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F O R E W O R D

A Letter from the Director

Dear Friend:

Reading Legacy Award applications drives home the central role the Elks play in their communities. Applicants are asked to describe their experiences or involvement with the Elks, and so many of them write about literally growing up at the Lodge.

They learned to swim at the Elks pool. They fished for the first time at the Elks fishing derby. Their Scout troop was sponsored by the Lodge. They participated in the Hoop Shoot. Or the Soccer Shoot. Or both. They hunted for Easter eggs at the Lodge. They attended Christmas parties there.

When they aged out of the youth programs, many of the applicants crossed the line and joined us in our volunteer service. They joined the Antlers. They shagged balls at Hoop Shoots and Soccer Shoots. They delivered food baskets to underprivileged families. They sang carols to veterans. They hid Easter eggs and wrapped presents. They got their first job at the Lodge waiting tables.

And now they're applying for scholarships.

In a recent article about membership, Elks National President Jim Nichelson wrote about the Order's appeal to people in the community who are interested in family-oriented activities. The essays in these Legacy applications are exactly what he was talking about. And so are the stories in this book.


“An active Lodge, working relevant projects, will draw interest,” he wrote. “Organizations that grow are organizations that strike a responsive chord in the community.”

The Elks are shaping the lives of the youth in our communities—not just our kids, but all the kids. Let's invite our friends and neighbors to join us. Together we can build stronger communities.


Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim O'Kelley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JIM O'KELLEY
DIRECTOR



Grandma, have you seen my ElkPod? I am, like, SO BORED!



Well, my dear – If you aren't going to help with the elkberry preserves, go and see your grandfather. I hear he has something **VERY UNUSUAL** to show you...



Ooh, something **COOL**?

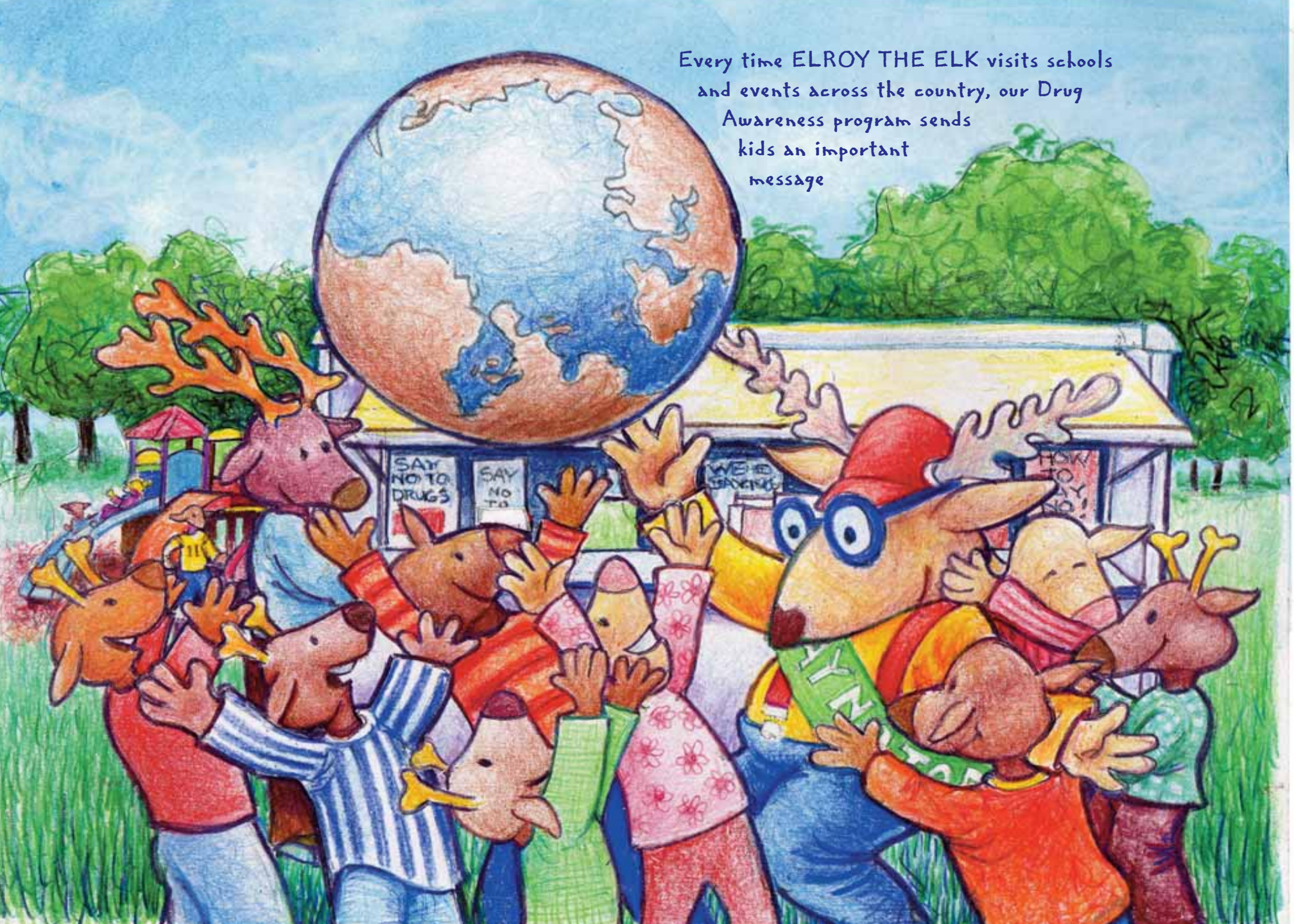
That old
box
of junk?
Oh,
Grampa!



"JUNK," eh?
As you'll see,
this box really
contains treas-
ures ...which
tell a story of
some very
special Elks,
and their
legacy of
benevolence.



Every time ELROY THE ELK visits schools and events across the country, our Drug Awareness program sends kids an important message



CHAPTER ONE

I Have Better Things To Do Than Drugs

Each year, the Elks National Drug Awareness Program prints and distributes millions of pieces of anti-drug educational literature to students, parents, teachers and community members. By distributing anti-drug educational literature, and producing public service announcements, music videos and podcasts, the Drug Awareness Program gets the word out against drugs.

The program also sponsors essay and poster contests for youth. This year's winning Drug Awareness Program essay is by Mark Gerken of Lake Sherwood, Miss., and the winning poster is by artist Jasmine Dightmon of Mesa, Ariz.

For more information on the Drug Awareness Program, visit www.elks.org/dap.



Elks Drug Awareness Program Essay Contest Winners

“I Have Better Things To Do Than Drugs”

BY MARK GERKEN OF LAKE SHERWOOD, MISS

"Hey, do you want to go do some drugs with me?" "No thanks, I have better things to do than drugs." "Things better than drugs, like what?" "Are you kidding? There's soccer, basketball, tennis, baseball, Boy Scouts, gymnastics, even music lessons are good." "Wow, there are a lot of things to do! I think I might join a few of them." This would be a dream conversation for me, to be able to turn somebody off drugs that easy, that fast.

I do have better things to do than drugs; I am very busy... and I like it. I am out experiencing new things all the time, constantly joining new clubs and after-school activities. I am still drug-free, never touched a cigarette, or have ever had alcohol touch my lips. I am busy but still have time to do homework, type essays, have free time, and still spend time with my family. I think my family is the main reason for staying drug-free because they inspire me to stay busy while still having fun. I am In Boy Scouts, National Junior Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of the "The Boxing Gym" where I take kickboxing, take drum and piano lessons, play the trumpet in school, and am part of a bowling league. With all those activities, I still finish my homework with more than enough time. I am holding straight A's and I'm proud of it and making sure I keep it that way.

I have never touched any drugs or alcohol and don't want to; nothing but trouble can come from it. If I started using drugs or alcohol, my grades would drop, I would never want to do my activities, and it would mess up my whole life, academically and socially. I know if I knew somebody who was always intoxicated or under the influence I would never want to be around him/her and would dread any time I was. I would hope that even if somebody were friends with somebody like that, the last thing they would want to do would be to try to push drugs on somebody. So my choice between drugs and fun activities is a no-brainer.

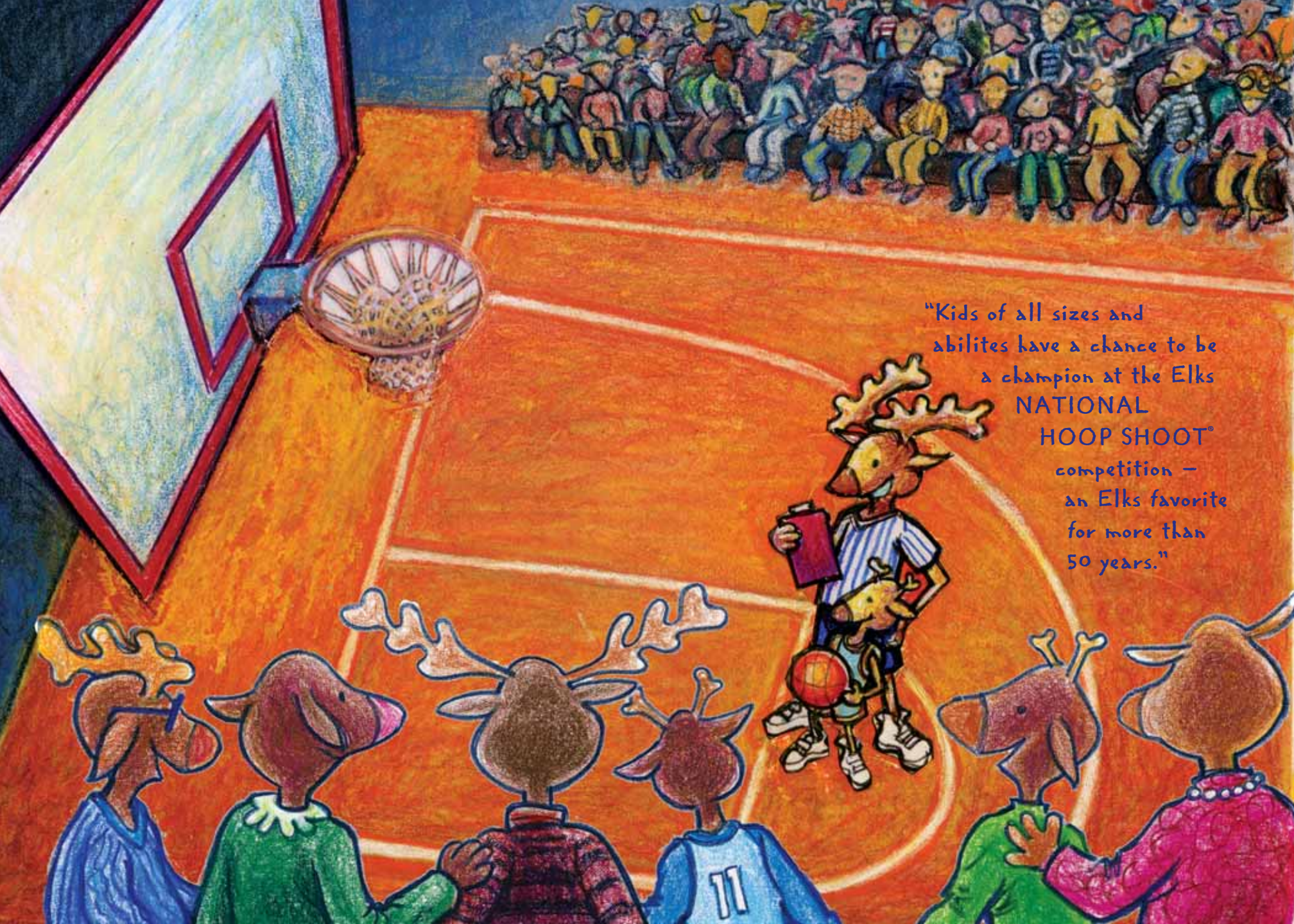
I would always choose activities because it saves you from boredom, which can lead to trouble. Drugs can get you arrested, mess with your physical health, ruin life-long friendships, destroy your grades, and tear families apart. Drugs are able to haunt you for the rest of your life, because one incident with the police and you have a record, the record goes to any possible job you want and will cause you to most likely not get it, and you will have to deal with horrible jobs your whole life, all because of one night when you were a teenager. Now you ask, was it worth it? I am drug, tobacco, and alcohol free and plan to stay that way!

*Artwork by poster contest winner:
Jasmine Dightmon of Mesa, Ariz.*

I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN DRUGS!



Jasmine Dightman



"Kids of all sizes and abilities have a chance to be a champion at the Elks NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT® competition – an Elks favorite for more than 50 years."

CHAPTER TWO

Champions: Available in All Sizes

In 1946, the first Elks Hoop Shoot® Free Throw Contest was held in Corvallis, Ore., to give children of all sizes and abilities a chance to be a champion. Since then, the Hoop Shoot has grown into a national program with more than three million participants each year. The contests begin at the local level, with winners advancing through district, state and regional competitions to reach the national finals.



Six national champions are crowned in Springfield, Mass., each year—one boy and one girl in each of the three age categories. The top overall girl and boy shooters are awarded the Getty Powell Award, an honor named after the first Hoop Shoot® National Director, and are invited to attend the Elks National Convention. The 2010 Getty Powell recipients are Blake Finn from Big Timber, Mont., and Kali Tomlin from Cassatt, S.C.

