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F O R E W O R D

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend:

It's not hard to imagine a young boy like the fictional one depicted in this book—or a young girl—attending an Elks fishing derby or bike rodeo, competing in the Hoop Shoot, reading the Drug Awareness comic book, wearing a red ribbon, attending an after-prom party, and, eventually, applying for a college scholarship.

There are real kids out there who really do participate in all of our programs. As retiring ENF Board member Ted Hess recently noted, we Elks are woven into the fabric of our towns. For the kids in our communities, this is especially true. For them, the Elks are everywhere.

Our youth programs are like way stations on the journey to adulthood. This book celebrates the young people who excelled on that journey last year.

It's also a tribute to the Elks who served as their mentors, coaches and troop leaders; who imparted life lessons about practice and hard work; who empowered them to make healthy choices; who taught them to love reading; who took them fishing; who helped them go to college.

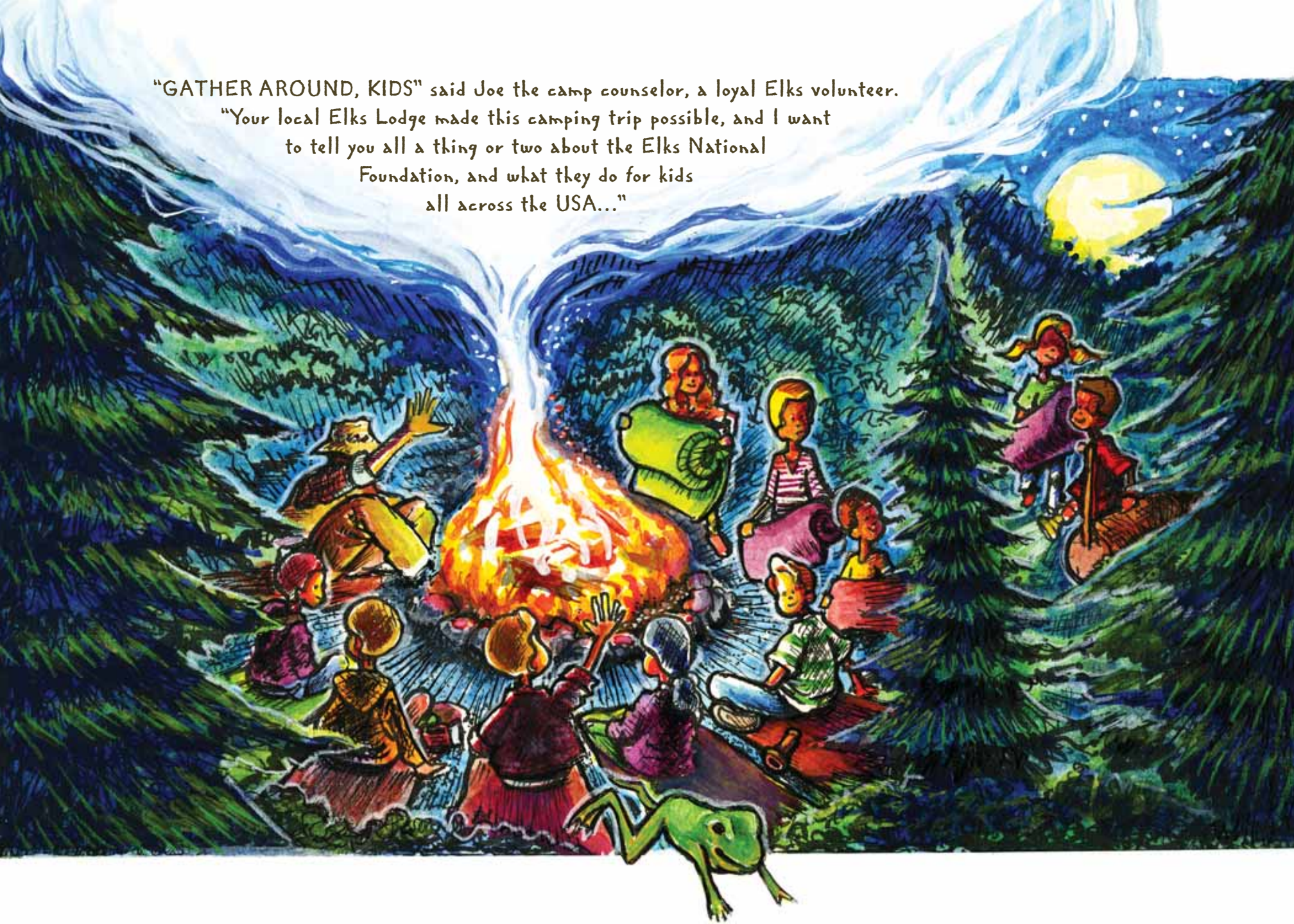
The stories you'll find within this book were made possible by your donations to the Elks National Foundation and—just as important—your gifts of time. Thanks so much for all you do. Together, we are building stronger communities.

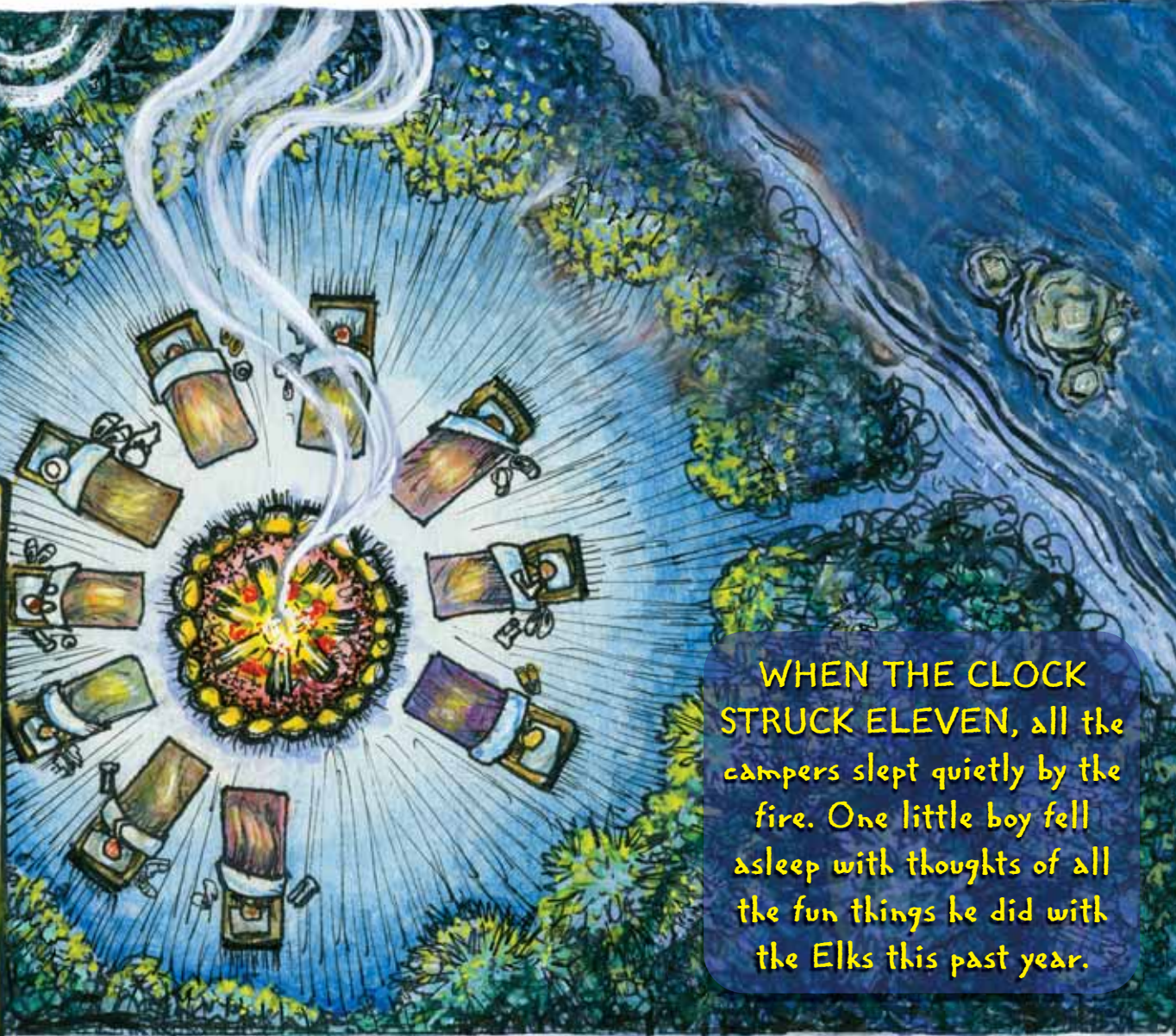
Best Wishes,

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

JIM O'KELLEY
DIRECTOR

"GATHER AROUND, KIDS" said Joe the camp counselor, a loyal Elks volunteer.
"Your local Elks Lodge made this camping trip possible, and I want
to tell you all a thing or two about the Elks National
Foundation, and what they do for kids
all across the USA..."





WHEN THE CLOCK STRUCK ELEVEN, all the campers slept quietly by the fire. One little boy fell asleep with thoughts of all the fun things he did with the Elks this past year.



At the County Fair this year, he met Elroy the Elk and got a cool comic book about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

CHAPTER ONE

ELROY SAYS, “BE SMART... DON’T START!”

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 organizing public service announcements, the Drug Awareness Program gets the word out against drugs. It even has a custom comic book featuring Marvel superheroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking!

The program also sponsors essay and poster contests for youth, including a Heroes Essay Contest where the Grand Prize winner gets to appear in a Marvel comic book! The Grand Prize winner of the 2009 Heroes Essay contest is Payton Massey of Fredericksburg, Va. This year’s winning Drug Awareness Program essay, “Get Smart, Don’t Start,” is by Laura Rook of Junction City, Kan. And, the winning poster is by artist Keiara Hick of Enid, Okla.

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

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Get Smart, Don't Start

BY LAURA ROOK, JUNCTION CITY, KAN. · GRADE 7 AGE 13

Why do people take drugs, abuse alcohol, or smoke? Is it because they're mad at themselves, other people, life in general, or is it just curiosity? I don't think anyone can answer that except for the people who have tried drugs, abused alcohol, or tried smoking. But I do know one thing: this essay isn't about why drugs are bad, it's about how to be smart, and don't start.

Teenagers who take drugs usually blame it all on other people. They say, "My friends dared me to, it's their fault." My advice, if they dared you to take drugs they probably weren't your friends to begin with, so you shouldn't be hanging out with them in the first place, none the less listen to them. Once you start there is no one else to blame but yourself. Another reason is that maybe they have problems at home, school, or with friends. If you are a friend of someone who talks about taking drugs, or abusing alcohol, talk to them and find out what's wrong. Fix the problem before it starts and before it's too late.

What's the big deal? One time isn't going to hurt me right? Wrong! It only takes one time to get addicted to drugs and then it ruins your life forever. So one harmless try might seem innocent, but it's not. Let me make this perfectly clear: DRUGS CAN KILL YOU! They have the power to take everything that has meaning to you away: your parents and friends, not to mention it's illegal and you could go to jail or even prison. See what I mean? All that happened because of one innocent thing, and there's more: your house; car and other things you own could get repossessed by the bank or state because all your money is going towards drugs and you can't afford to pay for anything else.

