖ **Goodland, KS, Lodge No. 1528:** Elks will continue to collect nonperishable 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 **afterschool program for at-risk students** and expand it to other school locations. Activities include sports, gardening, art, music and drama.
- ❖ **Opelousas, LA, Lodge No. 1048:** Elks will partner with the sheriff's office to hold 30 weekends of **hunting and fishing trips for at-risk youth.**
- ❖ **Columbia, MO, Lodge No. 594:** Elks will hold **an after-school program** for youth at the Lodge three days a week, **promoting service** to the community.
- ❖ **Raleigh, NC, Lodge No. 735:** Elks will continue to **collect veterans' stories**, using audio and video to preserve recordings for their educational and historic value.
- ❖ **Calabash, NC, Lodge No. 2679:** Elks will provide **meals for residents at a local domestic violence shelter**, as well as renovate the building.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **North Las Vegas, NV, Lodge No. 2353:** Elks will co-chair a **Stand Down for Veterans** event, providing clothing and access to medical, dental and counseling services to homeless veterans.
- ❖ **Lockport, NY, Lodge No. 41:** Elks will continue an annual **week-long summer camp** tailored to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- ❖ **Mid-Westchester, NY, Lodge No. 535:** Elks will partner with Cerebral Palsy of Westchester to plan and **host a social group for teens** with disabilities.
- ❖ **Watervliet, NY, Lodge No. 1500:** Elks will teach and **provide low-income youth with hands-on experience producing videos** for a local public access channel.
- ❖ **Gouverneur, NY, Lodge No. 2035:** Elks will provide **social opportunities for people with disabilities** by holding quarterly dances at the Lodge.
- ❖ **Clifton Park, NY, Lodge No. 2466:** Elks will **provide refurbished bicycles to youth** and adults from low-income families so they can commute to school, jobs, and recreational activities.

- ❖ **Coos Bay, OR, Lodge No. 1160:** Elks will continue to **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** to ensure that they have all of the necessary supplies to serve the community.
- ❖ **Florence, SC, Lodge No. 1020:** Elks will hold an after-school **woodworking and carpentry program** for at-risk students.
- ❖ **Cleburne, TX, Lodge No. 811:** Elks will continue to **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 dental services to those in need**, as well as educate the community on preventative care.
- ❖ **St. George 'Dixie', UT, Lodge No. 1743:** Elks will provide material and other **support to students at an alternative high school** who are young parents or living independently.
- ❖ **Onancock, VA, Lodge No. 1766:** Elks will **provide fresh produce to clients** at the widely depended upon **community food bank**.
- ❖ **Staunton, VA, Lodge No. 351:** Elks will **build bunk beds** and provide mattresses and linens and other **support to a local homeless shelter**, greatly increasing its capacity.
- ❖ **Alexandria, VA, Lodge No. 758:** Elks will hold a **soup kitchen at the Lodge** each weekday at lunch, serving 30 people, many of whom are veterans.
- ❖ **Arlington-Fairfax, VA, Lodge No. 2188:** Elks will continue to provide **a job skills training program for military spouses** and war wounded caregivers, in partnership with Military to Medicine.
- ❖ **Wausau, WI, Lodge No. 248:** Elks will continue to **construct ramps at personal residences** to provide elderly adults and those with disabilities the freedom of a more accessible life.
- ❖ **Wheeling, WV, Lodge No. 28:** Elks will continue to **host local youth once a week for a wholesome meal**. Featured community members will attend as guests, and homework help will be offered.