Congratulations to the 72 national finalists listed here. The numbers listed to the right of the names represent the shooter's final score, out of 25 shots, along with a shoot-off score where applicable. For more information about the Hoop Shoot® program, visit www.elks.org/hoopshoot.

They're Going to Disneyworld!

Where do all athletes go to celebrate a championship? Disneyworld, of course! The same is true for this year's Hoop Shoot Getty Powell winners Kali Tomlin from Casatt, S.C., and Blake Finn from Big Timber, Mont.

THE GIRL WHO COULD FLY

If you ask many of the Hoop Shooters what their favorite part of the National Finals is, most will say visiting the Basketball Hall of Fame or winning a trophy. But not Getty Powell winner Kali Tomlin. She's most grateful for the experience the Elks have given her.

"I liked seeing things I have never seen before," says Kali. "I got to fly in a plane, which I had never done before, and I enjoyed competing in the competition and meeting other players."

At first glance, Kali is just like any other third-grader. Her favorite subject is science, she enjoys being with her friends, and she started playing on a basketball team this year. However, it's her determination and persistence that set her apart.

To prepare for the National Finals, Kali had a basketball in her hand whenever she had free time. She practiced everyday with her cousin Tripp, and also played basketball with friends and family. She would go to church early on Wednesday nights before the Nationals with her mom to practice shooting free-throws. Even after all of this practice, she would also go to her basketball coach's house to shoot.



It's no wonder that Kali came out of the competition on top. Along with her rigorous practice schedule, she also had her whole family encouraging her to just have fun and reminding her she is already a winner. But, one thing definitely sealed the win for her.

"I have a good luck penny," says Kali. "I carried it with me through the entire contest."

This summer, Kali will fly on a plane again to Orlando, Fla., for her very first time. She'll be attending the Grand Lodge Convention where she'll be able to thank the Elks in person for another new experience.

THE BUSIEST BOY IN BIG TIMBER

Third-grader Blake Finn has a very busy schedule. He plays basketball on a 3-on-3 traveling team and also with his brother's 6th grade team. In the summer, he plays baseball and next fall will get to play little guy football. On top of all that, Blake also participates with a 4-H Group called The Livestock Busters. With all of these activities, did he have any time to practice for the Hoop Shoot?

"I began practicing in October 2009 five days a week for about one hour a day," says Blake. "I shot just like in the contest, and I had to get at least 22 for 25 before I could be done for the day."

Practice, along with his lucky blue jersey, helped Blake advance from the Lodge level all the way to the Regional contest. At Regionals, he shot 22 for 25 and won a place at the National Finals. When he returned to school, he was congratulated by his classmates and teachers, but the celebrating didn't end there.

"All my teachers and friends were very supportive," says Blake. "My school had a surprise send off for me before Nationals and made me lots of posters wishing me good luck."

The National Finals was a great experience for Blake. He visited the Basketball Hall of Fame, met a bunch of

new friends from around the country, and participated in a shoot-off for the Getty Powell award against a 10-year old boy. Even after all of this excitement, he was the happiest when he received the booklet of good-luck messages from the Elks.

"The Elks had a website for anyone to wish the shooters good luck before the national contest," says Blake. "They made it into a book and surprised me with it when I arrived. It is really neat."

Between his many sports teams and 4-H competitions, Blake will also be traveling to Orlando for the Grand Lodge Convention to receive his trophy and tell the Elks about his dedicated practice schedule. But, despite his busy schedule, we're sure he'll squeeze in a trip to Disneyworld.





2010 National Hoop Shoot® • Final Results

BOYS 8-9 HOMETOWN

NAME	HOMETOWN	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
BLAKE FINN*	Big Timber, MT	Livingston Lodge No. 246	24/25
Ty Hunt	Woodrow, CO	Akron Lodge No. 2579	23/25 (10/10)
Thomas Hursey	Traverse City, MI	Traverse City Lodge No. 323	23/25 (14/15)
Holt Richardson	Fayetteville, TN	Fayetteville Lodge No. 1792	23/25 (13/15)
Noah Slagter	Blomkest, MN	Willmar Lodge No. 952	23/25 (3/5)
Jonas Nauman	Twin Falls, ID	Snake River Lodge No. 2807	22/25
Gabe Zummo	Bridgeport, WV	Clarksburg Lodge No. 482	22/25
Jordan Brown	Albany, GA	Albany Lodge No. 713	22/25
Robert Burries	Globe, AZ	Pinal Mountain Lodge No. 2809	21/25
Jackson Davis	Plano, TX	Plano-Richardson Lodge No. 2485	19/25
Alex Price	Danbury, CT	Danbury Lodge No. 120	18/25
Benjamin Lubowitz	Harrison, NY	Mamaroneck Lodge No. 1457	16/25

BOYS 10-11 HOMETOWN

NAME	HOMETOWN	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Brock Ravet	Ellensburg, WA	Lake Sammamish Lodge No. 1843	24/25
Oakley Baker	Geneva, MN	Owatonna Lodge No. 1395	22/25 (5/5)
Jaron Mecham	Bringham City, UT	Golden Spike Lodge No. 719	22/25 (3/5)
Cole Swider	Portsmouth, RI	Newport Lodge No. 104	22/25 (2/5)
Jon Michael Cloud	Topeka, KS	Topeka Lodge No. 204	19/25
Dylan Pittman	Lawrenceburg, KY	Frankfort Lodge No. 530	18/25
Macaul Martin	Baytown, TX	Liberty Lodge No. 2019	17/25
Drew Jones	Holly Pond, AL	Cullman Lodge No. 1609	16/25
Drew Magestro	Sharon, PA	Sharon Lodge No. 103	16/25
Jordan Greynolds	Canton, OH	Cuyahoga Falls-Akron-Barberton Lodge No. 1923	15/25
Matthew Guenther	Bismark, ND	Bismark-Mandan Lodge No. 1199	14/25
Zach Musgrove	Grafton, WV	Grafton Lodge No. 308	13/25

BOYS 12-13 HOMETOWN

NAME	HOMETOWN	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Ryan Cline	Carmel, IN	Noblesville Lodge No. 576	23/25 (5/5)
Nicholas Fortenberry	Augusta, GA	Augusta Lodge No. 205	23/25 (4/5)
Emmitt Wheatley	Adair, IA	Atlantic Lodge No. 445	23/25 (1/5)
Chris Granado	Willcox, AZ	Willcox Lodge No. 2131	22/25
Carson Zarak	Wahpeton, ND	Wahpeton Lodge No. 2147	21/25
Fox Maikovich	Lakewood, CO	Boulder Lodge No. 566	21/25
Mitch Moulton	John Day, OR	John Day Lodge No. 1824	21/25
Colin Dougherty	Lockport, NY	Lockport Lodge No. 41	21/25
Tanner Curtin	St. Joseph, MO	St. Joseph Lodge No. 40	20/25
Sam Brown	Lee, ME	Bangor Lodge No. 244	17/25
Mitchell Crutchfield	Fairmont, WV	Grafton Lodge No. 308	17/25
Cameron Garner	Plaquemine, LA	Plaquemine Lodge No. 1398	16/25

GIRLS 8-9 HOMETOWN

NAME	HOMETOWN	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
KALI TOMLIN*	Cassatt, SC	Camden-Lugoff Lodge No. 2603	23/25 (5/5)
Conner Keith	Penokee, KS	Hill City Lodge No. 1995	23/25 (4/5)
Gracee Dishman	Crossville, TN	Cumberland County Lodge No. 2751	22/25
Sophia Lathe	Carmichael, CA	Carmichael Lodge No. 2103	21/25
Mary Stewart	Pendleton, OR	Pendleton Lodge No. 288	21/25
Sophia Palladino	Forest, VA	Bedford Lodge No. 2844	20/25
Tara Bieniewicz	Chesterfield, MI	Mount Clemens Lodge No. 2124	18/25
Lindsey Eimers	Peosta, IA	Dubuque Lodge No. 297	18/25
Christina Richson	Summit, NJ	Summit Lodge No. 1246	18/25
Karly Gore	Taloga, OK	Woodward Lodge No. 1355	17/25
Jamie Pickens	Clancy, MT	Helena Lodge No. 193	13/25
Gabrielle DePatsy	Waldoboro, ME	Rockland Lodge No. 1008	13/25

GIRLS 10-11 HOMETOWN

NAME	HOMETOWN	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Leah Church	Purlear, NC	North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 1846	21/25
Taylor Robertson	McPherson, KS	McPherson Lodge No. 502	19/25 (5/5)
Sofia Stamatiadis	Cleveland, TN	Cleveland Lodge No. 1944	19/25 (3/5)
Alisa Benson	Newport, RI	Newport Lodge No. 104	18/25
Alexis Hanley	Chippewa Falls, WI	Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 1326	18/25
Hannah Laidig	Breezewood, PA	Bedford Lodge No. 1707	16/25
Sarah Yount	Carmel, IN	Noblesville Lodge No. 576	16/25
Fabiana Jiminez	Glendale, CA	Burbank Lodge No. 1497	16/25
Tierra Decker	Huron, SD	Huron Lodge No. 444	15/25
Sequoia Swan	Lapwai, ID	Lewiston Lodge No. 896	14/25
Taylor Acree	Sapulpa, OK	Sapulpa Lodge No. 1118	13/25
Lexi Hall	Williamston, SC	Anderson Lodge No. 1206	11/25

GIRLS 12-13 HOMETOWN

NAME	HOMETOWN	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Autumn Whirley	New Paris, OH	Richmond Lodge No. 649	22/25 (5/5)
Karen Baker	Mexico, MO	Mexico Lodge No. 919	22/25 (3/5)
Addy Clift	Kiowa, OK	McAlester Lodge No. 533	21/25 (5/5)
Abby Pyne	Dixmont, ME	Bangor Lodge No. 244	21/25 (4/5)
Sarra Pollock	McConnellsburg, PA	Chambersburg Lodge No. 600	21/25 (3/5)
Serena Frederick	Flasher, ND	Bismark-Mandan Lodge No. 1199	20/25
Regan Harr	Twin Falls, ID	Snake River Lodge No. 2807	19/25
Casey Davis	Stevensville, MD	Kent Island Lodge No. 2576	18/25
Tyra Buss	Mount Carmel, IL	Mount Carmel Lodge No. 715	17/25
Maci Coffey	Blue Hill, NE	Hastings Lodge No. 159	16/25
Kayla Kivinski	Tarpon Springs, FL	Tarpon Springs Lodge No. 1719	16/25
Kassidy Lommori	Yerington, NV	Hawthorne Lodge No. 1704	11/25

*Denotes Getty Powell Award winner as highest-scoring girl and boy overall.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

From helping Elks families
in their time
of need...

...and awarding students
for EXCELLENCE

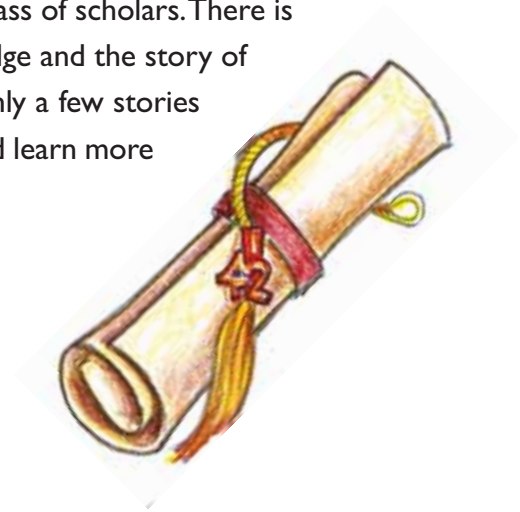
Securing our LEGACY
for years to come.

CHAPTER THREE

Elks Know Education Counts!

The gift of education is one that every child should receive. The Elks National Foundation is awarded more than 850 scholarships to students during the 2009-10 school year. Through our three scholarship programs; the Most Valuable Student Scholarship, Legacy Awards, and Emergency Educational Grants, students are given endless possibilities. Students looking for campus jobs and financial aid opportunities to pay for their education can now focus on their studies and participate in extracurricular activities. Their Elks scholarship provides financial security.

In the following sections, you will read remarkable stories from this year's class of scholars. There is the story of one of our Legacy Awards winners who volunteers at her local Lodge and the story of an EEG recipient's amazing accomplishments after losing his father. These are only a few stories of the incredible students whose dreams the ENF has helped achieve. To read and learn more about ENF scholars, please visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.



PART I

Most Valuable Student Scholarships

More than 15,000 high school seniors applied for Most Valuable Student scholarships this year. Their applications were judged at the Lodge, district and state levels to determine the 500 finalists. All the students displayed remarkable grades and accomplishments, but only two students can claim top honors. This year, Jenny Van emerged as the top female MVS winner, and Brian Dongre, as the top male.

The Most Valuable Student Scholarships are awarded to students over their four years of college. The two first-place recipients receive a total of \$60,000 each; two second-place recipients, a total of \$40,000 each; two third place, a total of \$20,000 each; two fourth place, a total of \$16,000 each; two fifth place, a total of \$12,000 each; four sixth-place recipients, a total of \$10,000 each; and four seventh place, a total of \$8,000 each. The 482 runners-up each receive a \$4,000 scholarship.



Applications for the 2011 contest—to any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen—will be available beginning September 1, 2010, either online at www.elks.org/enf or at local Elks Lodges. All applications are judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need. The contest deadline is December 1, 2010. For additional information and complete contest details, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

A Long Way From Home



2010 Top Female Winner: Jenny Van, Fort Smith, Ark. \$60,000 over Four Years

For a young woman from a small town in Arkansas, 2010 top female Most Valuable Student scholar Jenny Van has big ambitions!