I have one more thing to say, if you're on drugs, don't be afraid to get help. People WANT to help you because you can't do it by yourself. Finally, whether you're curious about drugs or you're being peer pressured into thinking about taking drugs; forget it, Get Smart and Don't Start.

Payton Ruth Massey
Fredericksburg, Va.
Grade 6, Age 11

*Heroes
Essay
Contest
Winner*

Great Things I can do if I stay away from Drugs and alcohol

Finding a cure for cancer. Winning an Olympic Medal. Becoming President of the United States. All these can be achieved by avoiding drugs and alcohol. The use of chemicals on your brain can have devastating outcomes. The inability to think and perform properly can prevent you from reaching your goals.

My dream is to become an Oncologist and work in research, in hopes of finding a cure for cancer. I have a great desire to help the people of the world suffering from this horrible disease. If my brain was dependent on drugs, and I could not think clearly, I would be unable to concentrate on the tasks at hand necessary to complete this goal.

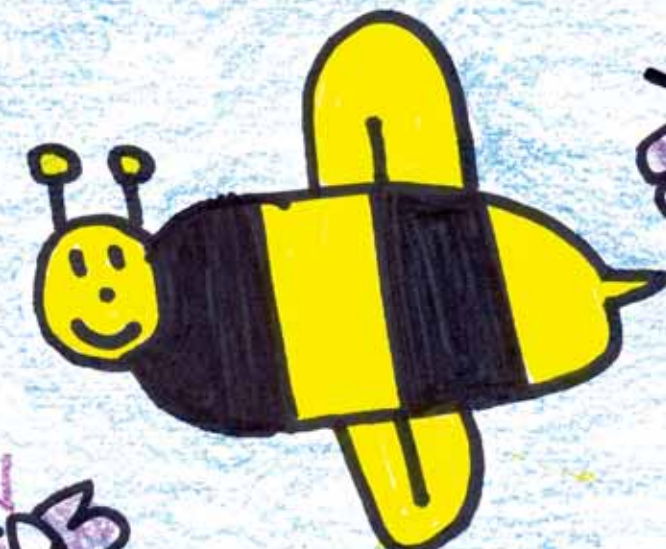
Another passion of mine is tennis. Without a properly functioning brain, the coordination and physical skills needed to play would be diminished. The hopes of playing at the Olympics would be dashed.

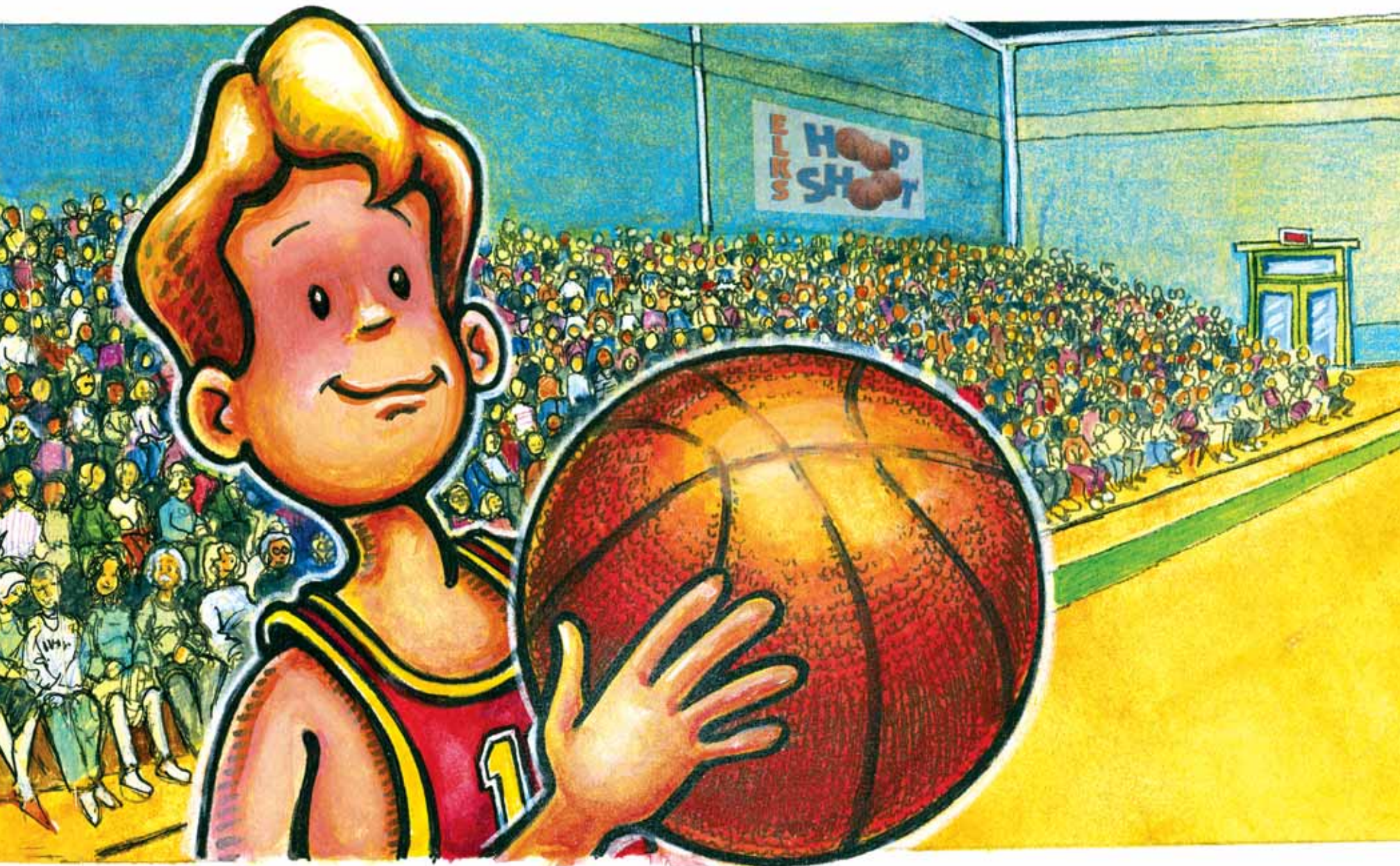
A drug-free life is my vow, and I am destined for greatness! I can achieve anything and everything I want in this world by pledging to steer clear of alcohol and illegal substances! Watch out cancer, here I come!

*Artwork by poster contest winner:
Keiara Hick of Enid, Okla.*

BEE Smart. BEE Drug

FREE!





He remembered the free-throw shot that made him this year's district Hoop Shoot® champion. Next year, he hopes to make it all the way to the National Finals.

CHAPTER TWO

HOOP-SHOOTING FOR EXCELLENCE

In 1946, the Elks Hoop Shoot® Free Throw Contest was created 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 girl and boy shooters, regardless of age-group, 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 2009 Getty Powell recipients are Oakley Baker from Geneva, Minn., and Tommi Olsen from Worland, Wyo.

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.

THE LITTLE FREE-THROW SHOOTER THAT COULD

HOOP SHOOT® PROFILE: TOMMI OLSON

The 2009 Hoop Shoot® National Finals started like any other competition day for 9-year-old Tommi Olson. She ate a bowl of Fruit Loops and a piece of toast. She made sure her dad put on his lucky championship ring, and reminded her mom to stay out of the gym until she was done shooting. Then, when it was her turn to step to the line, she took two dribbles, eyed the rim and followed through her shot 25 times.

You might think that all of these rituals are a little silly, but they are tried and true methods for Tommi. She emerged from the finals as the Getty Powell winner after sinking an amazing 24 out of 25 free-throw attempts.

At only 4 feet, 4 inches, Tommi Olson is just a little bit taller than her first-place trophy. But, the 9-year-old from Worland, Wyo., is a force to be reckoned with.

As only a third-grader, Tommi is the starting point guard on a fifth-grade basketball team, which she's played on since the first grade. If you think that is remarkable, Tommi is also a two-time National Youth champion wrestler, was awarded the Wyoming Governor's Award for athletic excellence in wrestling, and plays on a boys soccer team.

Tommi's love for sports is supported by everyone around her. Her parents, of course, are huge supporters. Her mom is her basketball coach and her dad practiced free-throw shooting with her every day leading up to the National Finals. Her grandparents and uncle traveled across the country to watch her compete. When she returned home to Worland, the community threw a party for her with a huge congratulations banner.

The Hoop Shoot® has been a great experience for Tommi. She has met lots of new friends, received excellent care from the Elks, and traveled around the



2009 Getty Powell winner Tommi Olson loves basketball from her head to her toes!

country. Most important, Tommi has learned lessons that she will use for the rest of her life.

“The Hoop Shoot® has taught me to set goals, be positive and believe in myself,” says Tommi. “If you are willing to be patient and put in hard work, you can achieve your goals.”

The excitement is not over for Tommi. This summer, she will travel to Portland for the Grand Lodge Convention where she will give a speech to the delegates. For most kids, this would be a nerve-racking situation, but not for Tommi. If she’s proven anything, it’s that there is no challenge too big for little Tommi Olson.

OAKLEY, GET YOUR BALL!

HOOP SHOOT® PROFILE: OAKLEY BAKER

Bounce, Bounce, Bounce... Swish! The crowd goes wild! Oakley Baker just shot 25 out of 25 at the Hoop Shoot® National Finals. Yes, the cheers were for his perfect score, but also because Oakley brought his fan club along with him. Oakley’s gang consisted of 21 family members who traveled from Geneva, Minn., to see Oakley win the 2009 Getty Powell Award.

The fourth-grader became quite a celebrity after scoring 24 out of 25 at the regional competition. His family, friends and school have been cheering him on throughout his road to the finals. Before leaving for the finals, Oakley enjoyed a send-off party with

90 family and friends. His parents made t-shirts that said “Oakley’s Gang” on them, which his family wore at the finals and friends wore at school. The day he left for the finals, the entire elementary school lined the halls with posters and chanted his name as he exited the school.

With all of these celebrations, how did Oakley prepare for the contest?

“My dad and I would practice at the school gym,” says Oakley. “He taught me to keep my feet shoulder width apart, bend my knees, elbow in and follow through.”

In his second year competing at the Hoop Shoot, he knew that preparation was key to making it to the

finals. Knowing that the competition gets harder at every level, Oakley was up for the challenge. With his lucky shamrock in his warm-up jacket and his routine of dribbling three times before shooting, Oakley was only a little nervous when he shot at Nationals.

His confidence paid off because with his win, he now has his name in the Basketball Hall of Fame, something Michael Jordan can’t even say yet. Also, Oakley and his family will attend the Grand Lodge Convention where he’ll receive the Getty Powell Award. We know Oakley is excited for the trip, but we’ll see whether Portland is ready for Oakley’s gang!



2009 Getty Powell winner Oakley Baker stands outside his home with his trophy. Baker had a perfect score at this year’s competition. Photo by Nick Gerhardt.



The Elks extend congratulations to this year's winners and thanks to all 2009 National Hoop Shoot® participants.



2009 NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT® ♦ FINAL RESULTS

BOYS 8-9

NAME	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Oakley Baker*	Albert Lea, MN, Lodge No. 813	25/25 (5/5)
Ryan Grice	Gastonia, NC, Lodge No. 1634	25/25 (3/5)
Emmett Shell	Rockland, ME, Lodge No. 1008	23/25 (5/5)
Paulie Ferrari	San Mateo, CA, Lodge No. 1112	23/25 (4/5)
Brock Ravet	Lake Sammamish, WA, Lodge No. 1843	21/25
Tyler Ollier	Florence, KY, Lodge No. 314	21/25
Riley Hoffman	Mitchell, SD, Lodge No. 1059	20/25
Luke Stuart	Lubbock, TX, Lodge No. 1348	20/25
Jerrick Rydbom	Blairsville, PA, Lodge No. 406	19/25
Gary White III	Kearney, NE, Lodge No. 984	17/25
Wes Ayers	Dothan, AL, Lodge No. 1887	16/25
Trey Bame	Upper Sandusky, OH, Lodge No. 83	16/25

BOYS 10-11

NAME	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Caleb Stetzner	Anaconda, MT, Lodge No. 239	22/25 (8/10)
Casey Hoggarth	Snake River, ID, Lodge No. 2807	22/25 (6/10)
Tanner Curtin	St. Joseph, MO, Lodge No. 40	21/25 (22/25)
Connor Moses	Walnut Creek, CA, Lodge No.1811	21/25 (21/25)
Shane Thornton	Topeka Lodge, KS, No. 204	21/25 (7/10)
Matt Spencer	Clarksdale, MS, Lodge No. 977	20/25
Jordan Perkins	Greensboro, NC, Lodge No. 602	20/25
D.J. Bustos	Las Vegas, NM, Lodge No. 408	20/25
Jeremiah Sullivan	Attleboro Lodge, MA, No. 1014	19/25
Mark Glover	Holland, MI, Lodge No. 1315	17/25
John Kreke	Effingham, IL, Lodge No. 1016	17/25
Matt Haughey	Madison, NJ, Lodge No. 1465	16/25

BOYS 12-13

NAME	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Zeb Alford III	Raleigh, NC, Lodge No. 735	23/25 (74/75)
Brenden Truman	St. George Dixie, UT, Lodge No. 1743	23/25 (73/75)
Jordan Walker	Portage, WI, Lodge No. 675	23/25 (4/5)
Kohl Battleson	Jackson, WY, Lodge No. 1713	23/25 (1/5)
Cameron Walker	Yakima, WA, Lodge No. 318	22/25
Shay Bratland	Watertown, SD, Lodge No. 838	22/25
Andrew Puchbauer	Jackson, MO, Lodge No. 2652	21/25
Logan Polsinello	Colonic, NY, Lodge No. 2192	21/25
Mark Powell	Newport, RI, Lodge No. 104	19/25
Nathaniel Bibat	Whiting, IN, Lodge No. 1273	18/25
Bradley Hetherington	Sulphur Davis, OK, Lodge No. 2079	17/25
Delton Bradford	Camden-Lugoff, SC, Lodge No. 2603	15/25

GIRLS 8-9

NAME	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Tommi Olson*	Worland, WY, Lodge No. 1908	24/25
Mary Crompton	Iowa City, IA, Lodge No. 590	21/25 (5/5)
Natalie Rethman	Mercer County, OH, Lodge No. 2170	21/25 (4/5)
Karly Power	Amsterdam, NY, Lodge No. 101	20/25
Samantha King	Highland, AR, Lodge No. 2539	20/25
Jessica Venard	Perry, OK, Lodge No. 2629	19/25
Kezyah Hollimon	Augusta, GA, Lodge No. 205	19/25
Jamie Pickens	Helena, MT, Lodge No. 193	17/25
Cassidy Pelletier	Presque Isle, ME, Lodge No. 1954	16/25
Mackenzie DeWees	Westminster, MD, Lodge No. 2277	15/25
Alysa Dominguez	Fallon, NV, Lodge No. 2239	15/25
Demilyn Guild	Gateway(Portland), OR, Lodge No. 2411	14/25

GIRLS 10-11

NAME	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Regan Harr	Snake River, ID, Lodge No. 2807	23/25
Sarah Jacobson	Fargo, ND, Lodge No. 260	22/25 (10/10)
Ashley Holder	Hamilton, OH, Lodge No. 93	22/25 (9/10)
Maggie Goltz	Falls City, NE, Lodge No. 963	21/25
Teresa Anken	Rome, NY, Lodge No. 96	20/25
BriAnna Burbridge	Frankfort, KY, Lodge No. 530	19/25
Amanda Portal	Miami, FL, Lodge No. 948	19/25
Cheyenne King	Midwest City, OK, Lodge No. 1890	19/25
Jamie Althiser	Rock Island, IL, Lodge No. 980	17/25
Lydia Austin	Provo, UT, Lodge No. 849	14/25
Olivia Burchfield	Severna Park, MD, Lodge No. 2482	13/25
Maddy McLaughlin	Westerly, RI, Lodge No. 678	09/25

GIRLS 12-13

NAME	SPONSORING LODGE	SCORE
Karlie Samuelson	Fullerton, CA, Lodge No. 1993	23/25 (23/25)
Darby Maggard	Columbia City, IN, Lodge No. 1417	23/25 (21/25)
Haley Marie Frias	Chisholm Trail, TX, Lodge No. 2659	23/25 (13/15)
Kelly Hughes	Point Pleasant, NJ, Lodge No. 1698	22/25
Maci Coffey	Hastings, NE, Lodge No. 159	22/25
Jill Harris	Beardstown, IL, Lodge No. 1007	22/25
Gigi Stoll	Beaverton, OR, Lodge No. 1989	20/25
Michelle Martin	Holiday Isles, FL, Lodge No. 1912	20/25
Carmen Bragg	Presque Isle, ME Lodge No. 1954	20/25
Jasmine Jackson	Mena, AR, Lodge No. 781	19/25
Kyla Paulsen	Hamilton, MT, Lodge No. 1651	18/25
Shawna Graham	Grafton, WV, Lodge No. 308	11/25

** Indicates the 2009 Getty Powell Award Winner*



He hopes one day to follow in his older brother's footsteps and win an Elks scholarship.

CHAPTER THREE

THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES OF ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS

The gift of education is one that every child should receive. The Elks National Foundation is privileged to award more than 800 scholarships to students during the 2008-09 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. This is because of the financial security their Elks scholarship provides.

In the following sections, you will read remarkable stories from this year's class of scholars. These are only a few stories of the incredible students whose dreams the ENF has helped achieve. To read and learn more about our 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 passed through 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, Gergana Kostadinova from Colorado Springs, Colo., emerged as the top female MVS winner, and John Steinbach from Forest Grove, Ore., 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 2010 contest, open to any high school senior who is a US citizen, will be available beginning September 1, 2009, 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 November 2, 2009. For additional information and complete contest details, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

OF SERVICE & STATUTES



John Steinbach dedicates each day to bettering his community. From mentoring students to serving meals at the local homeless shelter, he is always using his many talents to help others.

Through positive example, John's parents instilled in him the drive to serve his community.

**2009 Top Male Winner: John Steinbach
Forest Grove, Ore.
(\$60,000 Over
Four Years)**

me to get involved. I wanted to emulate those like my parents, who I greatly respect."

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

John took the idea of helping others to heart. Of his many high school extracurricular activities ranging from basketball to show choir, those most important to him were the activities that allowed him to serve others.

Every other day, John volunteers by tutoring students who struggle with math, helping them to succeed in algebra, geometry and pre-calculus.

"It's truly a thrill when I see students overcome the difficulties they're having with math after I've worked

with them," says John. "I feel I have a duty to give back to my community in this way."

By participating in his high school's Mock Trial program and student mentoring programs, John is able to pursue his greatest passion—helping to protect his community from the harmful effects of drug abuse, gang violence and other crime. John sets a positive example by mentoring local elementary school students and high school freshmen, encouraging them to get involved in ways that help improve their communities and warning them of the dangers of drug use and abuse. His involvement in the Mock Trial team enabled him to bring legal speakers to talk about the effects of steroid abuse.

EAST TO YALE

John's drive to help others directed his college choice and future career. John's fascination with American and Ancient Greco-Roman history inspired him to pursue a history degree. After visiting several colleges, he set his sights on Yale University, which is noted for its strong history program. When he found out that he is the 2009 top male Most Valuable Student scholarship winner, he was ecstatic. His dream of attending Yale is now a reality.

"This is a tremendous honor," John exclaims. "The knowledge that I can pay for my tuition is exhilarating. My family and I were bouncing off the walls when we found out!"

John is looking forward to heading to the East Coast for intellectual exploration and campus life. He can't wait to study new topics in depth and live on campus among a diverse community of scholars.

John's history major will prepare him for law school and his future career. His work in the County District Attorney's office and role as Chief Justice at Boys State, an

American Legion program, solidified John's goal of entering the legal field.

"I've always had a real appreciation for our nation's legal system and its ability to change lives for the better," John explains. "I want to bring justice to other people's lives."

After graduation, John plans to serve his community as a district attorney, and perhaps one day become a judge.

For now, John is taking a break from all of his hard work to enjoy the summer by camping, catching up with friends and preparing for Yale, where he will have even more opportunities to help his new community.

OH, THE PLACES SHE'LL GO



**2009 Top Female Winner: Gergana Kostadinova
Colorado Springs, Colo., (\$60,000 Over Four Years)**

Gergana Kostadinova has her sights set high. She will one day help solve the world's problems.

"I know this sounds naive, but I firmly believe that many of the world's problems can be solved if we all work together," Gergana explains. "So many countries and regions will benefit if very basic problems are eliminated."

Gergana is off to a great start. She spends her days working tirelessly to

help people overcome their obstacles. Originally from Bulgaria, Gergana moved to the United States with her family when she was 9 years old. With the pressure of acclimating to a new country, the stress of excelling in school, and the daunting task of learning a new language, Gergana had her fair share of obstacles. Having successfully overcome these barriers, she gained a worldly perspective and is now even better suited to helping others in need.

SERVICE STARTS AT HOME

In her Colorado Springs community, she shares her many talents by volunteering. As Student Council president, she oversaw the Care and Share food drive, encouraging her high school classmates, faculty and staff to donate money and canned goods. Under Gergana's leadership, the food drive had a visible impact, and everything collected went directly toward feeding those in her community.

As a member of the El Pomar Youth in Community Service committee, Gergana helped her high school raise \$500. For their effort, the El Pomar Foundation granted \$7,500 to the committee to distribute to local non-profit organizations. "We worked hard to raise the \$500," says Gergana. "It was a great opportunity to see the result of our hard work, learn about local non-profit organizations, and help them further their missions."

Gergana, who enjoys outdoor activities like hiking and skiing, also volunteers at Helen Hunt Falls as a park aide. She helps visitors enjoy Cheyenne Cañon by answering their questions and aiding them in navigating the trails. She also holds a seat on the Board of the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon, where she works to ensure

that the Falls stay open despite city funding cuts.