From a young age, she knew one day she would broaden her horizons and leave Arkansas. Thanks to her Most Valuable Student scholarship, sponsored by Fort Smith, Ark., Lodge No. 341, Jenny is able to realize that dream! She will be the first in her family of seven children to move away from her hometown and venture off on her own. She'll head to Cambridge, Mass., where she will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A Life of Helping Others

Though Jenny was involved in many different organizations throughout high school, her greatest passion is volunteering. Her favorite high school extracurricular activity was National Honor Society because of its commitment to academics and altruism. Jenny consistently gave her time to help out at the Salvation Army, assist the Make-a-Wish Foundation, and tutor local elementary schoolchildren.

"I never had much growing up, but I know there are others who have even less," explains Jenny. "I have

the drive and dedication to give back and want to help out as much as possible."

When Jenny's older sister invited her to help at an event for the Alzheimer's Association, Jenny's commitment to serving others turned into a life plan. At the event, Jenny learned more about the work the Alzheimer's Association does to help patients living with Alzheimer's. She knew she wanted to make a difference, so she started regularly volunteering with this organization.

"I saw how debilitating Alzheimer's is and have seen how devastating it can be to those affected," says Jenny. "I want to do all I can to help."

A Broader Horizon

Jenny's commitment to helping those suffering from diseases like Alzheimer's led her to declare a major in Biological Engineering. Her experience volunteering for the Alzheimer's Association made her want to dedicate her life to finding treatments for incurable diseases.

"Biological engineering helps others by offering opportunities to research diseases and possible treatments, advancing modern medicine," explains Jenny. "My major will further both my enthusiasm for science and my commitment to helping others."

Though she will miss her large family, Jenny looks forward to moving to Cambridge and beginning college in the fall. She is most excited to be surrounded by students with similar ambitions.

Jenny chose MIT because of its engineering school's outstanding reputation. She can't wait for all the opportunities and growth that college will offer. After graduating from MIT, she plans to pursue a research career, where she can spend her life

working to better the quality of life of those living with diseases.

"My Elks National Foundation scholarship will unquestionably enable my college experience," says Jenny. "Not only will I have financial security, but I will also be able to thrive and mature with the awareness that I have the support of such a generous organization."

We can't wait to see what scientific discoveries Jenny will make!

The Invention of Service



2010 Top Male Winner: Bryan Dongre, Brookfield, Wisc. \$60,000 over Four Years

"Every accomplishment begins with the decision to try." Since childhood, 2010 top male Most Valuable Student scholar Bryan Dongre has adopted this statement as his life motto.

Bryan's parents inspire him to always try to do his best. Teaching by example, they instilled in him the values of motivation, commitment and perseverance. When

Bryan first heard of the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student scholarship competition, he knew the application would be tough, but he was up for the challenge. His hard work paid off. On April 1, he received the call he was waiting for. He had won the 2010 MVS top scholarship. Bryan and his family

were ecstatic! Thanks to his scholarship, sponsored by Waukesha, Wisc., Lodge No. 400, his dream of attending Princeton University will become a reality.

A Worthwhile Investment

His parents' commitment to his success taught him the value of investing in others. Bryan dedicates himself to giving back through service. He uses his talents to mentor disabled youth, stock shelves at a local food pantry, help out at a homeless shelter for families, serve meals at a soup kitchen, and volunteer at rehabilitation centers.

Since he was in fourth grade, Bryan has played the viola. Through music, he discovered his biggest volunteer passion—improving the quality of life for the elderly. Throughout high school, Bryan regularly performed for the residents of elder-care centers.

“During the first few weeks, I passed numerous residents who were inside their rooms all day,” explains Bryan. “Seeing their plight left me disheartened.”

Bryan turned his dismay into action. His experience volunteering at elder-care facilities left him determined to find a way to improve the lives of the patients. He recognized this population greatly benefits from advanced health care technology, so Bryan decided to dedicate his education to medical research.

“My goal is to apply innovative biomedical trends while contributing to the development of devices that enrich life,” explains Bryan. “I am specifically interested in researching minimally invasive techniques to improve post-surgery recovery times and the quality of life of all people, especially the elderly.”

He's on the right track! At Princeton, Bryan plans to major in material engineering or computer science. He recognizes both fields are constantly evol-

ing, and the prospect of innovation excites him most about his future major.

Technology to the Rescue

Technology has always played a role in Bryan's life. Much to his family's dismay, he insisted on having one of his first birthday parties at a car dealership. His fascination with automotive technology evolved into a website he started at 16, where he shares information on hybrid vehicles and offers his insight into new advances in environmentally friendly cars.

Bryan was also active in his high school's Students Modeling a Research Topic Team, in which he participated in a yearlong science project that required learning new technology and analyzing results.

Thanks to his strong technology background, Bryan is well prepared to major in engineering or computer science in college, which will help him to make future biomedical breakthroughs.

A Future of Innovation

Motivated by the success of his website, Bryan hopes to one day launch his own company. He plans to use his college degree to start a biomedical organization. His goal is to work with a team to develop new health care technology that will benefit millions of people.

“It is inspiring to know that the Elks National Foundation invested in me, and I am motivated to do my best to give back,” says Bryan. “I am very grateful and excited to use the scholarship to pursue opportunities that will not only benefit me, but also will help others.”

We are confident Bryan's dedication to community will move him to use the knowledge he gains in college to lead a life of service!

MVS 2010 Student Profiles

2ND PLACE—\$40,000 OVER FOUR YEARS



MICHAEL J. MELLAS

Carmichael, Calif., Lodge No. 2103
Harvard University
National Merit Semifinalist, AP Scholar with Honors



AMANDA LYNN HALL

Farmington, Maine, Lodge No. 2430
Yale University
National Merit Commended Student, Outstanding Math and Science Scholar

3RD PLACE—\$20,000 OVER FOUR YEARS



EMILY Q. TIAN

Santa Ana, Calif., Lodge No. 794
Stanford University
AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Semifinalist



MATTHEW E. WARSHAUER

Long Branch, N.J., Lodge No. 742
Harvard University
Eagle Scout, National Merit Semifinalist

**4TH PLACE—\$16,000
OVER FOUR YEARS**



PHILLIPT. CLAYTON

Live Oak, Fla., Lodge No. 1165
University of Florida
Key Club Distinguished Member;
Statewide HOBY Ambassador



ABBEE B. COX

Duncan, Okla., Lodge No. 1446
Columbia University
National Merit Semifinalist, Oklahoma
HOBY One Award

**5TH PLACE—\$12,000
OVER FOUR YEARS**



DONGEUN (JANE) SEO

Woodland, Calif., Lodge No. 1299
Harvard University
National Merit Semifinalist, UC Berkeley
Model UN Research Award



LANDONT. HERRICK

Sistersville, W.Va., Lodge No. 333
West Virginia University
OVAC All Conference Academic Team,
Ohio Valley Golf League All Tournament

**6TH PLACE—\$10,000
OVER FOUR YEARS**



MATTHEW T. HARTIGAN

Wheaton, Ill., Lodge No. 2258
University of Michigan
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Willoughby-Cleveland, OH, Lodge No. 18
Lorson, Katherine M.
Columbus-Grove City, OH, Lodge No. 37
Schnipke, Brent D.
Lima, OH, Lodge No. 54
Jones, Emily E.
Bellefontaine, OH, Lodge No. 132
Adams, Joseph R.
Defiance, OH, Lodge No. 147
Metzger, Clinton J.

Bucyrus, OH, Lodge No. 156

Colbert, Tevin L.

Conneaut, OH, Lodge No. 256

Nye, Logan RW

Conneaut, OH, Lodge No. 256

Kelsey, Sarah L.

Hillsboro, OH, Lodge No. 361

Downey, Katie L.

Jackson, OH, Lodge No. 466

Lorenzetti, Benjamin M.

Xenia, OH, Lodge No. 668

Alderman, James F.

Marysville, OH, Lodge No. 1130

Burnside, Hannah J.

Marysville, OH, Lodge No. 1130

Linebaugh, Hannah C.

Greenville, OH, Lodge No. 1139

Karbula, Ryan M.

Galion, OH, Lodge No. 1191

Gordon, Paul D.

Wooster, OH, Lodge No. 1346

Crowley, Kimberly A.

Cuyahoga Falls-Akron-Barberton, OH,
Lodge No. 1923

Prinzbach, Ariana A.

Parma, OH, Lodge No. 1938

Pottkotter, Kayla M.

Mercer County, OH, Lodge No. 2170

OKLAHOMA

Patrick, Paige A.

Oklahoma City, OK, Lodge No. 417

McVay, David W.

Tulsa, OK, Lodge No. 946

Morrow, John M.

Altus, OK, Lodge No. 1226

Ryder, Haley E.

Duncan, OK, Lodge No. 1446

Dawson, Darrien N.

Pryor, OK, Lodge No. 2320

Kohler, Michaela L.

Edmond, OK, Lodge No. 2578

OREGON

Scranage, Philip A.

Eugene, OR, Lodge No. 357

Rogers, Christine K.

Bend, OR, Lodge No. 1371

Campbell, Philip M.

Corvallis, OR, Lodge No. 1413

Rouse, Katherine A.

Hood River, OR, Lodge No. 1507

Fritsch, Aimee K.

Ontario, OR, Lodge No. 1690

Box, Samuel J.

Gresham, OR, Lodge No. 1805

Winegar, Tel W.

John Day, OR, Lodge No. 1824

Edison, Tylor J.

Enterprise, OR, Lodge No. 1829

Walti, Gabrielle M.

Hillsboro, OR, Lodge No. 1862

Stepper, Shelby A.

Cottage Grove, OR,
Lodge No. 1904

Wagner, Rebekah S.

Brookings, OR, Lodge No. 1934

Carleton, Andrew W.

Coquille Valley, OR, Lodge No. 1935

McDowell, Dylan D.

Newport, OR, Lodge No. 2105

Pickford, Dylan T.

Silverton, OR, Lodge No. 2210

Seeman, Rachel S.

Gateway(Portland), OR,
Lodge No. 2411

Steinkamp, Katelyn M.

Woodburn, OR,

Lodge No. 2637

PENNSYLVANIA

Wastvedt, Solvejg H.

New Castle, PA, Lodge No. 69

Polcha, Gregory M.

Sharon, PA, Lodge No. 103

Howton, Alexandra M.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, PA,
Lodge No. 109

Jeon, Daniel Jong-A

Butler, PA, Lodge No. 170

Hammel, Laura E.

Tyrone, PA, Lodge No. 212

Jones, Maura E.

Tyrone, PA, Lodge No. 212

Binder, Jonathan M.

Kane, PA, Lodge No. 329

Baker, Jordan J.

Pottstown, PA, Lodge No. 814

Richards, Benjamin P.

Latrobe, PA, Lodge No. 907

Miller, Kayla M.

Coraopolis, PA, Lodge No. 1090

Wallace, Alexander J.

Bangor, PA, Lodge No. 1106

Horton, Amanda L.

Sayre, PA, Lodge No. 1148

DiPietro, Nicole M.

Aliquippa, PA, Lodge No. 1221

Carty, Matthew B.

Ephrata, PA, Lodge No. 1933

Carpenter, Henry A.

Fairless Hills, PA, Lodge No. 2023

Yakubisin, Michelle L.

Norwin, PA, Lodge No. 2313

PUERTO RICO

Bangdiwala, Steven N.

San Juan, PR, Lodge No. 972

RHODE ISLAND

Carlsson, Caitlin M.

Tri City, RI, Lodge No. 14

Deneff, Jacob I.

Tri City, RI, Lodge No. 14

Cotta, Brooke L.

Bristol County, RI,
Lodge No. 1860

Shand, Benjamin M.

Bristol County, RI,
Lodge No. 1860

SOUTH CAROLINA

Muldoon, Kaitlyn G.

Summerville, SC,
Lodge No. 2719

Vertefeuille, Kevin M.

Summerville, SC,
Lodge No. 2719

Chazotte, Casey A.

Little River, SC,
Lodge No. 2840

SOUTH DAKOTA

Headrick, Jenna M.

Sioux Falls, SD,
Lodge No. 262

Almos, Kjirstin M.

Watertown, SD,
Lodge No. 838

Jones, Matthew T.

Rapid City, SD, Lodge No. 1187

TENNESSEE

Scott, Ashli B.

Paris, TN, Lodge No. 816

Buchanan, Bridgette D.
Morristown, TN, Lodge No. 1667

Harbin, James W.
Fayetteville, TN, Lodge No. 1792

Young, Sarah K.
Pulaski, TN, Lodge No. 1827

Pullium, Jonah C.
Gatlinburg, TN, Lodge No. 1925

Davis, Grant M.
Lewisburg, TN, Lodge No. 1990

Van Meter, Rachelle M.
Madison, TN, Lodge No. 2473

Lentscher, Anthony J.
Cumberland County, TN, Lodge No. 2751

TEXAS

Bell, Benjamin N.
Dallas, TX, Lodge No. 71

Papson, Austin L.
Temple, TX, Lodge No. 138

Pratt, David R.
Brazos Valley, TX, Lodge No. 859

Ripperger, Michael A.
Amarillo, TX, Lodge No. 923

Michalk, Grant C.
Kingsville, TX, Lodge No. 1926

Allen, Regan L.
Garland, TX, Lodge No. 1984

Calandro, Olivia G.
Arlington, TX, Lodge No. 2114

Uong, Catherine J.
Clear Lake (Kemah), TX, Lodge No. 2322

Liu, Ellen
Katy, TX, Lodge No. 2628

UTAH

Blanton, Natalie
Park City, UT, Lodge No. 734

Jacoby, Mackenzie L.
Provo, UT, Lodge No. 849

Ottenbacher, Taylor J.
Cedar City, UT, Lodge No. 1556

Herron, Adam D.
Vernal, UT, Lodge No. 2375

VIRGINIA

Brown II, D. Patrick
Richmond, VA, Lodge No. 45

Roberson, Jeffrey L.
Richmond, VA, Lodge No. 45

Reeves, Katie J.
Staunton, VA, Lodge No. 351

Tucker, Andrew L.
Staunton, VA, Lodge No. 351

Knight, Colleen M.
Arlington-Fairfax, VA, Lodge No. 2188

Danielsen, Scott P.
Virginia Beach, VA, Lodge No. 2268

Best, Amanda G.
Manassas, VA, Lodge No. 2512

Bierhuizen, Taryn M.
Warrenton-Culpeper, VA, Lodge No. 2737

VERMONT

Dempsey, Alyssa J.
Rutland, VT, Lodge No. 345

Russell, Heron E.
Burlington, VT, Lodge No. 916

Brosseau, Matthew C.
St. Albans, VT, Lodge No. 1566

Holloway, Brian B.
Windsor, VT, Lodge No. 1665

WASHINGTON

Graham, Jena L.
Olympia, WA, Lodge No. 186

Miller, Amanda J.
Greater Spokane, WA, Lodge No. 228

Miller, Warren K.
Greater Spokane, WA, Lodge No. 228

Ellermeier, Julia C.
Ballard(Seattle), WA, Lodge No. 827

Smythe, Hannah C.
Anacortes, WA, Lodge No. 1204

Butler, Alaina K.
Puyallup, WA, Lodge No. 1450

Harrington, Brian L.
Puyallup, WA, Lodge No. 1450

Pyl, Karlie G.
Puyallup, WA, Lodge No. 1450

Packard, Kenneth H.
Mount Vernon, WA, Lodge No. 1604

Moore, Kyle M.
Colville, WA, Lodge No. 1753

Sonnars, Christine
Battle Ground, WA, Lodge No. 2589

Chiou, Andrew
Tri-Cities, WA, Lodge No. 2755

Thornton, Joshua A.
Tri-Cities, WA, Lodge No. 2755

WISCONSIN

Bartelt, Katie J.
Milwaukee, WI, Lodge No. 46

Bersch, Jonathan J.
Milwaukee, WI, Lodge No. 46

Suprenand, Jacob M.
Fond Du Lac, WI, Lodge No. 57

Saunders, Hannah E.
Racine, WI, Lodge No. 252

Edwards, Graham H.
Green Bay, WI, Lodge No. 259

Tremel, Arielle M.
Green Bay, WI, Lodge No. 259

Becker, Andrew J.
Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292

Roland, Stephanie K.
Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292

Wagner, Emily K.
Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292

Budzinski, Michael J.
Waukesha, WI, Lodge No. 400

Choi, Timothy J.
Madison, WI, Lodge No. 410

DeBot, Brandon W.
Stevens Point, WI,
Lodge No. 641

Seefeld, Michelle M.
Marshfield, WI, Lodge No. 665

Anderson, Samantha M.
Portage, WI, Lodge No. 675

Schwab, Katie J.
Rice Lake, WI, Lodge No. 1441

Van Dixhorn, Walker D.
Rice Lake, WI, Lodge No. 1441

WEST VIRGINIA

Nolan, Breanna N.
Sistersville, WV,
Lodge No. 333

Lantz, Kayla A.
Clarksburg, WV,
Lodge No. 482

Martine, Christian A.
Beckley, WV,
Lodge No. 1452

WYOMING

Bell, Christien B.
Sheridan, WY,
Lodge No. 520

Davidson, Samuel C.
Greybull, WY,
Lodge No. 1431

Neves, Paige I.
Greybull, WY, Lodge No. 1431



2009 Elks Scholar Alum of the Year—Christina Vuocolo

Christina Vuocolo has always believed in the impossible. In 2001, she received an Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student scholarship, making her dream to attend Villanova a reality. After graduation, she partnered with college friend and NBA athlete Randy Foye to launch the Randy Foye Foundation, an organization dedicated to inspiring youth in Newark, N.J., to follow their ambitions.

Vuocolo lives the motto of the Randy Foye Foundation: “Believe in the Impossible.” Her commitment to helping others achieve their dreams, passion for social responsibility, and desire to give back are just some of the qualities that led her to become the 2009-10 Elks Scholar Alum of the Year.

FAMILY TIES

Vuocolo’s mother, who was unable to afford college when she was growing up, didn’t want her children to miss out on the same opportunity. She encouraged Vuocolo to apply for as many college scholarships as possible. The Most Valuable Student scholarship seemed a natural fit. Vuocolo’s uncle, Conrad Vuocolo, Jr., was a longtime member of her sponsoring Lodge, Point Pleasant, N.J., Lodge No. 1698, until his death in 2007. The previous year, her sister Maria had received an ENF Most Valuable Student scholarship, enabling her to attend the University of Notre Dame.

Vuocolo applied for the same award, hoping to follow in her sister’s footsteps and make her uncle proud. She was elated when she found out she received a 2001 Most Valuable Student scholarship.

“Simply put, my MVS scholarship made my college experience possible,” Vuocolo explains. “The generosity of the Elks for the four years I attended Villanova spoke volumes about the organization and their willingness to give back to the community by investing in the future. I’m proud of being able to represent the Elks in everything I do.”

Thanks to her MVS scholarship, Vuocolo was able to move from Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., to Villanova, Pa., to earn a degree in Business Administration with a focus on marketing and communications.

A FOUNDATION BEGINS

Vuocolo always enjoyed basketball, so she decided to volunteer as student manager

of the Villanova men’s basketball team. She became more involved throughout college, tabulating statistics, greeting recruits and VIP guests at games, assisting with ticket distribution, and coordinating team functions.

Through working with the team, Vuocolo became friends with Randy Foye, a four-year starter. In 2006, Foye was the seventh pick in the NBA Draft, and he played this season with the Washington Wizards. Upon being drafted, Foye asked Vuocolo to help him launch a charitable foundation when the time was right, and Vuocolo immediately agreed.

Foye, who lost both his parents in separate tragic incidents before the age of 6, grew up in a tough urban environment in Newark, N.J. Despite many obstacles, he chose to stay focused, did well in school, and earned a scholarship to Villanova. Foye wanted to start a foundation to encourage children from his hometown to stay focused so they too could achieve their dreams.

At the age of 24, Foye and Vuocolo launched the Randy Foye Foundation.

“Foye hopes to be an example for the youth in Newark,” says Vuocolo. “He knows the difference a positive role model and nurturing environment can make.”

As the foundation’s Vice President, Vuocolo is proud to have helped build such a powerful foundation from scratch. Her favorite part of the job is mentoring at-risk seventh and eighth-grade students through the Assist 4 Life program. She meets with this group of seven students

weekly, giving them a chance to talk about their lives, receive academic help, and do exercises that help with character development, educational and social growth.

GIVING BACK

Vuocolo’s efforts are paying off. She is able to see firsthand the students she mentors gain a sense of family through the Randy Foye Foundation’s Assist 4 Life Program. As the ENF Alumnae of the Year, she is proud to be able to thank the ENF for helping her through college by her own service to her community.

“The Elks inspire many people to not only believe in something that they are a part of, but to turn around and put that generosity in the lives of others,” Vuocolo explains. “I hoped that since the Elks National Foundation was willing to invest in my education, someday I could make the ENF proud of my career path. That’s what makes winning the ENF Alum of the Year award so rewarding.”

As the Alumnae of the Year, Vuocolo was formally recognized for her commitment to service at the ENF Salute to Excellence during the 2009 Elks National Convention in Portland, Ore. At the reception, the ENF awarded her with a \$500 donation to the Randy Foye Foundation to help it continue its outstanding work.

We can’t wait to hear what other obstacles Vuocolo will help others overcome!

PART II

Emergency Educational Grants: HELPING WHEN TIMES ARE HARDEST

Through Emergency Educational Grants, children of deceased or totally disabled Elks receive financial assistance to attend college. Students must demonstrate financial need to qualify for a grant under this program. In addition, the applicant must be unmarried, under the age of 23 as of December 31st in the year of application, and be attending a U.S. college or university as a full-time undergraduate student. Grants range up to \$4,000 for one year and are intended for educational assistance only, not to cover the entire cost of a college education. For more information, or to receive an application, contact the ENF Programs Department at 773/755-4732, or email scholarship@elks.org. The following page lists students who received grants for the 2009-10 academic year.

Michael Anderson—2009-10 Emergency Educational Grant Recipient

LOOKING BACK & MOVING FORWARD

While his past is marked with sadness, Michael Anderson cannot forget the kindness and care he's seen throughout his life. Michael's father,

also named Michael Anderson, was a member of the Attleboro, Mass., Lodge No. 1014 before he died in 2009 from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

A Father's Gift

Since his father's death, Michael remembers the lessons he learned. He strives to make a great life because it's what his father would have wanted.

"He sacrificed so much during his life so that I could be given the greatest opportunity to excel," he says. "His sacrifice has been a motivating factor for me for several years now."

During his father's illness, Michael saw firsthand the caring nature of Elks members.

"The Elks have always had a strong presence in my life," he says. "Many of our neighbors are members, and while my father was sick, they

took it upon themselves to help us out in any way they could.”

In addition to shoveling the driveway or mowing the lawn, the Elks helped Michael attend college with an Emergency Educational Grant. Michael is completing his senior year at American University, where he majored in political science and history. His favorite college memory was studying abroad in Ireland for a semester where he traveled Europe and made close friends. It’s clear Michael has made the most of his college experience.

“I have had amazing experiences in college,” Michael says. “I know that I owe it all to the Elks and to those who have helped put me here.”

Preparing the Road Ahead

Michael (*photo below, third from left*) plans to attend law school after graduation. Although he’s not sure where yet, one thing is for sure: Michael wants to be involved in changing policy. Michael had numerous political experiences that helped to shape this goal. He interned for Senator Ted

Kennedy for two semesters, both in Boston and in Washington, D.C., campaigned for several candidates; and met many notable politicians, including the then-future president.

“Despite the grief that came with my father’s passing, I have many fond memories of the past four years in college,” Michael says. “I know that the Elks scholarship has made those memories possible.”

2009-10 EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

ALASKA

Murphy, Catherine (\$1100)
Petersburg, AK, Elks Lodge No. 1615

ARKANSAS

Melton, Philip D. (\$2550)
Mountain Home, AR, Elks Lodge No. 1714

COLORADO

Dyer Jr., Nicholas Scott (\$2800)

Arvada, CO, Elks Lodge No. 2278

Kramer, Ashley (\$3000)

Glenwood Springs, CO, Elks Lodge No. 2286

Massar, Kari L. (\$4000)

Arvada, CO, Elks Lodge No. 2278

IOWA

Bishop, Jillian E. (\$2800)

Fairfield, IA, Elks Lodge No. 1192

Grafton, Meagan H. (\$2800)

Davenport, IA, Elks Lodge No. 298

Malick, Michelle (\$2750)

Council Bluffs, IA, Elks Lodge No. 531

North, Doug (\$2750)

Creston, IA, Elks Lodge No. 605

ILLINOIS

Bort, Kasie C. (\$1500)

Carlinville, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1412

Davis, Clinton J. (\$3000)

Pontiac, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1019

LeMay, Daniel (\$3000)

Mount Vernon, IL, Elks Lodge No. 819

Panno, Michael (\$3000)

Pontiac, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1019

Renzelman, Kari (\$3000)

Pontiac, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1019

INDIANA

Kenley, Kristen J. (\$3400)

Rockville, IN, Elks Lodge No. 2471

KANSAS

Peters, Jillian (\$2650)

Hiawatha, KS, Elks Lodge No. 1741

Rickner, Michele (\$2750)

Chanute, KS, Elks Lodge No. 806

KENTUCKY

Tabor, Justin (\$3300)

Madisonville, KY, Elks Lodge No. 738

MASSACHUSETTS

Anderson, Michael R. (\$4000)

Attleboro, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1014

Cirignano, Kenneth T. (\$3450)

Middleboro, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1274

DeVarney, Allyson (\$2700)

Springfield, MA, Elks Lodge No. 61

DeVarney, Ryan B. (\$2600)

Springfield, MA, Elks Lodge No. 61

Ferguson, Sarah (\$3200)

Holyoke, MA, Elks Lodge No. 902

Houghton, Selina M. (\$3000)

Billerica, MA, Elks Lodge No. 2071

Hughes, Luke E. (\$4000)

Randolph, MA, Elks Lodge No. 2130

McKenna, Caitlin A. (\$3000)

Greenfield, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1296

Murphy, Brianne (\$3400)

Middleboro, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1274

O'Reilly, Anthony (\$2900)

Marshfield, MA, Elks Lodge No. 2494

Palocci, Constance E. (\$2800)



The Elktown Elks

Beverly/Salem, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1309

Rouleau, Kate M. (\$3200)