"Cheyenne Cañon and Helen Hunt Falls are important to me, because when my family first moved to the U.S., we visited almost every weekend," says Gergana. "We fell in love with this area that holds so many great memories, so I enjoy helping others appreciate it as much as I do, and I love being involved in its preservation."

A BROADER HORIZON

With the help of her first-place Most Valuable Student scholarship, Gergana will broaden her service outreach by attending the University of Denver, where she will major in International Studies. The many courses offered and the new perspectives she will gain in college will be invaluable in Gergana's quest to solve the world's problems.

Although she loves Colorado, Gergana cannot wait to study abroad and learn more about other cultures. She is already planning a mission trip to Central or South America during her winter break. Having studied Spanish since she was in middle school, she looks forward to spending a semester in Barcelona during her sophomore or junior year.

Combining her love of travel and passion for service, Gergana's ultimate goal is to become a United Nations ambassador. She hopes her work to improve international relations will eliminate many of the world's problems.

"It seems absurd that in this era of modern technology, when so many people have iPhones and flat screen TVs, so many others are suffering from hunger, genocide and unnecessary civil wars," she explains. "I hope to be involved in the resolution of these problems."

We are confident that Gergana will soon make the world a better place for everyone!

MVS 2009 STUDENT PROFILES

2ND PLACE—\$40,000 OVER FOUR YEARS



SOO JI YI

Ridgecrest, Calif., Lodge No. 1913
Harvard University
California Interscholastic Tennis Federation Award, Bank of America Achievement Award



GEOBIO K. BOO

Simi Valley, Calif., Lodge No. 2492
University of California, Berkeley
Secretary of U.S. Treasury's Economics Achievement Honor, Perfect ACT Score Distinction

3RD PLACE—\$20,000 OVER FOUR YEARS



PAUL N. TINDALL

Temecula Valley, Calif., Lodge, No. 2801
United States Military Academy at West Point
Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference, National Merit Commended Student



CHRISTINE C. LIU

Nutley, N.J., Lodge No. 1290
Columbia University
AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Semifinalist

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



FAITH E. BLAKE

Tufts University
Santa Ana, Calif., Lodge No. 794
National Merit Semifinalist,
AP Scholar



JOSEPH A. MONGELUZZI III

Liverpool, N.Y., Lodge No. 2348
Cornell University
National Merit Semifinalist,
Eagle Scout Award

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



CHRISTOPHER R. JACOBS

Melbourne, Fla., Lodge No. 1744
University of Florida
Alexander Hamilton
Citizen Achievement Award,
President's List



EMILY L. DUTTON

Fredericksburg, Va., Lodge No. 875
Virginia Commonwealth University
National Merit Commended Student,
AP Student with Distinction

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



BARRY E. HARRIS

Deptford, N.J., Lodge No. 2708
University of Southern California
National Latin Exam Magna Cum Laude,
Pennsylvania Senate Youth Scholar Finalist



MAI CHI TRAN

Gresham, Ore., Lodge No. 1805
University of Pennsylvania
Bank of America Student Leader, United
Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Delegate



BAILEY E. BIERHUIZEN

Warrenton-Culpeper, Va., Lodge No. 2737
Virginia Commonwealth University
Gold Level Presidential Volunteer Service
Award, First Place in Future City Engineering
Regional Competition



BRITT T. McMAHON

Beloit, Wisc., Lodge No. 864
University of Chicago
Al Dvorak Wrestling Invitational Champion,
Chicago Fire All-State All-Academic Team

**7TH PLACE—\$8,000
OVER FOUR YEARS**



BRYANT A. BAIRD

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Lodge No. 1254
Brigham Young University
Eagle Scout Award, AP Scholar
with Honor



CHELSEA G. JOHNSON

Nebraska City, Neb., Lodge No. 1049
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Nebraska Pioneer Conference Academic
All Conference, Academic All-State Volleyball



DAVID M. BAN

Amherst, N.Y., Lodge No. 1942
Duke University
Harvard Book Award, Future
Business Leaders of America
State Award



MARY E. ARNOLD

Tri City, R.I., Lodge No. 14
College of the Holy Cross
Girl Scout Gold Award, Harvard Book Award

\$15,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS

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KOSTADINOVA, GERGAN D.
Colorado Springs, CO, Lodge No. 309

OREGON

STEINBACH, JOHN H.
Forest Grove, OR, Lodge No. 2440

\$10,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS

CALIFORNIA

YI, SOO J.
Ridgecrest, CA, Lodge No. 1913
BOO, GEOBIO K.
Simi Valley, CA, Lodge No. 2492

\$5,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS

CALIFORNIA

TINDALL, PAUL N.
Temecula Valley, CA, Lodge No. 2801

NEW JERSEY

LIU, CHRISTINE C.
Nutley, NJ, Lodge No. 1290

\$4,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS

CALIFORNIA

BLAKE, FAITH E.
Santa Ana, CA, Lodge No. 794

NEW YORK

MONGELUZZI, JOSEPH A.
Liverpool, NY, Lodge No. 2348

\$3,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS

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\$2,500 A YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS

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OREGON

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\$1,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS

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MEI, CHELSEY R.
Hackensack, NJ, Lodge No. 658
PANUCCIO, VINCENZO
Hackensack, NJ, Lodge No. 658
ALEXANDER, JACQUELYN M.
Mount Holly, NJ, Lodge No. 848
GONCALVES, CATHERINE D.
Rahway, NJ, Lodge No. 1075
GEISSLER, CHRISTOPHER A.
South Orange, NJ, Lodge No. 1154
ENGLAND, CAROLYN A.
Middlesex, NJ, Lodge No. 1488
DAVE, RONAK K.
Ridgefield Park, NJ, Lodge No. 1506
DREISS, ZACHARY T.
Ridgefield Park, NJ, Lodge No. 1506
ZHAO, XIAO YING
Hightstown, NJ, Lodge No. 1955
RUEGER, ROBERT M.
Cranford, NJ, Lodge No. 2006
CURCIO, MATTHEW P.
Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ, Lodge No. 2078
HERNANDEZ, CHRISTINA M.
Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ, Lodge No. 2078
PATEL, RITESH D.
Woodbridge, NJ, Lodge No. 2116
ANDREJCISK, SAMANTHA J.
Carteret, NJ, Lodge No. 2235
FINNEGAN, JAMES J.
Clinton, NJ, Lodge No. 2434
LEE, SARAH
Egg Harbor Township, NJ, Lodge No. 2563

CROWE, CHRISTOPHER T.
Galloway Township, NJ, Lodge No. 2845

NEW MEXICO

GRANDLE, KATHERINE E.
Las Cruces, NM, Lodge No. 1119
BEST, RYAN W.
Clovis-Portales, NM, Lodge No. 1244
SALNESS, JENIECE K.
Carlsbad, NM, Lodge No. 1558
FLORUTA, CRINA M.
Alamogordo, NM, Lodge No. 1897
TRUJILLO, JEFFREY M.
Grants-Milan, NM, Lodge No. 2053
DAI, ERIC N.
Los Alamos, NM, Lodge No. 2083

NEW YORK

SMITH, KRISTEN M.
Syracuse, NY, Lodge No. 31
GEIGER, JOSHUA T.
Lockport, NY, Lodge No. 41
WELSCH, ASHLEY R.
Oswego, NY, Lodge No. 271
CHIU, HEWETT
Queens Borough (Elmhurst), NY,
Lodge No. 878
SKINNER, REBEKAH A.
Dunkirk, NY, Lodge No. 922
SEWARD, MATTHEW D.
Batavia, NY, Lodge No. 950
SKELTON, KAITLIN M.
Batavia, NY, Lodge No. 950
AGARWAL, AARTI M.
Middletown, NY, Lodge No. 1097
WATKINS, ALYSSA M.
Middletown, NY, Lodge No. 1097
DILORENZO, ERIKA S.
Cohoes-Waterford, NY, Lodge No. 1317
LOGAN, MARGARET-ANNE O.
Patchogue, NY, Lodge No. 1323

LANDRY, MATTHEW L.
Herkimer, NY, Lodge No. 1439
CANNON, GRACE E.
Lancaster, NY, Lodge No. 1478
JANSMA, DEREK C.
Lancaster, NY, Lodge No. 1478
MITCHELL, BRADLEY M.
Lancaster, NY, Lodge No. 1478
TEDESCO, BRITTANY T.
Southampton, NY, Lodge No. 1574
ERNST, JOEL V.
Riverhead, NY, Lodge No. 2044
COHOON, LESLIE M.
Rensselaer, NY, Lodge No. 2073
JEDAMSKI, DEVON J.
Brockport, NY, Lodge No. 2110
SODOMA, JUSTIN R.
Brockport, NY, Lodge No. 2110
BROGAN, MICHAEL J.
Camillus, NY, Lodge No. 2367
HOLLISTER, MARIE E.
Kinderhook, NY, Lodge No. 2530
VERHOEVEN, HANNA E.
Cairo Durham, NY, Lodge No. 2630

NORTH CAROLINA

GIGNAC, ZACHARY S.
Winston-Salem, NC, Lodge No. 449
NORMAN, WESLEY A.
Winston-Salem, NC, Lodge No. 449
DARDEN, KEESLER
Durham, NC, Lodge No. 568
ENGLISH, AMANDA M.
Asheville, NC, Lodge No. 608
HUSSAIN, ARIEL J.
Asheville, NC, Lodge No. 608
MCHUGH, KELLY B.
Gastonia, NC, Lodge No. 1634
HAYES, BRIAN T.
Southern Pines, NC, Lodge No. 1692

SCOTT, MICHAEL K.
Morganton, NC, Lodge No. 1852

NORTH DAKOTA
BARNHART, STEPHANIE R.
Minot, ND, Lodge No. 1089
ROHAU, SAGE A.
Dickinson, ND, Lodge No. 1137

OHIO
WESTBROOK, LAURA N.
Marion, OH, Lodge No. 32
GERDEMAN, LANCE MICHAEL
Lima, OH, Lodge No. 54
WILLIS, KELLIE R.
Circleville, OH, Lodge No. 77
HOUSEHOLDER, DAVID M.
Gallipolis, OH, Lodge No. 107
KINN, JORDAN L.
Defiance, OH, Lodge No. 147
STOFFER, NATHAN D.
Middletown, OH, Lodge No. 257
BUCKINGHAM, MEGAN E.
Sandusky, OH, Lodge No. 285
BIBLE, ANTHONY J.
Coshocton, OH, Lodge No. 376
LECHNER, RONALD S.
Massillon, OH, Lodge No. 441
WILLIAMS, MATTHEW T.
Massillon, OH, Lodge No. 441
SWANK, SAMANTHA D.
Alliance, OH, Lodge No. 467
PANG, VICTORIA M.
Lancaster, OH, Lodge No. 570
CURTIS, EMILY M.
Bowling Green, OH, Lodge No. 818
SHELLEY, CHRISTINA M.
Bellevue, OH, Lodge No. 1013
HICKMAN, STEPHANIE R.
Ravenna, OH, Lodge No. 1076

SHORT, DANIELLE R.
Marysville, OH, Lodge No. 1130
ADAMS, BENJAMIN J.
Wooster, OH, Lodge No. 1346
BATES, TYLER J.
Wooster, OH, Lodge No. 1346
SIEFRING, RYAN J.
Mercer County, OH, Lodge No. 2170