Leominster, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1237

Stringham, Rebecca (\$3000)

Attleboro, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1014

MICHIGAN

Case, Chelsea M. (\$3000)

Flint, MI, Elks Lodge No. 222

Moreau, James D. (\$3150)

Escanaba, MI, Elks Lodge No. 354

MINNESOTA

Rokke, Sarah C. (\$2750)

Rochester, MN, Elks Lodge No. 1091

MISSOURI

Armstrong, Ashleigh (\$2750)

Dexter, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2439

Clayton, Casey (\$2750)

Perryville, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2701

Henggeler, Brett (\$3000)

Maryville, MO, Elks Lodge No. 760

Talbert, Jamie (\$1200)

Perryville, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2701

Vigil, Ashley (\$2000)

O Fallon, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2587

MONTANA

Hansen, Cory M. (\$2900)

Deer Lodge, MT, Elks Lodge No. 1737

NORTH CAROLINA

Wemlinger, Eric L. (\$3200)

Winston-Salem, NC, Elks Lodge No. 449

NEBRASKA

Beveridge, Tara J. (\$3200)

Ogallala, NE, Elks Lodge No. 1760

Loshonkohl, Jeffrey (\$3000)

Cozad, NE, Elks Lodge No. 2250

Powers, Cody J. (\$2900)

Grand Island, NE, Elks Lodge No. 604

Walford, Kelsey (\$2000)

York, NE, Elks Lodge No. 1024

Walford, Kendra R. (\$2900)

York, NE, Elks Lodge No. 1024

NEW JERSEY

Bonczek, Matthew (\$3000)

Old Bridge, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 2229

Holmgren, Erik H. (\$2750)

Point Pleasant, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 1698

NEW YORK

Abbott, Jordan T. (\$2900)

Dunkirk, NY, Elks Lodge No. 922

Balicki, Kyle F. (\$2750)

New Paltz, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2568

Bieglecki, Amanda (\$2750)

Brewster, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2101

Bieglecki, Michael (\$1300)

Brewster, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2101

Callahan, Lindsay (\$3000)

Saratoga-Wilton, NY, Elks Lodge No. 161

Cochrane, Lauren (\$2900)

Pearl River, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2041

Cochrane, Ryan P. (\$2750)

Pearl River, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2041

Coluni, Lauren G. (\$2900)

Amsterdam, NY, Elks Lodge No. 101

Coughlin, Jeffrey (\$2000)

Endicott, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1977

Crowder, Alicia (\$3000)

Ogdensburg, NY, Elks Lodge No. 772

Dumas, Danielle (\$2850)

Malone, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1303

Forshee, Kristin (\$3300)

Bath, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1547

Frail, Brendan (\$3000)

Yorktown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2324

Gibbons, Max T. (\$2700)

Huntington, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1565

Guinn, William G. (\$2500)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

Lubera, Randy T. (\$1500)

Catskill, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1341

Majkowski, Joseph D. (\$3350)

Rotterdam, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2157

McGrath, Tara V. E. (\$3800)

Johnson City, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2821

Munn, Joseph D. (\$3600)

Patchogue, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1323

Russell, Gregory D. (\$2000)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

Sears, Cassandra (\$2200)

Amherst, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1942

Swan, Alicia M. (\$2350)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

Teifke, Sarah (\$2500)

Oswego, NY, Elks Lodge No. 271

Topping, Jonathan (\$2500)

Wolcott, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1763

Vary, Rachael B. (\$2900)

Carthage, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1762

Woodard, Aaron C. (\$2000)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

Zayac, Adam S. (\$3850)

Lockport, NY, Elks Lodge No. 41

Zayac, Jason A. (\$3450)

Lockport, NY, Elks Lodge No. 41

Zimei, Stephanie (\$2850)

Scarsdale, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2056

OHIO

Fitch, Kelby (\$2500)

Coshocton, OH, Elks Lodge No. 376

Gansel, Allison R. (\$3400)

Alliance, OH, Elks Lodge No. 467

Jablonski, Alyse (\$3650)

Lakewood, OH, Elks Lodge No. 1350

OKLAHOMA

Linduff, Amanda (\$4000)

Cushing-Drumright, OK, Elks Lodge No. 2712

PENNSYLVANIA

Allen, Daniel L. (\$3150)

Bellefonte, PA, Elks Lodge No. 1094

Brown, Kayla M. (\$2500)

Meyersdale, PA, Elks Lodge No. 1951

Carlson, Jessica M. (\$2750)

Kane, PA, Elks Lodge No. 329

McKenna, Samantha (\$3500)

Danville, PA, Elks Lodge No. 754

Stanko, Kara (\$3250)

Kane, PA, Elks Lodge No. 329

Stanko, Krysta M. (\$3000)

Kane, PA, Elks Lodge No. 329

RHODE ISLAND

Biekert, Jessica (\$1350)

Westerly, RI, Elks Lodge No. 678

Biekert, Matthew P. (\$1500)

Westerly, RI, Elks Lodge No. 678

Raiche, Lindsay M. (\$3000)

Westerly, RI, Elks Lodge No. 678

Raiche, Lucas M. (\$3000)

Westerly, RI, Elks Lodge No. 678

SOUTH CAROLINA

Watkins, Chancey T. (\$3250)

Walterboro, SC, Elks Lodge No. 1988

TEXAS

Adler, Todd A. (\$3250)

El Campo, TX, Elks Lodge No. 1749

Sicard, Jean M. (\$2750)

Huntsville, TX, Elks Lodge No. 1981

VERMONT

Kehoe, Jenna P. (\$2800)

Burlington, VT, Elks Lodge No. 916

WASHINGTON

Johnson, Marcus E. (\$3000)

Greater Spokane, WA, Elks Lodge No. 228

Mohoric, Ryan (\$3500)

Centralia-Chehalis, WA, Elks Lodge No. 2435

WISCONSIN

Fleck-Mitchell, Emily (\$3000)

Two Rivers, WI, Elks Lodge No. 1380

WEST VIRGINIA

Haight, Rebecca L. (\$3000)

Sistersville, WV, Elks Lodge No. 333

PART III

THE LEGACY CONTINUES

Established in 1998, the ENF Legacy Awards scholarship program grants scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Elks. These high school seniors all exhibit the core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, Charity, Community and Integrity.

In 2009-10, 250 college-bound children and grandchildren of active Elks received awards. The number of awards granted per state is based on past ENF support and the number of applications received.

Applications for the 2011 contest will be available exclusively online beginning September 1, 2010. Students will be able to save their application and return to it for edits and additions before submitting. Applications are due February 1, 2011. For more information and complete contest details, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.



A Foundation For the Future

Mandi Lurkins—2010 Legacy Award Recipient

She leaps from the stage, to cheerleading practice, to the Veteran's Hospital, but she's not slowing down a bit on her way to college.

Mandi Lurkins' care and dedication shines through in every activity she does, and she wants to continue that for the rest of her life.

Mandi recently received a 2010 Legacy Award, but she is no stranger to the Elks' good deeds. Her father has been an Elk for 13 years and is now a member of Sahuarita, Ariz., Lodge No. 2851. Mandi has had many opportunities to participate in Lodge activities throughout her life.

During high school, Mandi volunteered at the Lodge's Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot contests and served food at veterans events twice a month. Before she started volunteering at the Lodge, Mandi took advantage of all the Elks youth activities by entering essay and poster contests and attending family events.

While she has participated in many Lodge events, Mandi's favorite activity was serving pizza to veterans at the VA Hospital.



will attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz., in the fall, where she will major in biomedical sciences.

In high school, when she was not studying AP Physics or Calculus, Mandi could be found on stage. She performed in many of her high school's productions, including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Grease*, and *Bugsy Malone*.

That's not all Mandi did. She even found time to captain the varsity cheerleading squad.

"I have been cheerleading throughout high school and loved every minute of it, minus the injuries," she says.

"Being a part of the cheer squad gave me a second family."

It's clear Mandi is dedicated to her school and her community, and she hopes to continue that dedication as she embarks on her new adventures at college. We know her involvement with the Sahuarita Elks Lodge has given her the foundation to excel with care, knowledge and integrity.



2009-10 Legacy Award Recipients

**\$1,000 A YEAR
FOR FOUR YEARS**

ALASKA

Williams, Samantha S.

Kodiak, AK, Lodge No. 1772

Coates, Casey M.

Homer, AK, Lodge No. 2127

Critchett, Denali D.

Homer, AK, Lodge No. 2127

ALABAMA

Lopresti, Karley M.

Bessemer, AL, Lodge No. 1721

Burch, Hunter C.

Auburn Opelika, AL, Lodge No. 1834

Strickland, Emma M.

Auburn Opelika, AL, Lodge No. 1834

ARKANSAS

Rehak, Brandon A.

Mountain Home, AR, Lodge No. 1714

Willis, Peter J.

Fayetteville-Springdale, AR, Lodge No. 1987

Farar, Symphony A.

Rogers-Bentonville, AR, Lodge No. 2144

ARIZONA

Greyslak, Keenan T.

Flagstaff, AZ, Lodge No. 499

Vaughn, Allison M.

Douglas, AZ, Lodge No. 955

Collins, Mary P.

Jerome, AZ, Lodge No. 1361

George, Shelby M.

Willcox, AZ, Lodge No. 2131

Young, Candace M.

Tucson East, AZ, Lodge No. 2532

Barry, Tatiana L.

Sun City, AZ, Lodge No. 2559

Thompson, Shannon E.

Sun City, AZ, Lodge No. 2559

Lurkins, Mandi J.

Sahuarita, AZ, Lodge No. 2851

CALIFORNIA

Brady, Kelley J.

Bakersfield, CA, Lodge No. 266

Caster, Lauren R.

Salinas, CA, Lodge No. 614

Pudlicki, Daniel J.

Eureka, CA, Lodge No. 652

Buezis, Mattie L.

Bellflower/Long Beach, CA, Lodge No. 888

Hill, Samantha C.

San Pedro, CA, Lodge No. 966

Moore, Dylan J.

San Pedro, CA, Lodge No. 966

Zufall, Andrew B.

Redding, CA, Lodge No. 1073

Coates, Ashley M.

Hollister, CA, Lodge No. 1436

Coates, Darren W.

Hollister, CA, Lodge No. 1436

Barnum, Lauren M.

Santa Maria, CA, Lodge No. 1538

Rigali, Mary C.

Santa Maria, CA, Lodge No. 1538

Harvey, Sarah E.

Sonora, CA, Lodge No. 1587

Benson, James E.

Paramount, CA, Lodge No. 1804

O'Brien, Matthew E.

Los Gatos, CA, Lodge No. 1857

Unferdorfer, Kaitlin E.

Victorville, CA, Lodge No. 1877

Goard, Alyssa M.

South San Francisco, CA, Lodge No. 2091

Hingorani, Melissa T.

Thousand Oaks, CA, Lodge No. 2477

COLORADO

Duggan, Desmond R.

Aspen, CO, Lodge No. 224

Lee, Michael R.

Greeley, CO, Lodge No. 809

Slepicka, Vanessa M.

Longmont, CO, Lodge No. 1055

Bowling, Garrett A.

Delta, CO, Lodge No. 1235

Yetter, Erin M.

Littleton, CO, Lodge No. 1650

LyBarger, Amelia E.

Glenwood Springs, CO, Lodge No. 2286

CONNECTICUT

Leonard, Matthew L.

Bridgeport, CT, Lodge No. 36

Filippini, Theresa A.

Torrington, CT, Lodge No. 372

Shea, Sydney F.

Torrington, CT, Lodge No. 372

Holden, Barrett S.

Putnam, CT, Lodge No. 574

Conlin, Katherine A.

Bristol, CT, Lodge No. 1010

Anderson, Ashley M.

Danielson, CT, Lodge No. 1706

DELEWARE

Dudley, Melanie E.

Wilmington, DE, Lodge No. 307

FLORIDA

Dickerson, Erin R.

Fort Pierce, FL, Lodge No. 1520

Smith, Michael E.

Eustis, FL, Lodge No. 1578

Kuczmarski, Robert J.

Winter Park, FL, Lodge No. 1830

Volland, Alexa M.

Holiday Isles, FL, Lodge No. 1912

Fritz, Lee K.

Largo, FL, Lodge No. 2159

Rodriguez, Rachel L.

Ormond Beach, FL, Lodge No. 2193

DeSimone, Danielle P.

Lehigh Acres, FL, Lodge No. 2602

Skiba, Bailey C.

Punta Gorda, FL, Lodge No. 2606

Thibault, Deanna E.

Punta Gorda, FL, Lodge No. 2606

Gustafson, Kaitlyn R.

Zephyrhills, FL, Lodge No. 2731

GEORGIA

Young, Jessica L.

Gainesville, GA, Lodge No. 1126

Hollen, Caitlin E.

Dalton, GA, Lodge No. 1267

Quick, Kristen E.

Toccoa, GA, Lodge No. 1820

HAWAII

Ichikawa, Lara N.

Honolulu, HI, Lodge No. 616

Menezes, Matthew C.

Honolulu, HI, Lodge No. 616

Millard, Christopher A.

Hilo, HI, Lodge No. 759

Monette, Melissa K.

Pearl City, HI, Lodge No. 2669

IOWA

Alderman, Eric K.

Waterloo, IA, Lodge No. 290

Miller, Zoey S.

Waterloo, IA, Lodge No. 290

Stenger, Natalie M.

Davenport, IA, Lodge No. 298

Meyers, Daniel P.

Charles City, IA, Lodge No. 418

Wong, Jenna S.

Jefferson, IA, Lodge No. 2306

IDAHO

Brown, Shaughnessy B.

Idaho Falls, ID, Lodge No. 1087

Krebs, Megan R.

Saint Maries, ID, Lodge No. 1418

Novacek, Justin G.

Caldwell, ID, Lodge No. 1448

ILLINOIS

Wadsworth, Adrienne C.

Danville, IL, Lodge No. 332

Lee, Ryan R.

Streator, IL, Lodge No. 591

Stowe, Natalie R.

Freeport, IL, Lodge No. 617

Billips, Nicole D.

De Kalb, IL, Lodge No. 765

Sambdman, Blaire A.

Dixon, IL, Lodge No. 779

Weaver, Emilie C.

Lincoln, IL, Lodge No. 914

McCoy, Megan E.

Pontiac, IL, Lodge No. 1019

Sample, Kayla M.

Benton, IL, Lodge No. 1234

INDIANA

Smith, Chandler E.

Lafayette, IN, Lodge No. 143

Moffitt, Bailey L.

Kokomo, IN, Lodge No. 190

Carr, Allison M.

Bluffton, IN, Lodge No. 796

Mettler, Katherine E.

Bluffton, IN, Lodge No. 796

Svetanoff, Rachel C.

Hobart, IN, Lodge No. 1152

KANSAS

Turner, Devin A.

Ottawa, KS, Lodge No. 803

Spengel, Jason M.

Overland Park, KS, Lodge No. 2395

Trussell, Sierra N.

Overland Park, KS, Lodge No. 2395

KENTUCKY

Fritz, Madeline D.

Henderson, KY, Lodge No. 206

Jagoe, Alexander S.

Henderson, KY, Lodge No. 206

Walters, John G.

Frankfort, KY, Lodge No. 530

LOUISIANA

Poole, Daniel J.

Shreveport, LA, Lodge No. 122

Beatty, Margaret E.

Plaquemine, LA, Lodge No. 1398

MASSACHUSETTS

Coppola, Kyle A.

Saugus-Everett, MA, Lodge No. 642

Connolly, Maura C.
Gloucester, MA, Lodge No. 892

Wolff, Rachael T.
Holyoke, MA, Lodge No. 902

Fuller, Meagan E.
Attleboro, MA, Lodge No. 1014

Germano, Miranda K.
Chicopee, MA, Lodge No. 1849

Paradis, Eric R.
Auburn/Webster, MA, Lodge No. 2118

Burdsall, Timothy E.
Brighton, MA, Lodge No. 2199

MARYLAND

Stadnik, Matthew C.
Washington-Rockville, MD, Lodge No. 15

Holland, Sally E.
Towson, MD, Lodge No. 469

Bishop, Amy L.
Frederick, MD, Lodge No. 684

Hester, Mary B.
Easton, MD, Lodge No. 1622

Skeens, Kelsi M.
Camp Springs, MD, Lodge No. 2332

Grimes, Marisa
Ocean City, MD, Lodge No. 2645

Hutcheson, Alex M.
Ocean City, MD, Lodge No. 2645

MAINE

Mallett, Jordyn E.
Waterville, ME, Lodge No. 905

Emery, Andrew R.
Augusta, ME, Lodge No. 964

Gannon, Jacqueline G.
Biddeford-Saco, ME, Lodge No. 1597

Jones, Talyor R.
Ellsworth, ME, Lodge No. 2743

MICHIGAN

Myrick, Shane W.
Escanaba, MI, Lodge No. 354

Pickard, Alex P.
Escanaba, MI, Lodge No. 354

Smith, Benjamin D.
St. Joseph, MI, Lodge No. 541

Scott, Alexandra K.
Pontiac-Waterford, MI, Lodge No. 810

Karbowski, Hillary M.
Three Rivers, MI, Lodge No. 1248

Riley, Laura T.
Iron River, MI, Lodge No. 1671

MINNESOTA

Lindstrom, Matthew R.
Winona, MN, Lodge No. 327

Einck, Zachary R.
Rochester, MN, Lodge No. 1091

Hasbargen, Monica A.
International Falls, MN, Lodge No. 1599

Rolando, Trevor R.
International Falls, MN, Lodge No. 1599

MISSOURI

Buening, Veronica J.
Joplin, MO, Lodge No. 501

Harrelson, Dustin M.
Louisiana, MO, Lodge No. 791

Rice, Marvin E.
Mexico, MO, Lodge No. 919

Chambers, Hope E.
Washington, MO, Lodge No. 1559

Goeddel, Daniel J.
Crestwood, MO, Lodge No. 2503

Farmer, Tyler J.
Affton, MO, Lodge No. 2635

MISSISSIPPI

Warren, Adriane L.
Hattiesburg, MS, Lodge No. 599

McDevitt, Tiffany N.
Pascagoula, MS, Lodge No. 1120

MONTANA

Post-Bentham, Litahni R.
Missoula 'Hell Gate', MT, Lodge No. 383

Staudenmeyer, Danielle M.
Dillon, MT, Lodge No. 1554

Mitch, Abigail S.
Cut Bank, MT, Lodge No. 1632

NORTH CAROLINA

Tatum, Rebecca L.
Winston-Salem, NC, Lodge No. 449

Wall, Danielle E.
Salisbury, NC, Lodge No. 699

Rimbault, Braden M.
Hendersonville, NC, Lodge No. 1616

Babinski, Laura K.
Gastonia, NC, Lodge No. 1634

NORTH DAKOTA

Boeckel, Oliver R.
Bismarck-Mandan, ND, Lodge No. 1199

Mack, Travis M.
Devils Lake, ND, Lodge No. 1216

NEBRASKA

Kistler, Daniel B.
Grand Island, NE, Lodge No. 604

Scheitel, Trenton L.
Falls City, NE, Lodge No. 963

Smith, Riley S.
Scottsbluff, NE, Lodge No. 1367

Johnson, Calli D.
Mc Cook, NE, Lodge No. 1434

Schendt, Drew P.
Broken Bow, NE, Lodge No. 1688

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ossinger, Brandon M.
Nashua, NH, Lodge No. 720

Jordan, Connor S.
Laconia, NH, Lodge No. 876

Gadapee, Meghan K.
Littleton, NH, Lodge No. 1831

NEW JERSEY

Petrin, Lisa N.
Orange, NJ, Lodge No. 135

Leister, Conor P.
Red Bank, NJ, Lodge No. 233

Dominguez, Sarah K.
New Brunswick, NJ, Lodge No. 324

Dougher, Collin S.
Livingston, NJ, Lodge No. 1855

Franklin, Kathleen E.
Metuchen, NJ, Lodge No. 1914

Gontowicz, Corinne J.
Bordentown, NJ, Lodge No. 2085

St. Marie, Paul S.
Woodbridge, NJ, Lodge No. 2116

Schott, Kelly F.
Howell, NJ, Lodge No. 2515

Esposito, Lauren E.
Manasquan, NJ, Lodge No. 2534

Kresge, Mary E.
Manasquan, NJ, Lodge No. 2534

NEW MEXICO

Montano, Jolene R.
Santa Fe, NM, Lodge No. 460

Park, Elizabeth M.
Albuquerque, NM, Lodge No. 461

Burrow, Carrie D.
Roswell, NM, Lodge No. 969

Petranovich, Colleen M.
Gallup, NM, Lodge No. 1440

NEVADA

Karres, Melissa J.
Las Vegas, NV, Lodge No. 1468

Finley, Bethany L.
Sparks, NV, Lodge No. 2397

Miller, Austin J.
Pahrump, NV, Lodge No. 2796

NEW YORK

Doyle, Mary C.
Auburn, NY, Lodge No. 474

Mashaw, Zachary M.
Ogdensburg, NY, Lodge No. 772

Wolford, Adam B.
Fulton, NY, Lodge No. 830

Okray, Brandon A.
Huntington, NY, Lodge No. 1565

Platt, Sarah E.
Southampton, NY, Lodge No. 1574

Jump, Gregory P.
Lowville, NY, Lodge No. 1605

Girard, Erin M.
Massena, NY, Lodge No. 1702

Stone, Benjamin A.
Potsdam, NY, Lodge No. 2074

Hoelzl, Celeste A.
Brewster, NY, Lodge No. 2101

Egerton, Nichole A.
New Paltz, NY, Lodge No. 2568

OHIO

- Roser, Mark A.**
Cincinnati, OH, Lodge No. 5
- Wilson, Jessica L.**
Findlay, OH, Lodge No. 75
- Lautermilch, Cole T.**
Upper Sandusky, OH, Lodge No. 83
- Teter, Richard C.**
Ashtabula, OH, Lodge No. 208
- Futrell, Jordan N.**
Marietta, OH, Lodge No. 477
- Seneff, Ryan T.**
Barnesville, OH, Lodge No. 1699
- Buletko, Brianne N.**
Massillon-North Canton, OH, Lodge No. 2029
- Lefeld, Anthony J.**
Mercer County, OH, Lodge No. 2170

OKLAHOMA

- Shaw, Keri L.**
Duncan, OK, Lodge No. 1446
- Moody, Kyle L.**
Pryor, OK, Lodge No. 2320
- Briegge, Ashlyn N.**
Perry, OK, Lodge No. 2629

OREGON

- Kilgore, Alexandra J.**
Pendleton, OR, Lodge No. 288
- Wall, Jeff J.**
Salem, OR, Lodge No. 336
- Martin, Anne Marie C.**
Baker, OR, Lodge No. 338
- Warner, Mackenzie J.**
Baker, OR, Lodge No. 338
- Charest, Taylor A.**
Eugene, OR, Lodge No. 357
- Wolff, Ashley L.**
Heppner, OR, Lodge No. 358
- Lucas, Jennifer E.**
Hood River, OR, Lodge No. 1507

PENNSYLVANIA

- Lesko, Zane M.**
Titusville, PA, Lodge No. 264

- Steimling, Corissa A.**
Sunbury, PA, Lodge No. 267
- Graffius, Emily R.**
punxsutawney, PA, Lodge No. 301
- Komandt, Douglas J.**
Apollo, PA, Lodge No. 386
- Remaley, Matthew K.**
Connellsville, PA, Lodge No. 503
- Greenland, Rebekah E.**
Clearfield, PA, Lodge No. 540
- McDermott, Meagan E.**
Clearfield, PA, Lodge No. 540
- Setzer, Michael R.**
Sayre, PA, Lodge No. 1148
- Gasparro, Kathryn E.**
Oakmont, PA, Lodge No. 1668

RHODE ISLAND

- Cute, Matthew J.**
Bristol County, RI, Lodge No. 1860

- Griot, Gabrielle L.**
Bristol County, RI, Lodge No. 1860
- Lombardi, Anthony T.**
Bristol County, RI, Lodge No. 1860

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Fort, Meghan A.**
Charleston, SC, Lodge No. 242
- Littlejohn, Robbie L.**
Union, SC, Lodge No. 1321
- Bateman, Jr, James M.**
Summerville, SC, Lodge No. 2719

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Johnson, Anamarie L.**
Watertown, SD, Lodge No. 838
- Qualm, Samantha K.**
Madison, SD, Lodge No. 1442
- Fahey, Rebecca A.**
Pierre, SD, Lodge No. 1953

TENNESSEE

- Williams, Annabel F.**
Trenton, TN, Elks Lodge No. 1279
- Gold, Kathryn M.**
Lewisburg, TN, Lodge No. 1990

- White, Georgia B.**
Lewisburg, TN, Lodge No. 1990

TEXAS

- Cavender, Kate E.**
Houston, TX, Lodge No. 151
- Bresnahan, Brooke L.**
Sweetwater, TX, Lodge No. 1257
- Durham, Kathryn E.**
Harlingen, TX, Lodge No. 1889
- Moritz, Danielle D.**
Weslaco, TX, Lodge No. 2057
- Scalco, Dario P.**
Arlington, TX, Lodge No. 2114
- Crippen, Henry L.**
New Braunfels, TX, Lodge No. 2279

UTAH

- Draper, Briki L.**
Eureka 'Tintic', UT, Lodge No. 711
- Riley, Allison M.**
Eureka 'Tintic', UT, Lodge No. 711
- Rawling, Alyssa K.**
St. George 'Dixie', UT, Lodge No. 1743

VIRGINIA

- Vellines, Lindsay F.**
Norfolk, VA, Lodge No. 38
- Richardson, Isaac D.**
Martinsville, VA, Lodge No. 1752
- Yeaman, Clinton T.**
Onancock, VA, Lodge No. 1766
- Drescher, Rachel M.**
Front Royal, VA, Lodge No. 2382

VERMONT

- Caswell, John M.**
Bennington, VT, Lodge No. 567
- Parks, Angelique F.**
Bennington, VT, Lodge No. 567
- Pelczarski, Katie L.**
Brattleboro, VT, Lodge No. 1499

WASHINGTON

- Unbedacht, Ryan A.**
Port Townsend, WA, Lodge No. 317
- Neisinger, Cordelia L.**
Aberdeen, WA, Lodge No. 593

- Wick, Berit C.**
Ballard (Seattle), WA, Lodge No. 827

WISCONSIN

- Seroshek, Brady A.**
Raymond, WA, Lodge No. 1292
- Fairchok, Alexandra M.**
Puyallup, WA, Lodge No. 1450
- Cochran, Claire E.**
Mount Vernon, WA, Lodge No. 1604
- Sisley, Matthew J.**
Lake City (Seattle), WA, Lodge No. 1800

WISCONSIN

- Phillips, Joseph P.**
Fond Du Lac, WI, Lodge No. 57
- Milbrandt, Alexander L.**
Janesville, WI, Lodge No. 254
- Marth, Jessilyn E.**
Green Bay, WI, Lodge No. 259
- Connors, Amanda L.**
Madison, WI, Lodge No. 410
- Tjugum, Shelby L.**
Madison, WI, Lodge No. 410
- Fricke, Stephanie L.**
Manitowoc, WI, Lodge No. 687
- Hermesen, Kaitlyn A.**
Kaukauna, WI, Lodge No. 962
- Hanke, Alex A.**
Marinette, WI, Lodge No. 1313
- Wolner, Michael P.**
Rice Lake, WI, Lodge No. 1441

WEST VIRGINIA

- Nolan, Rachael A.**
Huntington, WV, Lodge No. 313
- Wells, Chelsea A.**
Sistersville, WV, Lodge No. 333
- Bowles, Madison R.**
Hinton, WV, Lodge No. 821

WYOMING

- Schanck, Tyler N.**
Rawlins, WY, Lodge No. 609
- Staffileno, Thomas M.**
Casper, WY, Lodge No. 1353
- Darrow, Megan J.**
Powell, WY, Lodge No. 2303

"Take a look at my ELKS SCRAPBOOK," said Grampa...