OKLAHOMA
SANDERS, EMILY N.
Oklahoma City, OK, Lodge No. 417
BEDELL, JOHN C.T.
El Reno, OK, Lodge No. 743
MARTIN, SAMUEL C.
Bristow, OK, Lodge No. 1614
GENTLE, STEPHEN E.
Okmulgee, OK, Lodge No. 1822
NGUYEN, MINH T.
Midwest City, OK, Lodge No. 1890
BULLER, EMILY F.
Enid, OK, Lodge No. 2104
HOOVER, JACOB B.
Kingfisher, OK, Lodge No. 2416

OREGON
PUCKETT, TREVOR S.
Astoria, OR, Lodge No. 180
MILLER, CHET P.
Roseburg, OR, Lodge No. 326
LENZ, KYLE B.
Salem, OR, Lodge No. 336
DEFREES, DALLAS K.
Baker, OR, Lodge No. 338
ARMATO, MARGARET E.
Heppner, OR, Lodge No. 358
HELIKSON, WHITNEY D.
Bend, OR, Lodge No. 1371
BROWNING-KAMINS, JENNA A.
Corvallis, OR, Lodge No. 1413

YOW, TIMARI C.
Grants Pass, OR, Lodge No. 1584
JOHNSTON, KAYLA M.
Toledo, OR, Lodge No. 1664
MALLORY, DANIEL L.
Ontario, OR, Lodge No. 1690
VAN WINKLE, NATHAN P.
Hillsboro, OR, Lodge No. 1862
BRANDENBURG, KELLY D.
Oceanlake, OR, Lodge No. 1886
EISELE, ALYSSA J.
Independence, OR, Lodge No. 1950
LEWIS, LOGAN M.
Springfield, OR, Lodge No. 2145
HUNTSMAN, JOHN M.
Milton-Freewater, OR, Lodge No. 2146

PENNSYLVANIA
DUMBECK, KRISTEN A.
Erie, PA, Lodge No. 67
THURAU, BENJAMIN R.
Franklin, PA, Lodge No. 110
MICHAELS, BLAKE J.
Johnstown, PA, Lodge No. 175
MOYER, KAREN J.
Meadville, PA, Lodge No. 219
THARP, JENNIFER M.
Charleroi, PA, Lodge No. 494
YEH, CHRISTINE
Wilkins, PA, Lodge No. 577
BAUSHER, DREW P.
Lebanon, PA, Lodge No. 631
CANNISTRACI, DANIEL J.
Lebanon, PA, Lodge No. 631
CRIDER, AMY R.
Waynesboro, PA, Lodge No. 731
DESAK, JAMIE L.
Monessen, PA, Lodge No. 773
CAMPBELL, COREY A.
Carnegie, PA, Lodge No. 831

GOGNIAT, SUSAN L.
Braddock, PA, Lodge No. 883
KROMKA, KATHERINE I.
Braddock, PA, Lodge No. 883
ZACHARIAH, JAISON J.
Bristol, PA, Lodge No. 970
MARTIN, DUSTIN L.
Ephrata, PA, Lodge No. 1933
GARLITZ, CHRISTIAN L.
Meyersdale, PA, Lodge No. 1951

PUERTO RICO
PRENTICE, SHERSIL R.
San Juan, PR, Lodge No. 972

RHODE ISLAND
ANDREADIS, DEMETRIOS A.
Tri City, RI, Lodge No. 14
GUAN, CARRIE
West Warwick, RI, Lodge No. 1697
WARD, JAMES J.A.
West Warwick, RI, Lodge No. 1697

SOUTH CAROLINA
DUQUETTE, ASHLEY E.
Myrtle Beach, SC, Lodge No. 1771
DIXON, LAURA M.
Summerville, SC, Lodge No. 2719
ZUVIA, NICOLAS A.
Summerville, SC, Lodge No. 2719

SOUTH DAKOTA
MOLLMAN, ANNA E.
Deadwood, SD, Lodge No. 508
RYSAVY, JOHN M.
Yankton, SD, Lodge No. 994
MAY, CASSY L.
Brookings, SD, Lodge No. 1490

TENNESSEE
HAYS, LOWELL G.
Memphis, TN, Lodge No. 27
PATRICK, LOGAN F.
Johnson City, TN, Lodge No. 825

BRATCHER, JEREMY K.

Trenton, TN, Lodge No. 1279

CANTRELL, JAMES N.

Gatlinburg, TN, Lodge No. 1925

COX, VICTORIA G.

Gatlinburg, TN, Lodge No. 1925

MCCURRY, MORGAN D.

Gatlinburg, TN, Lodge No. 1925

MILLIKEN, GINA L.

Waverly, TN, Lodge No. 2289

CLAY, JENNIFER M.

Gallatin, TN, Lodge No. 2547

TEXAS

VAUGHN, MICAH M.

Denison, TX, Lodge No. 238

TSE, ROSANNA H.

Pasadena, TX, Lodge No. 1832

MORRISON, TAYLOR L.

Huntsville, TX, Lodge No. 1981

OCERA, MAYSIE M.

Clear Lake (Kemah), TX, Lodge No. 2322

WHITLEY, WILLIAM C.

Clear Lake (Kemah), TX, Lodge No. 2322

JOHNSON, SARAH E.

Mesquite, TX, Lodge No. 2404

MEMBRENO, MARK B.

Mesquite, TX, Lodge No. 2404

ADENWALA, ADAM Y.

Grapevine, TX, Lodge No. 2483

DAVIS, ALYSSA L.

Grapevine, TX, Lodge No. 2483

UTAH

LOOSLI, JANELLE J.

Provo, UT, Lodge No. 849

SMITH, WESTON E.

Provo, UT, Lodge No. 849

THAYER, RACHEL C.

St. George 'Dixie', UT, Lodge No. 1743

BUCKNER, TREVOR L.

Vernal, UT, Lodge No. 2375

VERMONT

ESTES, HILLARY R.

Bennington, VT, Lodge No. 567

PHELPS, SAMUEL R.

Burlington, VT, Lodge No. 916

BENOIT, RICHARD M.

St. Johnsbury, VT, Lodge No. 1343

SUURSOO, MELISSA A.

Springfield, VT, Lodge No. 1560

VIRGINIA

TRIPP, CRAIG M.

Roanoke, VA, Lodge No. 197

RAY, HOWARD C.

Lynchburg, VA, Lodge No. 321

BROWN, LAURA M.

Pulaski, VA, Lodge No. 1067

TRAN, ANTHONY

Arlington-Fairfax, VA, Lodge No. 2188

DEMETRIOU, TYLER D.

Virginia Beach, VA, Lodge No. 2268

SCHLEIFER, LINDSAY M.

Loudoun, VA, Lodge No. 2406

WASHINGTON

YU, DA YU

Greater Spokane, WA, Lodge No. 228

ZAPPONE, ZACHARY M.

Greater Spokane, WA, Lodge No. 228

KILBURN, TROY B.

Everett, WA, Lodge No. 479

BINGHAM, JASMINE R.

Kelso/Longview, WA, Lodge No. 1482

VAN WAGONER, HUNTER P.

Mount Vernon, WA, Lodge No. 1604

FERGUS, KATIE L.

Omak, WA, Lodge No. 1742

HANKEY, JASMINE L.

Colville, WA, Lodge No. 1753

HSIEH, EMILY

Auburn, WA, Lodge No. 1808

LANE, MICHELLE A.

Burien, WA, Lodge No. 2143

RICE, MICHELLE L.

Burien, WA, Lodge No. 2143

VO, TONY T.

Burien, WA, Lodge No. 2143

ODELL, PETER M.

Lynnwood, WA, Lodge No. 2171

HUSTON, ERIC V.

Sequim, WA, Lodge No. 2642

WEST VIRGINIA

GUY, ROBERT J.

Wheeling, WV, Lodge No. 28

BRADLEY, CAROLE ANN V.

Huntington, WV, Lodge No. 313

GRAVIER, ANNA L.

Princeton, WV, Lodge No. 1459

GIESMANN, MATTHEW C.

Wellsburg, WV, Lodge No. 1553

WISCONSIN

COWAN, TIMOTHY M.

Fond Du Lac, WI, Lodge No. 57

BURCLAFF, JOSEPH R.

Wausau, WI, Lodge No. 248

WICK, ALEXANDRA A.

Racine, WI, Lodge No. 252

STERNITZKY, NICKOLAS A.

Green Bay, WI, Lodge No. 259

DEWITT, JOHN M.

Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292

DEYOUNG, SARAH C.

Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292

TRACEY, PATRICK D.

Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292

SCHNEIDER, ASHLEY K.

Sheboygan, WI, Lodge No. 299

DARLING, ANTHONY M.

Appleton, WI, Lodge No. 337

LORENZ, MOLLY R.

Eau Claire, WI, Lodge No. 402

LUDWIGSON, KAYLA C.

Eau Claire, WI, Lodge No. 402

OLESON, EMILY E.

Wisconsin Rapids, WI, Lodge No. 693

BEAUMIER, BRADLEY D.

Oconto, WI, Lodge No. 887

SHALLOW, KEEGAN D.

Oconto, WI, Lodge No. 887

THOMSON, TAYLOR A.

Oconto, WI, Lodge No. 887

DIRKMAN, JESSE A.

Two Rivers, WI, Lodge No. 1380

KRINGLE, AMY S.

Rice Lake, WI, Lodge No. 1441

BERG, KEVIN J.

Platteville, WI, Lodge No. 1460

MARA, KRISTIN C.

Platteville, WI, Lodge No. 1460

WYOMING

PRIDDIS, JACKSON C.

Rock Springs, WY, Lodge No. 624

HORST, KAITLIN M.

Cheyenne, WY, Lodge No. 660

NEVES, WESLEY M.

Greybull, WY, Lodge No. 1431

PART II

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS: ELKS HELPING STUDENTS WHEN TIMES ARE HARDEST

Through Emergency Educational Grants, the ENF provides children of deceased or totally disabled Elks 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 at the time of applying, 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. Students may reapply up to three times. 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 2008-09 academic year.

PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS

EEG PROFILE: ALYSE JABLONSKI LAKEWOOD, OHIO, LODGE NO. 1350

“Since I was in the ninth grade, I knew I wanted to be a pharmacist,” states Alyse Jablonski, an Emergency Educational Grant recipient from North Ridgeville, Ohio. A second-year pre-pharmacy student at the University of Toledo, Alyse proves she will succeed despite tragedy and difficult coursework.

She has already earned admittance into the very competitive doctoral program of University of Toledo’s College of Pharmacy. Considering only 108 of the 253 applicants made the cut, Alyse knows she’s in for a rigorous academic program.

“It’s hard,” she admits. “But I’m very dedicated in anything I do. I always give 100 percent effort.”

And, in light of what she’s dealt with so far, Alyse has to give her all. When she was 13, Alyse’s dad fell ill with cancer. He passed away four months after his diagnosis. Not long after her father’s death, Alyse’s mom, Lori Jablonski, joined the Lakewood, Ohio, Elks Lodge No. 1350.

Alyse’s mom spent lots of time helping at Lodge fundraisers and dinners. Alyse and her younger brother, Andrew, got involved wrapping presents and assembling Christmas baskets around the holidays.

Then, unexpectedly in February 2008, tragedy struck the Jablonski family again when Alyse’s mom passed away suddenly, leaving 19-year old Alyse and 14-year-old Andrew parentless.

“I had to grow up really quick,” Alyse shares. “But along the way, I know my parents are there pushing me along.”



At left: Alyse riding a horse in Montana, summer of 2008, during a trip with her brother to visit their aunt and uncle. Above: Student National Pharmaceutical Administration annual picture, 2008.

**KINDNESS
PAYS BACK**

Alyse took time off school to handle the many details after her mother's death. She still finished the semester with excellent grades.

"I've received a lot of help," explains Alyse. "So many family friends have become like a new family to me and my brother. The Elks helped more than anyone can imagine."

It gets harder every year to pay for school, but with the Emergency Educational Grant, Alyse can afford to continue strong.

"Usually scholarships have so many restrictions, but not this one," Alyse says. "I was able to use the scholarship for books, which cost almost \$2,000 each year in pharmacy school."

Alyse remembers the medical staff and pharmacists who helped her dad during his fight with cancer; she longs to make that positive difference in the lives of others. Alyse's dad attended University of Toledo, and now, with the help of the Elks and her mother's involvement, Alyse enjoys the opportunity to follow in her father's footsteps to pursue her future.

"I try to look at the tragedies I've been through as positively as I can," Alyse shares. "I use these tragedies as motivation to persevere and succeed. A lot of good has come from it; I'm so grateful for the Elks."

**2008-09
EMERGENCY
EDUCATIONAL
GRANT
RECIPIENTS**

ALABAMA

HOWE, MARY ABBIGAIL (\$3000)
Selma, AL, Elks Lodge No. 167

ARIZONA

SIEKER, DANIEL JOHN (\$2500)
Lake Havasu City, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 2399

ARKANSAS

MELTON, PHILIP D. (\$2600)
Mountain Home, AR, Elks Lodge No. 1714

CALIFORNIA

MCAVOY, PATRICK C. (\$3000)
Alameda, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1015

BAIRD, KATIE L. (\$2500)
El Centro, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1325

COLORADO

MASSAR, KARI L. (\$3500)
Arvada, CO, Elks Lodge No. 2278

ILLINOIS

FLOOD, JAMIE E. (\$3000)
Beardstown, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1007

DAVIS, CLINTON J. (\$2750)
Pontiac, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1019

DAVIS, MITCHELL C. (\$3350)

Pontiac, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1019

RENZELMAN, KARI (\$2800)

Pontiac, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1019

WALTERS, MOLLY (\$3750)

Carlinville, IL, Elks Lodge No. 1412

INDIANA

BAKER, KIMBERLY A. (\$1000)

Warsaw, IN, Elks Lodge No. 802

BAKER, LESLIE R. (\$2250)

Warsaw, IN, Elks Lodge No. 802

IOWA

GRAFTON, MEAGAN H. (\$2750)

Davenport, IA, Elks Lodge No. 298

NORTH, DOUG (\$2500)

Creston, IA, Elks Lodge No. 605

BISHOP, JILLIAN E. (\$2500)

Fairfield, IA, Elks Lodge No. 1192

KANSAS

GIEFER, BREA M. (\$2750)

Parsons, KS, Elks Lodge No. 527

RICKNER, JAMES (\$3600)

Chanute, KS, Elks Lodge No. 806

RICKNER, JOHN (\$3000)

Chanute, KS, Elks Lodge No. 806

RICKNER, MICHELE (\$2500)

Chanute, KS, Elks Lodge No. 806

PETERS, JILLIAN (\$2500)

Hiawatha, KS, Elks Lodge No. 1741

KENTUCKY

PING, LAUREN R. (\$3400)

Newport, KY, Elks Lodge No. 273

MASSACHUSETTS

DEVARNEY, ALLYSON (\$2700)

Springfield, MA, Elks Lodge No. 61

DEVARNEY, RYAN B. (\$2750)

Springfield, MA, Elks Lodge No. 61

FERGUSON, SARAH (\$3000)

Holyoke, MA, Elks Lodge No. 902

ANDERSON, MICHAEL R. (\$3600)

Attleboro, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1014

ROULEAU, KATE M. (\$3000)

Leominster, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1237

CIRIGNANO, KENNETH T. (\$3250)

Middleboro, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1274

MURPHY, BRIANNE (\$3100)

Middleboro, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1274

MCKENNA, CAITLIN A. (\$3000)

Greenfield, MA, Elks Lodge No. 1296

HUGHES, LUKE E. (\$3700)

Randolph, MA, Elks Lodge No. 2130

MICHIGAN

CASE, CHELSEA M. (\$2750)

Flint, MI, Elks Lodge No. 222

MOREAU, JAMES D. (\$3000)

Escanaba, MI, Elks Lodge No. 354

MOREAU, JOSEPH (\$2500)

Escanaba, MI, Elks Lodge No. 354

GRIFFITH, RACHAEL L. (\$2500)

Big Rapids, MI, Elks Lodge No. 974

MINNESOTA

DRAKE, ASHLEY (\$3700)

Brainerd, MN, Elks Lodge No. 615

MISSOURI

EDMUNDSON, TEGAN (\$2700)

Chillicothe, MO, Elks Lodge No. 656

CLAYTON, CASEY (\$2500)

Perryville, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2701

FLENTGE, KRISTAL L. (\$2000)

Perryville, MO, Elks Lodge No. 2701

MONTANA

HANSEN, CORY M. (\$2800)

Deer Lodge, MT, Elks Lodge No. 1737

HANSEN, MARY (\$3850)

Deer Lodge, MT, Elks Lodge No. 1737

NEBRASKA

WALFORD, KENDRA (\$2750)

York, NE, Elks Lodge No. 1024

JONES, SCOTT (\$3250)

Fairbury, NE, Elks Lodge No. 1203

BEVERIDGE, TARA J. (\$3000)

Ogallala, NE, Elks Lodge No. 1760

BROGAN, BARTLEY J. (\$3300)

Ogallala, NE, Elks Lodge No. 1760

LOSHONKOHL, JEFFREY (\$2750)

Cozad, NE, Elks Lodge No. 2250

NEW JERSEY

HOLMGREN, ERIK H. (\$2500)

Point Pleasant, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 1698

SPANIER, SHAWN E. (\$3500)

Woodbridge, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 2116

HARRIS, LAUREN (\$1500)

Manasquan, NJ, Elks Lodge No. 2534

NEW YORK

ZAYAC, ADAM S. (\$3850)

Lockport, NY, Elks Lodge No. 41

ZAYAC, JASON A. (\$3000)

Lockport, NY, Elks Lodge No. 41

COLUNI, LAUREN G. (\$2800)

Amsterdam, NY, Elks Lodge No. 101

TEIFKE, SARAH (\$2000)

Oswego, NY, Elks Lodge No. 271

GUINN, ALYSSA N. (\$2000)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

GUINN, WILLIAM G. (\$2000)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

SWAN, ALICIA M. (\$2300)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

SWAN, ANDREA C. (\$3500)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

WOODARD, AARON C. (\$1750)

Watertown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 496

CARUSO, MATTHEW N. (\$3800)

Mt Vernon-Yonkers, NY, Elks Lodge No. 707

CROWDER, ALICIA (\$2700)

Ogdensburg, NY, Elks Lodge No. 772

ABBOTT, JORDAN T. (\$2700)

Dunkirk, NY, Elks Lodge No. 922

MUNN, JOSEPH D. (\$3250)

Patchogue, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1323

LUBERA, PAUL R. JR. (\$3650)

Catskill, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1341

SANTORO, NICHOLAS (\$2500)

Mamaroneck, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1457

STRIBING, JASMINE A. (\$2800)

Lancaster, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1478

FORSHEE, KRISTIN (\$3000)

Bath, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1547

PHILLIPS, COURTENAY (\$3350)

Bath, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1547

TAGGART, MEGHAN (\$3800)

Bath, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1547

DILLON, JAMES (\$2250)

Southampton, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1574

DILLON, SEAN (\$2750)

Southampton, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1574

MASON, DANIELLE V. (\$2500)

Massena, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1702

DALTON, MATTHEW J. (\$3850)

Carthage, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1762

VARY, RACHAEL B. (\$650)

Carthage, NY, Elks Lodge No. 1762

SPERRY, ANDREW (\$2750)

Cobleskill, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2040

COCHRANE, LAUREN (\$2000)

Pearl River, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2041

ZIMEI, GREGORY A. II (\$3200)

Scarsdale, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2056

BIEGLECKI, AMANDA (\$2500)

Brewster, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2101

MAJKOWSKI, JOSEPH D. (\$3000)

Rotterdam, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2157

FRAIL, BRENDAN (\$2750)

Yorktown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2324

FRAIL, KIERAN (\$3750)

Yorktown, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2324

SILVERNAIL, CHAD R. (\$2800)

Brunswick, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2556

BALICKI, BRADFORD J. (\$3350)

New Paltz, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2568

MCGRATH, TARA V. E. (\$3500)

Johnson City, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2821

NORTH CAROLINA

WEMLINGER, ERIC L. (\$3200)

Winston-Salem, NC, Elks Lodge No. 449

PARKER, KRISTEN L. (\$4000)

Salisbury, NC, Elks Lodge No. 699

HENDERSON, JESSICA L. (\$2800)

High Point, NC, Elks Lodge No. 1155

OHIO

GANSEL, ALLISON R. (\$3000)

Alliance, OH, Elks Lodge No. 467

JABLONSKI, ALYSE (\$3200)

Lakewood, OH, Elks Lodge No. 1350

OKLAHOMA

LINDUFF, AMANDA (\$3750)

Cushing-Drumright, OK, Elks Lodge No. 2712

PENNSYLVANIA

STANKO, KRISTA M. (\$2750)

Kane, PA, Elks Lodge No. 329

CIARLO, ANTHONY M. (\$2750)

Uniontown, PA, Elks Lodge No. 370

MCKENNA, SAMANTHA (\$3100)

Danville, PA, Elks Lodge No. 754

BROWN, KAYLA M. (\$2500)

Meyersdale, PA, Elks Lodge No. 1951

SOUTH CAROLINA

WATKINS, CHANCEY T. (\$3000)

Walterboro, SC, Elks Lodge No. 1988

TEXAS

DENNEY, JOE B. D. (\$2400)

Tyler, TX, Elks Lodge No. 215

ADLER, TODD A. (\$3000)

El Campo, TX, Elks Lodge No. 1749

WASHINGTON

CARLOS, KATHERINE (\$3800)

Yakima, WA, Elks Lodge No. 318

CARLOS, JENNIFER S. (\$3400)

Yakima, WA, Elks Lodge No. 318

WEST VIRGINIA

HAUGHT, REBECCA L. (\$3000)

Sistersville, WV, Elks Lodge No. 333

CHAPMAN, DANA L. (\$3500)

Elkins, WV, Elks Lodge No. 1135

CARPENTER, EMILY R. (\$2625)

St. Marys, WV, Elks Lodge No. 1701

WISCONSIN

FLECK-MITCHELL, EMILY (\$2700)

Two Rivers, WI, Elks Lodge No. 1380

PART III

THE LEGACY CONTINUES

Established in 1998, the ENF Legacy Awards 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 2008-09, the Foundation increased the amount of the Legacy Awards from one-year, \$1,000 to four-year, \$4,000 scholarships. This year, 229 college-bound children and grandchildren of active Elks received the increased awards. The number of awards granted per state is based on past ENF support and the number of applications received.