You'll see a few of the things the ENF does for the community: like Christmas Gifts for the needy, taking kids on field trips, after school study programs, and more!

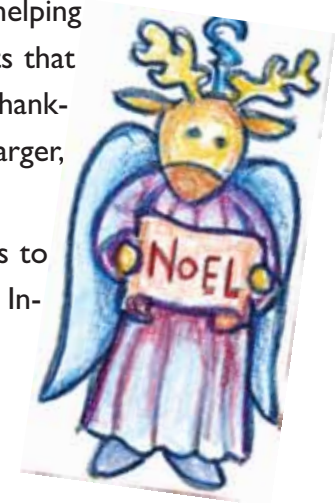
CHAPTER FOUR

Investing in Your Community

The Community Investments Program invests directly in Lodge communities, and is designed to have a lasting impact where Elks live and work. This year, the Community Investments program will invest up to \$2.3 million in local communities, including an increase in Gratitude Grants and Promise Grants to \$1,000 each.

Each component of the Community Investments Program furthers the ENF's mission of helping Elks build stronger communities. Promise Grants are designed to help Lodges hold events that build the character and competence of local youth. Gratitude Grants are the ENF's way of thanking Lodges for their generosity by meeting the GER's per-capita goal. Impact Grants are larger, competitive grants that allow Lodges to address an unmet need in their community.

The following sections highlight Lodges that have used Promise Grants and Impact Grants to reach out to the youth in their communities. For more information about the Community Investments Program, please visit www.elks.org/enf/community.



PART I

Promise Grants



In 2009-10, the Elks National Foundation offered Lodges \$500 Promise Grants to host youth events in their community, and Elks accomplished many amazing things. Starting July 1, 2010, Promise Grant pledge forms will be available to the first 300 Lodges that pledge to hold a youth event. The grants will be worth up to \$1,000. For more information, please visit www.elks.org/enf/community/PromiseGrants.cfm.

A MONSTER BASH

Telluride, Colo., Lodge No. 692

Excitement is in the air on Halloween in Telluride, Colo. as Elroy the Elk marches down the street, leading the city's Halloween parade. Children and families in the crowd know they have a night of spooky fun ahead of them, thanks in part to a Promise Grant from the ENF. After the parade, the children head off to trick-or-treat, and Elks volunteers head back to the Lodge to prepare for that night's Telluride Positive Alternatives Halloween Party.

This year, more than 100 children and their families attended the free event. Pops Popcorn was there to hand out pretzels and popcorn, volunteers from the local 4-H club painted faces, Elks had pumpkins ready for carving, and Elroy was there to hand out coloring books and other drug awareness literature. There

was even a haunted house for the bravest of the partiers! The night ended with a performance by the Rock 'n' Roll Academy. Superheroes, pirates and even a dinosaur were spotted rocking out to this band, made up of local high school musicians. Their music was a big hit with both children and parents.

A lot of hard work goes into this annual event. Lodge members were involved in every step of the planning, from organizing the event, donating money to cover the extra costs, building the haunted house, decorating the Lodge, and volunteering during the party. The party was definitely a success, and the Lodge is thankful for the Promise Grant to help fund the event.

Lodge ENF chair Cindy Bellai says, "We provided a fun, safe place for kids after trick-or-treating. The younger kids loved the haunted house and the older kids loved the

Rock 'n' Roll Academy."

It sounds like the Positive Alternatives Party was a positively great time!

Promise Grant Recipients

Homer, AK, Elks Lodge No. 2127, After-Graduation
Kenai, AK, Elks Lodge No. 2425, Halloween Event
Marion County, AL, Elks Lodge No. 2684, Drug Awareness Program
Jonesboro, AR, Elks Lodge No. 498, Youth Awards Night
Buckeye, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2686, Dictionary Project
Bullhead City, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2408, Disability Program
Catalina Mountain, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2815, Christmas Party
Coolidge-Florence, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2350, Christmas Party
Green Valley, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2592, Youth Awards Night
Pinal Mountain, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2809, Christmas Party
Prescott, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 330, Christmas Party
Sedona, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2291, Youth Awards Night
Sun City, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2559, Youth Awards Night
Wickenburg, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2160, Youth Awards Night
Willcox, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2131, Other Youth Activity
Yuma, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 476, Youth Awards Night
Alhambra/San Gabriel, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1328, Youth Awards Night
Atascadero, CA, Elks Lodge No. 2733, Youth Awards Night
Burbank, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1497, Christmas Party
Carmichael, CA, Elks Lodge No. 2103, After-Graduation

Duarte, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1427, Christmas Party
 Gilroy, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1567, Youth Awards Night
 Livermore-Pleasanton, CA, Elks Lodge No. 2117, Safe Night
 Marysville, CA, Elks Lodge No. 783, Youth Awards Night
 Oceano/Five Cities, CA, Elks Lodge No. 2504, Drug Awareness Program
 Palm Springs, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1905, Fundraiser
 Palo Alto, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1471, Scout Activity
 Petaluma, CA, Elks Lodge No. 901, Athletics/Leadership
 Redondo Beach, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1378, Hoop Shoot
 Sacramento, CA, Elks Lodge No. 6, Youth Awards Night
 San Clemente, CA, Elks Lodge No. 2068, Youth Awards Night
 Santa Barbara, CA, Elks Lodge No. 613, Youth Awards Night
 Stockton, CA, Elks Lodge No. 218, Other Youth Activity
 Susanville, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1487, Youth Awards Night
 Temecula Valley, CA, Elks Lodge No. 2801, Youth Awards Night
 Yucaipa, CA, Elks Lodge No. 2389, Other Youth Activity
 Akron, CO, Elks Lodge No. 2579, Hoop Shoot
 Cripple Creek, CO, Elks Lodge No. 316, Drug Awareness Program
 Evergreen, CO, Elks Lodge No. 2363, Other Youth Activity
 La Junta, CO, Elks Lodge No. 701, Halloween Event
 Loveland, CO, Elks Lodge No. 1051, Veterans Program
 Rifle, CO, Elks Lodge No. 2195, Youth Awards Night

Telluride, CO, Elks Lodge No. 692, Halloween Event
 Fairfield, CT, Elks Lodge No. 2220, Youth Awards Night
 Glastonbury, CT, Elks Lodge No. 2202, Disability Program
 Southington, CT, Elks Lodge No. 1669, After-Graduation
 Waterbury, CT, Elks Lodge No. 265, Youth Awards Night
 Winsted, CT, Elks Lodge No. 844, Youth Awards Night
 Cocoa Beach, FL, Elks Lodge No. 2387, Other Youth Activity
 Daytona Beach, FL, Elks Lodge No. 1141, Youth Awards Night
 Fort Pierce, FL, Elks Lodge No. 1520, Fundraiser
 Hollywood West, FL, Elks Lodge No. 2365, Christmas Party
 Lady Lake, FL, Elks Lodge No. 2793, Drug Awareness Program
 Milton, FL, Elks Lodge No. 2377, Other Youth Activity
 Ocala, FL, Elks Lodge No. 286, Drug Awareness Program
 Ormond Beach, FL, Elks Lodge No. 2193, Christmas Party
 Plant City, FL, Elks Lodge No. 1727, Back-To-School
 Port Charlotte, FL, Elks Lodge No. 2153, Back-To-School
 Punta Gorda, FL, Elks Lodge No. 2606, Fishing Derby
 Sebastian, FL, Elks Lodge No. 2714, Bike Rodeo
 Vero Beach, FL, Elks Lodge No. 1774, Pizza Party
 West Palm Beach, FL, Elks Lodge No. 1352, Other Youth Activity
 Albany, GA, Elks Lodge No. 713, Drug Awareness Program
 Calhoun, GA, Elks Lodge No. 1883, Athletics/Leadership

Cartersville, GA, Elks Lodge No. 1969, Christmas Party
 Eatonton, GA, Elks Lodge No. 2549, Athletics/Leadership
 Gainesville, GA, Elks Lodge No. 1126, Scout Activity
 Griffin, GA, Elks Lodge No. 1207, Other Youth Activity
 Lake Oconee, GA, Elks Lodge No. 2849, Youth Awards Night
 Ames, IA, Elks Lodge No. 1626, Halloween Event
 Council Bluffs, IA, Elks Lodge No. 531, Other Youth Activity
 Decorah, IA, Elks Lodge No. 443, Youth Awards Night
 Dubuque, IA, Elks Lodge No. 297, Youth Awards Night
 Iowa Falls, IA, Elks Lodge No. 1674, DARE Graduation
 Keokuk, IA, Elks Lodge No. 106, Pool Party
 Shenandoah, IA, Elks Lodge No. 1122, After-Prom
 Lewiston, ID, Elks Lodge No. 896, Hoop Shoot
 Moscow, ID, Elks Lodge No. 249, Athletics/Leadership
 Chicago Northshore, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1316, Other Youth Activity
 Cicero-Berwyn, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1510, Scout Activity
 Galesburg, IL, Elks Lodge No. 894, Back-To-School
 Mc Leansboro, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1882, Picnic
 Mendota, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1212, After-Prom
 Pontiac, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1019, After-Prom
 Princeton, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1461, Youth Awards Night
 Bicknell, IN, Elks Lodge No. 1421, Pool Party



Elroy the Elk leads the charge at the Telluride Halloween parade



Elks volunteers get ready for the guests' arrival



Enter the haunted house at your own risk!

The Elktown Elks

Bluffton, IN, Elks Lodge No. 796, Athletics/Leadership
Linton, IN, Elks Lodge No. 866, Christmas Party
2008-09 Promise Grant Recipients
Marion, IN, Elks Lodge No. 195, Athletics/Leadership
Sullivan, IN, Elks Lodge No. 911, After-Prom
Chanute, KS, Elks Lodge No. 806, Fishing Derby
El Dorado, KS, Elks Lodge No. 1407, Drug Awareness Program
Goodland, KS, Elks Lodge No. 1528, Drug Awareness Program
Hiawatha, KS, Elks Lodge No. 1741, Youth Awards Night
Junction City, KS, Elks Lodge No. 1037, Christmas Party
Russell, KS, Elks Lodge No. 1715, Christmas Party
Cynthiana, KY, Elks Lodge No. 438, Veterans Program
Florence, KY, Elks Lodge No. 314, Youth Awards Night
Louisville, KY, Elks Lodge No. 8, Halloween Event
Houma, LA, Elks Lodge No. 1193, Youth Awards Night
Opelousas, LA, Elks Lodge No. 1048, Other Youth Activity
Fall River, MA, Elks Lodge No. 118, Soccer Shoot
Falmouth, MA, Elks Lodge No. 2380, Other Youth Activity
Franklin, MA, Elks Lodge No. 2136, Other Youth Activity
Hyannis, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1549, Youth Awards Night
Leominster, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1237, Youth Awards Night
Northampton, MA, Elks Lodge No. 997, Christmas Party
West Springfield-Agawam, MA, Elks Lodge No. 2174, Hoop Shoot
Broadneck, MD, Elks Lodge No. 2608, Other Youth Activity
Calvert, MD, Elks Lodge No. 2620, Other Youth Activity
Frederick, MD, Elks Lodge No. 684, Drug Awareness Program
Skowhegan-Madison, ME, Elks Lodge No. 2531, Christmas Party
Cadillac, MI, Elks Lodge No. 680, Youth Awards Night
Calumet, MI, Elks Lodge No. 404, Christmas Party
Escanaba, MI, Elks Lodge No. 354, Drug Awareness Program
Grand Haven, MI, Elks Lodge No. 1200, Soccer Shoot
Ishpeming, MI, Elks Lodge No. 447, Bike Rodeo
Negaunee, MI, Elks Lodge No. 1116, Bike Rodeo
Plymouth, MI, Elks Lodge No. 1780, Athletics/Leadership
Sturgis, MI, Elks Lodge No. 1381, Youth Awards Night
Duluth, MN, Elks Lodge No. 133, Halloween Event
Eveleth, MN, Elks Lodge No. 1161, Christmas Party
Hibbing, MN, Elks Lodge No. 1022, Christmas Party
International Falls, MN, Elks Lodge No. 1599, After-Prom
Virginia, MN, Elks Lodge No. 1003, Youth Awards Night
Cass County, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2791, Veterans Program
Chaffee, MO, Elks Lodge No. 1810, Drug Awareness Program
Eureka-Pacific, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2644, Drug Awareness Program