Applications for the 2010 contest will be available online only beginning September 1, 2009, from our website. Students will be able to save their application and return to it for edits and additions before submitting. Applications are due on January 8, 2010. For more information and complete contest details, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

CREATING A LEGACY, ONE STEP AT A TIME

LEGACY PROFILE: SPENCER CHRISTENSEN



Spencer Christensen and friend after his valedictorian speech.

Spencer, a 2009 Legacy Award recipient from Rupert, Idaho, to make an impact on cancer treatment and research in a personal, meaningful way. For the past four years, Spencer has organized a team to collectively walk for 16 straight hours in the Relay for Life. Such a task might push an average high school student to his limit. But Spencer is anything but average. Graduating this year at the top of his class with numerous awards and honors, his days are full of extracurricular activities.

Spencer Christensen was only 8 years old when his childhood was interrupted by a frightening reality: Spencer was diagnosed with cancer. Young and scared, he couldn't have realized how significantly this disease would affect his life perspective. But he is thankful that he lived to tell his story; after undergoing two years of chemotherapy, Spencer has now been cancer-free for eight years.

"Of course, this was a difficult experience for my family," Spencer recalls. "But looking back now, I think it really made us grateful for what we have. I feel like I got a second chance at life, and now I'll never take a day for granted."

Participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser allows

Despite his hectic schedule, Spencer never seems to lose sight of what's important. He tries to make the best of every day, and to use his time to help others.

"I believe in service above self," he explains. "Once you've taken care of yourself, it's your responsibility to help others. We're all here on this Earth together, and we all deserve a chance at a good life."

Spencer plans to bring his positive attitude with him next fall when he begins college at Idaho State University. Thanks to his Elks National Foundation Legacy Award, he will have some help funding college expenses. Sponsored by his grandfather's Lodge—Parker, Ariz., Lodge No. 1929—Spencer will receive \$1,000 a year for four years of school. In addition to having an Elk parent or grandparent, the Legacy Award is granted based upon academic merit, leadership, and community service.

"I was thrilled to win awards due to my service to the community," Spencer says. "I can truly be proud of doing good for others."

Spencer plans to major in accounting, a subject he says comes easily to him. He's looking forward to balancing academics and social activities in a new environment, and is glad to be relieved of the stress of paying for college. Above all, Spencer hopes that college will be a tool to help him become financially successful so that he can someday be a leader in funding cancer research. After all he's accomplished, he's sure to succeed once again.



Spencer visited the Marine Corps Museum while attending the Youth Education Summit in Washington, D.C.

**2008-09
LEGACY AWARD
RECIPIENTS**

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

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Selma, AL, Lodge No. 167
HOLLINGSHEAD, VERONICA L.
Selma, AL, Lodge No. 167
RODRIGUE, BENTLEY B.
Huntsville, AL, Lodge No. 1648

ALASKA

GILE, ERIK V.
Wrangell, AK, Lodge No. 1595
AKERS, KEVIN B.
Petersburg, AK, Lodge No. 1615

ARIZONA

WICKS, ELIZABETH M.
Holiday Island, AR, Lodge No. 1042
BRINKMEIER, MATTHEW J.
Mountain Home, AR, Lodge No. 1714
CHRISTENSEN, SPENCER D.
Parker, AZ, Lodge No. 1929
CORRAL, CAMILLE
San Manuel, AZ, Lodge No. 2007
GRAHAM, KELSIE L.
Show Low, AZ, Lodge No. 2090
MARTIN, CHRISTINA M.
Tempe, AZ, Lodge No. 2251
BRIDGES, DESIREE D.
Lake Havasu City, AZ, Lodge No. 2399
WILLIAMS, CODY P.
Sun City, AZ, Lodge No. 2559
BRUGGEMEYER, KYLE R.
Mesa-Buckhorn, AZ, Lodge No. 2656

CALIFORNIA

CHILINGERIAN, JENNA M.
Fresno, CA, Lodge No. 439

FRENCH, ERIN N.
Santa Barbara, CA, Lodge No. 613
NORD, KAITLYN S.
Eureka, CA, Lodge No. 652
REGER, AVERY D.
Santa Ana, CA, Lodge No. 794
BAKER, CAITLIN M.
Santa Cruz, CA, Lodge No. 824
WILSON, SARA N.
Santa Cruz, CA, Lodge No. 824
COYNE, HEATHER A.
San Rafael, CA, Lodge No. 1108
PASTORE, JENNIFER E.
San Mateo, CA, Lodge No. 1112
FRENY, LAUREN E.
Red Bluff, CA, Lodge No. 1250
TRUJILLO, COREY M.
Red Bluff, CA, Lodge No. 1250
GERMAIN, MIA B.
Glendale, CA, Lodge No. 1289
WINTER, KAITLIN A.
Ontario, CA, Lodge No. 1419
HAMILTON, MARGARET M.
Oxnard, CA, Lodge No. 1443
CHAVEZ, BRITTNEY A.
Indio, CA, Lodge No. 1643
JOHNSON, TIMOTHY K.
Newport Harbor, CA, Lodge No. 1767
O'BRIEN, DANIEL P.
Los Gatos, CA, Lodge No. 1857
GONZALES, AARON J.
Redwood City, CA, Lodge No. 1991
YOUNG, AMANDA J.
Concord, CA, Lodge No. 1994
EMBERLEY, KATHERINE M.
Chula Vista, CA, Lodge No. 2011
CLARK, KELSEY M.
Oceano/Five Cities, CA, Lodge No. 2504
CARASKA, NICHOLAS R.
Folsom, CA, Lodge No. 2735

COLORADO
WESTERLIND, KYLIE C.
Aspen, CO, Lodge No. 224

MOORE, KELSEY N.
Salida, CO, Lodge No. 808
SCHLAGEL, ROBERT R.
Longmont, CO, Lodge No. 1055
TIBBETTS, DANIKA R.
Fort Morgan, CO, Lodge No. 1143
WANSTEDT, HEATHER M.
Craig, CO, Lodge No. 1577
STANLEY, REECE D.
Cortez, CO, Lodge No. 1789

CONNECTICUT
DOWLING, SAMUEL D.
Naugatuck, CT, Lodge No. 967
ADAMS, SARA E.
Willimantic, CT, Lodge No. 1311
BARNEY, JENNIFER L.
Rockville, CT, Lodge No. 1359
DOLL, EMILY R.
Wallingford, CT, Lodge No. 1365
CHEESBRO, MICHELLE L.
Wethersfield-Rocky Hill, CT, Lodge No. 2308

DELAWARE

DECUSATIS, KEVIN J.
Wilmington, DE, Lodge No. 307

FLORIDA

STROBEL, LEXIS M.
Live Oak, FL, Lodge No. 1165
HARDAWAY, KYLE S.
Winter Haven, FL, Lodge No. 1672
BEEVER, SUTHERLAND I.
Green Cove Springs, FL, Lodge No. 1892
SCHMIDT, NINA C.
Naples, FL, Lodge No. 2010
RANKIN, ROBERT H.
Marathon, FL, Lodge No. 2139
AVOGARDO, ALLISON L.
Boca Raton, FL, Lodge No. 2166
SCHROEDER, KRISTEN N.
Boca Raton, FL, Lodge No. 2166
GREELEY, CHRISTOPHER S.
Ormond Beach, FL, Lodge No. 2193
LOPES, ALANNAH M.
Lake Placid, FL, Lodge No. 2661

RUBINO, KIMBERLEY M.
Palm Coast, FL, Lodge No. 2709

GEORGIA

PHILLIPS, ELIZABETH A.
Covington, GA, Lodge No. 1806
HAILEY, BRITTIANY S.
Cartersville, GA, Lodge No. 1969
KNIGHT, JACKIE F.
Cartersville, GA, Lodge No. 1969

IDAHO

AUSMAN, RACHELLE L.
Lewiston, ID, Lodge No. 896
BROWN, ALAINNA B.
Idaho Falls, ID, Lodge No. 1087
LANCASTER, JAMIE L.
Snake River, ID, Lodge No. 2807

ILLINOIS

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Belleville, IL, Lodge No. 481
BRAMLET, ERICA R.
Mount Carmel, IL, Lodge No. 715
HALLGREN, TAYLOR A.
De Kalb, IL, Lodge No. 765
MELVIN, HANNAH L.
Macomb, IL, Lodge No. 1009
BLOSSOM, CAMERON L.
Pontiac, IL, Lodge No. 1019
SCHOOLEY, RYAN C.
Granite City, IL, Lodge No. 1063
MORRIS, GRAHAM C.G.
Lawrenceville, IL, Lodge No. 1208
YOUNG, JOSI S.
Carbondale, IL, Lodge No. 1243
VOY, JAMES A.
Des Plaines, IL, Lodge No. 1526

INDIANA

SABOL, ALEX J.
Lafayette, IN, Lodge No. 143
SOKOLOWSKI, STEFAN A.
South Bend, IN, Lodge No. 235
VIERK, EMILY E.
Highland, IN, Lodge No. 981

JONES, MARY E.
Greencastle, IN, Lodge No. 1077
CARMICHEAL, ERIKA L.
Kendallville, IN, Lodge No. 1194

IOWA

HARRISON, TAYLOR M.
Des Moines, IA, Lodge No. 98
MCARDLE, DEAN T.
Sioux City, IA, Lodge No. 112
AUERBACH, DOUGLAS L.
Atlantic, IA, Lodge No. 445
HARTE, ERIN K.
Red Oak, IA, Lodge No. 1304

KANSAS

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Goodland, KS, Lodge No. 1528
MANGUS, DEVIN L.
Goodland, KS, Lodge No. 1528
SHELDON, COURTNEY M.
Goodland, KS, Lodge No. 1528

KENTUCKY

FARMER, LAURA J.
Henderson, KY, Lodge No. 206
PHILLIPS, KATHARINE A.
Henderson, KY, Lodge No. 206
DEARING, BRITTNEY N.
Princeton, KY, Lodge No. 1115

LOUISIANA

LEBLANC, DANIELLE N.
New Orleans, LA, Lodge No. 30
WEST, ADAM H.
Shreveport, LA, Lodge No. 122

MAINE

COTTERLY, ANDREW W.
Lewiston, ME, Lodge No. 371
MCGARY, EMILY C.
Houlton, ME, Lodge No. 835
MARTINEAU, SHANE R.
Rumford, ME, Lodge No. 862
MORASH, MEGHAN D.
Biddeford-Saco, ME, Lodge No. 1597