Lake Taneycomo, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2597, Fishing Derby
Manchester, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2058, Christmas Party
Nevada, MO, Elks Lodge No. 564, Other Youth Activity
Osage Community, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2705, Drug Awareness Program
St. Joseph, MO, Elks Lodge No. 40, Youth Dance
Washington, MO, Elks Lodge No. 1559, Fishing Derby
Webb City, MO, Elks Lodge No. 861, Youth Awards Night
Natchez, MS, Elks Lodge No. 553, Pool Party
Ocean Springs, MS, Elks Lodge No. 2501, Fishing Derby
Hamilton, MT, Elks Lodge No. 1651, Youth Awards Night
Helena, MT, Elks Lodge No. 193, Christmas Party
Livingston, MT, Elks Lodge No. 246, Athletics/Leadership
Calabash, NC, Elks Lodge No. 2679, Christmas Party
Hendersonville, NC, Elks Lodge No. 1616, After-Graduation
Shelby, NC, Elks Lodge No. 1709, Other Youth Activity
Wilson, NC, Elks Lodge No. 840, Scout Activity
Minot, ND, Elks Lodge No. 1089, After-Prom
Grand Island, NE, Elks Lodge No. 604, Disability Program
Kearney, NE, Elks Lodge No. 984, Drug Awareness Program
Lincoln, NE, Elks Lodge No. 80, Halloween Event
Omaha, NE, Elks Lodge No. 39, Halloween Event
Concord-Epsom, NH, Elks Lodge No. 1210, Fishing Derby
Nashua, NH, Elks Lodge No. 720, Christmas Party
Cedar Grove, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 2237, Christmas Party
East Brunswick, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 2370, Other Youth Activity
Mahwah, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 1941, Fishing Derby
Manahawkin, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 2340, Christmas Party
Metuchen, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 1914, Youth Awards Night
New Egypt, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 2457, Fishing Derby
Point Pleasant, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 1698, Drug Awareness Program
North Las Vegas, NV, Elks Lodge No. 2353, Halloween Event
Pahrump, NV, Elks Lodge No. 2796, Youth Awards Night
Auburn, NY, Elks Lodge No. 474, Christmas Party
Boonville, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2158, Halloween Event
Brunswick, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2556, Drug Awareness Program
Islip, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2533, After-Prom
Johnson City, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2821, After-Prom
Lockport, NY, Elks Lodge No. 41, Scout Activity
Massena, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1702, Picnic
New York, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1, Drug Awareness Program
Ogdensburg, NY, Elks Lodge No. 772, Drug Awareness Program
Oswego, NY, Elks Lodge No. 271, Youth Awards Night

Penn Yan, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1722, Other Youth Activity
Potsdam, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2074, Drug Awareness Program
Saranac Lake, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1508, After-Prom
Scarsdale, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2056, Christmas Party
Seneca Falls, NY, Elks Lodge No. 992, Drug Awareness Program
Ticonderoga, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1494, Fishing Derby
2008-09 Promise Grant Recipients
Ashland, OH, Elks Lodge No. 1360, Christmas Party
Bellevue, OH, Elks Lodge No. 1013, Athletics/Leadership
Chillicothe, OH, Elks Lodge No. 52, Hoop Shoot
Coshocton, OH, Elks Lodge No. 376, Drug Awareness Program
Gallipolis, OH, Elks Lodge No. 107, Youth Awards Night
Hillsboro, OH, Elks Lodge No. 361, Athletics/Leadership
Kenton, OH, Elks Lodge No. 157, Halloween Event
Mercer County, OH, Elks Lodge No. 2170, Youth Awards Night
Newcomerstown, OH, Elks Lodge No. 1555, Youth Awards Night
Norwalk, OH, Elks Lodge No. 730, Christmas Party
Ohio River Valley, OH, Elks Lodge No. 231, Youth Awards Night
Port Clinton, OH, Elks Lodge No. 1718, Christmas Party
Sandusky, OH, Elks Lodge No. 285, Fishing Derby
Van Wert, OH, Elks Lodge No. 1197, DARE Graduation
Willard, OH, Elks Lodge No. 1370, Athletics/Leadership
Pawhuska, OK, Elks Lodge No. 2542, Drug Awareness Program
Perry, OK, Elks Lodge No. 2629, Youth Awards Night
Ponca City, OK, Elks Lodge No. 2002, Educational Seminar
Baker, OR, Elks Lodge No. 338, Parade
Coos Bay, OR, Elks Lodge No. 1160, Halloween Event
Salem, OR, Elks Lodge No. 336, Other Youth Activity
Sweet Home, OR, Elks Lodge No. 1972, Back-To-School
Allegheny, PA, Elks Lodge No. 339, Disability Program
Beaver Falls, PA, Elks Lodge No. 348, Drug Awareness Program
Braddock, PA, Elks Lodge No. 883, Halloween Event
Coraopolis, PA, Elks Lodge No. 1090, Youth Awards Night
East Stroudsburg, PA, Elks Lodge No. 319, Youth Awards Night
Erie, PA, Elks Lodge No. 67, Disability Program
Franklin, PA, Elks Lodge No. 110, Drug Awareness Program
Mahanoy City, PA, Elks Lodge No. 695, Christmas Party
Norristown, PA, Elks Lodge No. 714, Drug Awareness Program
Reynoldsville, PA, Elks Lodge No. 519, Fishing Derby
Titusville, PA, Elks Lodge No. 264, Pool Party
Bristol County, RI, Elks Lodge No. 1860, Other Youth Activity
East Providence, RI, Elks Lodge No. 2337, Disability Program
Woonsocket, RI, Elks Lodge No. 850, Christmas Party

Little River, SC, Elks Lodge No. 2840, Halloween Event
Murrells Inlet, SC, Elks Lodge No. 2797, Drug Awareness Program
Myrtle Beach, SC, Elks Lodge No. 1771, Christmas Party
Memphis, TN, Elks Lodge No. 27, Halloween Event
Brenham, TX, Elks Lodge No. 979, Other Youth Activity
Cleburne, TX, Elks Lodge No. 811, Christmas Party
Greenville, TX, Elks Lodge No. 703, Youth Awards Night
Katy, TX, Elks Lodge No. 2628, Disability Program
2008-09 Promise Grant Recipients
Kerrville, TX, Elks Lodge No. 2081, Other Youth Activity
Temple, TX, Elks Lodge No. 138, After-Graduation
Eureka 'Tintic', UT, Elks Lodge No. 711, Youth Awards Night
St. George 'Dixie', UT, Elks Lodge No. 1743, Other Youth Activity
Tooele, UT, Elks Lodge No. 1673, Other Youth Activity
Vernal, UT, Elks Lodge No. 2375, Youth Awards Night
Clifton Forge, VA, Elks Lodge No. 1065, Youth Awards Night
Danville, VA, Elks Lodge No. 227, Fishing Derby
Front Royal, VA, Elks Lodge No. 2382, Drug Awareness Program
Manassas, VA, Elks Lodge No. 2512, Pizza Party
Onancock, VA, Elks Lodge No. 1766, Fishing Derby
Petersburg, VA, Elks Lodge No. 237, Drug Awareness Program
Virginia Beach, VA, Elks Lodge No. 2268, Drug Awareness Program
Hartford, VT, Elks Lodge No. 1541, Youth Dance
Newport, VT, Elks Lodge No. 2155, Drug Awareness Program
Everett, WA, Elks Lodge No. 479, Drug Awareness Program
Greater Spokane, WA, Elks Lodge No. 228, Halloween Event
Omak, WA, Elks Lodge No. 1742, Youth Awards Night
Tri-Cities, WA, Elks Lodge No. 2755, Back-To-School
Vancouver, WA, Elks Lodge No. 823, DARE Graduation
Kaukauna, WI, Elks Lodge No. 962, After-Prom
Madison, WI, Elks Lodge No. 410, Safe Night
Walworth-Lakeland, WI, Elks Lodge No. 2201, After-Prom
Wausau, WI, Elks Lodge No. 248, Fishing Derby
Elkins, WV, Elks Lodge No. 1135, Athletics/Leadership
Parkersburg, WV, Elks Lodge No. 198, Youth Awards Night
Sistersville, WV, Elks Lodge No. 333, Other Youth Activity
Wellsburg, WV, Elks Lodge No. 1553, Youth Awards Night
Wheeling, WV, Elks Lodge No. 28, Youth Awards Night
Cheyenne, WY, Elks Lodge No. 660, Youth Awards Night

PART II

Impact Grants

Impact Grants are competitive grants worth up to \$10,000 for Lodge's to address unmet needs in their communities. Below are 24 examples of how Lodges are using their Impact Grants to help the youth in their community. To find out more about Impact Grants, visit www.elks.org/enf/community.

Building HOPE

With a startlingly good first year behind them, Grass Valley, Calif., Lodge No. 538 continues to spread more and more HOPE in Nevada County. Since its start, the project—which originally planned to distribute 4,000 healthy snacks for schoolchildren each week and monthly food baskets to the community—has more than doubled in its scope, and the community has responded with support and great thanks.

When the Lodge first started to talk about applying for an Impact Grant, new member Lari Solomon, who volunteered with the local food bank and at the school, had an idea. That idea turned into the Help-

ing Other People Eat in Nevada County project, which received \$10,000 Impact Grants in 2009 and 2010.

A Growing Need, a Growing Program

Soon after the project began, the Elks quickly realized the need was greater than anticipated. With unemployment rising, many children and families were dealing with hunger. Through donations, discounts, partnerships, food drives and much community support, the Elks were able to expand the project just a few months after its start.

Today, the Lodge packs nearly 10,000 snacks for schoolchildren each week, and

more teachers are requesting snacks for their classes all the time. One teacher praises the project, saying, "I want to thank you for your active participation with your HOPE project. With your generosity, my classroom is a healthier, happier place in which to work, grow, learn and play."

Food for All

The project also now includes monthly community food distribution. The Lodge is always collecting food donations at dinners, bingo nights and throughout the community, while working to raise hunger awareness and spread educational materials about healthy living. The Nevada County Food Bank has



HOPE volunteers gather to pack school snacks. The Lodge works with a nutritionist to make sure children get healthy options.

also asked the Elks for help, and they now host a weekly emergency food distribution at the Lodge. A grateful recipient writes, “I’m a single father of two, and your Lodge has helped us a lot. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

Stronger Children and a Stronger Community

HOPE in Nevada County benefits thousands of children and adults each week, but Lodge Secretary Carole Bryant says that’s not all. She calls the project an olive branch for a nearby Lodge, saying, “The nice part of this project is that it overlaps, and we have a great deal of support from our neighbor Lodge.” She continues, “It has also given us a signature statement in the community. I think the project has left us with better standing than we have had for years.”

Thanks to the Elks, children and adults in Nevada County are standing stronger, too!

Impact Grant Youth Participants

- **Blocton, AL, Lodge No. 710:** Blocton Books
- **Highland, AR, Lodge No. 2539:** Spreading Antlers for the Future
- **Holiday Island, AR, Lodge No. 1042:** Connecting Books with Kids II
- **Kingman, AZ, Lodge No. 468:** Fishing for Smiles
- **El Cajon, CA, Lodge No. 1812:** Music Instrument Fund for Youth in Need
- **Grass Valley, CA, Lodge No. 538:** Helping Other People Eat (HOPE) in Nevada County
- **San Francisco, CA, Lodge No. 3:** San Francisco Elks/ City Academy Field Studies Program
- **St. Augustine, FL, Lodge No. 829:** St. Augustine Elks Kids Fit Club
- **Cartersville, GA, Lodge No. 1969:** Safe Haven
- **Carlinville, IL, Lodge No. 1412:** LINKing Elks to Kids
- **Bicknell, IN, Lodge No. 1421:** Back to School Mall
- **Ashland, KY, Lodge No. 350:** “COOL Camp” Youth Promise Program
- **Opelousas, LA, Lodge No. 1048:** Kids Who Hunt and Fish Don’t Steal and Deal in St. Landry Parish
- **Columbia, MO, Lodge No. 594:** Enriching Lives and Kindling Success (ELKS) Youth Program
- **Clifton Park, NY, Lodge No. 2466:** CAPTAIN Bike Works
- **Gouverneur, NY, Lodge No. 2035:** Make My Day Sunny Dances
- **Lockport, NY, Lodge No. 41:** Camp Happiness
- **Mid-Westchester, NY, Lodge No. 535:** Social Group for Teens with Special Needs
- **Watervliet, NY, Lodge No. 1500:** ELKS (Education, Learning, Knowledge, Services) Video Development
- **Coos Bay, OR, Lodge No. 1160:** South Coast Food Share Weekend Snack Pack Program
- **Florence, SC, Lodge No. 1020:** Building a Better Future
- **New Braunfels, TX, Lodge No. 2279:** Dental Care for the Underserved Population in our Community
- **St. George ‘Dixie’, UT, Lodge No. 1743:** Pantry Partners for Success
- **Wheeling, WV, Lodge No. 28:** Just for Kids

CHAPTER FIVE

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