MARYLAND

SHUHART, LAURA J.
Hagerstown, MD, Lodge No. 378
WARRENFELTZ, MEGAN E.
Hagerstown, MD, Lodge No. 378
FOGLE, KELSEY J.
Frederick, MD, Lodge No. 684
WEISNER, MARY E.
Salisbury, MD, Lodge No. 817
HURLEY, LAUREN J.
Cambridge, MD, Lodge No. 1272
MCCLOSKEY, KAYLA M.
Essex, MD, Lodge No. 1866

MASSACHUSETTS

BARDSLEY, BETH A.
Springfield, MA, Lodge No. 61
RIBEIRO, CAITLIN M.
Fall River, MA, Lodge No. 118
LENIHAN, PATRICK J.
Holyoke, MA, Lodge No. 902
MCCARTHY, ANDREW M.
Wakefield, MA, Lodge No. 1276
RUFO, STEPHANIE M.
Brighton, MA, Lodge No. 2199
MANNING, JEANNE M.
Weymouth, MA, Lodge No. 2232
BOGUSLAWSKI, KRISTINA M.
Montague, MA, Lodge No. 2521

MICHIGAN

TREMP, MAKENZIE M.
Traverse City, MI, Lodge No. 323
MONAHAN, JOSEPH P.
Three Rivers, MI, Lodge No. 1248
NEGRON, CASSANDRA R.
Niles, MI, Lodge No. 1322
RILEY, SARAH M.
Iron River, MI, Lodge No. 1671
KEITH, NICOLE L.
Otsego, MI, Lodge No. 1711
KEHOE, COLLEEN C.
Tawas Area, MI, Lodge No. 2525

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JANSEN, EMILY R.
Mankato, MN, Lodge No. 225

JOHNSON, ZACHARY D.
International Falls, MN, Lodge No. 1599
RINGHOFER, ALEXANDRA K.
International Falls, MN, Lodge No. 1599
TONINATO, JEANNA E.
International Falls, MN, Lodge No. 1599

MISSISSIPPI

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Hattiesburg, MS, Lodge No. 599
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Pascagoula, MS, Lodge No. 1120

MISSOURI

LOFTIN, JENNIFER N.
Excelsior Springs, MO, Lodge No. 1001
BUSH, SARAH L.
Clinton, MO, Lodge No. 1034
WINKELMAN, ALYSSA M.
Festus-Crystal City, MO, Lodge No. 1721
FOSTER, JOSHUA M.
Crestwood, MO, Lodge No. 2503
KENNEDY, KAITLYN M.
Lake Of The Ozarks, MO, Lodge No. 2517

MONTANA

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Missoula 'Hell Gate', MT, Lodge No. 383
HARRIS, NOLAN P
Polson, MT, Lodge No. 1695
SHORES, ALANNA C.
Clark Fork Valley, MT, Lodge No. 2757

NEBRASKA

ELLEY, BREANNA K.
Scottsbluff, NE, Lodge No. 1367
GIFFORD, TYLER S.
Scottsbluff, NE, Lodge No. 1367
MCQUILLAN, CATHERINE R.
Ogallala, NE, Lodge No. 1760

NEVADA

MASLACH, JORDAN B.
Tonopah, NV, Lodge No. 1062

NEW HAMPSHIRE

COCCHIARELLA, ROBBIE D.
Littleton, NH, Lodge No. 1831

YORK, CLINTON W.
Littleton, NH, Lodge No. 1831

NEW JERSEY

VERHASSELT, ERIC D.
Elmwood Park-Paterson, NJ, Lodge No. 60
DOERING, ARIELLE P.
Somerville, NJ, Lodge No. 1068
WEBER, KEVIN A.
Freehold, NJ, Lodge No. 1454
LANGTON, JONATHAN D.
Middlesex, NJ, Lodge No. 1488
BURKE, KELLEN M.
Greater Wildwood, NJ, Lodge No. 1896
MCCANEY, JAMES R.
Greater Wildwood, NJ, Lodge No. 1896
HUGHES, KELLY E.
Metuchen, NJ, Lodge No. 1914
KITTEL, OLIVIA C.
Bordentown, NJ, Lodge No. 2085
BALSAMO, LAUREN E.
Middletown, NJ, Lodge No. 2179
PAULSON, MARSHALL R.
Edison, NJ, Lodge No. 2487
DOMANSKI, JOHN R.
Lacey, NJ, Lodge No. 2518

NEW MEXICO

BEEMAN, KAYLIN R.
Carlsbad, NM, Lodge No. 1558
WALSH, LAUREN N.
Carlsbad, NM, Lodge No. 1558

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Brooklyn, NY, Lodge No. 22
QUANDT, EILEEN V.
Amsterdam, NY, Lodge No. 101
MCCAFFREY, ALISSA M.
Ogdensburg, NY, Lodge No. 772
DELZER, DEREK R.
Lancaster, NY, Lodge No. 1478
LINDSAY, LAUREN M.
Wellsville, NY, Lodge No. 1495
GYDESEN, EMILY K.
Lowville, NY, Lodge No. 1605

KINGSLEY, MOLLY C.
Lowville, NY, Lodge No. 1605

ARCHER, KARLEE H.
Massapequa, NY, Lodge No. 2162

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Guilderland, NY, Lodge No. 2480

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High Point, NC, Lodge No. 1155

SHEFFIELD, ELIZABETH A.
High Point, NC, Lodge No. 1155

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OHIO

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PRINCE, KYLAN E.
Lima, OH, Lodge No. 54

GOOD, LINDSEY R.
Coshocton, OH, Lodge No. 376

KELLEY, PAIGE M.
Newark, OH, Lodge No. 391

FORCE, KRISTINA L.
Wooster, OH, Lodge No. 1346

ZIMMERMAN, TYLER M.
Wooster, OH, Lodge No. 1346

ALLEN, FRANCES R.
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Claremore, OK, Lodge No. 1230

MURPHY, AMANDA C.
Ponca City, OK, Lodge No. 2002

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Eugene, OR, Lodge No. 357

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Tillamook, OR, Lodge No. 1437

JENCK, STEPHANIE M.
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Ontario, OR, Lodge No. 1690

HARRINGTON, ANNA P.
Milwaukie, OR, Lodge No. 2032

TRAVESS, TERENCE M. II
Springfield, OR, Lodge No. 2145

PENNSYLVANIA

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Franklin, PA, Lodge No. 110

FERGUSON, EMMA S.
Lancaster, PA, Lodge No. 134

LESKO, ALYSSA C.
Titusville, PA, Lodge No. 264

ROMAN, CHRISTOPHER M.
Beaver Falls, PA, Lodge No. 348

LONG, TAYLOR S.
Danville, PA, Lodge No. 754

FERLIN, AARON B.
Latrobe, PA, Lodge No. 907

GRABOWSKI, KYLE D.
Etna, PA, Lodge No. 932

RHODE ISLAND

OSBORNE, TAYLOR D.
Westerly, RI, Lodge No. 678

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South Kingstown, RI, Lodge No. 1899

GRIMES, ASHLEE N.
Coventry-West Greenwich, RI, Lodge No. 2285

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Charleston, SC, Lodge No. 242

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Walterboro, SC, Lodge No. 1988

HAMMOND, JAMES E.
Summerville, SC, Lodge No. 2719

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Sioux Falls, SD, Lodge No. 262

BARGMANN, KYLE R.
Rapid City, SD, Lodge No. 1187

EDDIE, SARAH A.
Winner, SD, Lodge No. 2084

TENNESSEE

MAITLAND, TAYLOR H.
Trenton, TN, Lodge No. 1279

WHITAKER, DANIEL P.
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WILES, LYSSA C.
Lewisburg, TN, Lodge No. 1990

TEXAS

CARPENTER, KELSEY N.
San Antonio, TX, Lodge No. 216

DEL MORAL, KAYLEIGH C.
Del Rio, TX, Lodge No. 837

KIRTS, KAYLA D.
Brenham, TX, Lodge No. 979

EISCHEID, AARON M.
Weslaco, TX, Lodge No. 2057

PRICE, WILLIAM D.
Arlington, TX, Lodge No. 2114

SPAHN, KELLEY R.
Gonzales, TX, Lodge No. 2413

UTAH

BUTTARS, CHELSEA J.
Golden Spike, UT, Lodge No. 719

BOWDEN, KASSIDI K.
Vernal, UT, Lodge No. 2375

VERMONT

LEMIEUX, CARSON A.
Bennington, VT, Lodge No. 567

GAUTHIER, LEO A.
Burlington, VT, Lodge No. 916

MELENDY, CHELSEA K.
Windsor, VT, Lodge No. 1665

VIRGINIA

MORSBERGER, JOY R.
Norfolk, VA, Lodge No. 38

LEISEY, VICTORIA G.
Richmond, VA, Lodge No. 45

SIMPSON, JENNIFER L.
Clifton Forge, VA, Lodge No. 1065

WRIGHT, BRIAN L.
Waynesboro, VA, Lodge No. 2270

WASHINGTON

HORGEN, DIANA M.
Bellingham, WA, Lodge No. 194

KUHN, LAUREN E.
Hoquiam, WA, Lodge No. 1082

CASTELLANET, CASSANDRA G.
Bremerton, WA, Lodge No. 1181

SINGER, JEFFREY D.
Bremerton, WA, Lodge No. 1181

DEROSIER, ANDREA M.
Kelso/Longview, WA, Lodge No. 1482

MARUM, ANNA L.
Kelso/Longview, WA, Lodge No. 1482

BULLOCH, KATHERINE F.
Lake City (Seattle), WA, Lodge No. 1800

WEST VIRGINIA

WOOD, JENNA L.
Fairmont, WV, Lodge No. 294

WELLS, KASSIDY G.
Wellsburg, WV, Lodge No. 1553

KOLANKO, MARI J.
Weirton, WV, Lodge No. 1801

WISCONSIN

MAHER, JOHN J.
Wausau, WI, Lodge No. 248

SCHEIBEL, GEORGE A.
Sheboygan, WI, Lodge No. 299

VOSS, LUCAS J.
Madison, WI, Lodge No. 410

QUINN, CATHERINE S.
Portage, WI, Lodge No. 675

WRONKOWSKI, JACQUELYN A.
Manitowoc, WI, Lodge No. 687

WYOMING

LAYTON, ALEXANDRIA L.
Casper, WY, Lodge No. 1353

ERLEWINE, ASA J.
Lusk, WY, Lodge No. 1797



This past year, all of his greatest memories are with the Elks. He thinks about eating a healthy meal at the Lodge, dressing in costume for the Elks Halloween party, and catching his first fish at the Lodge fishing derby.

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 \$1.375 million in local communities through Gratitude Grants, Promise Grants and Impact Grants.

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 in 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 2008-09, 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, 2009, Promise Grants will be available to the first 250 Lodges that pledge to hold a youth event. For more information, please visit www.elks.org/enf/community.

YOUTH FEST SHOWS PROMISE

On a Saturday in the fall, more than 500 children and families took over Elks Lodge No. 643 in Riverside, Calif. But this wasn't some sort of angry mob, it was the Lodge's second annual Youth Fest.

Using a \$500 Promise Grant, the Elks provided a fun-filled Drug Awareness event for the entire community. And with a Hoop Shoot, tricycle races, musical chairs, woodcarving and free food, there was certainly something for everybody.

"Instead of focusing on involving a few of our community schools, this was an attempt to reach out and educate our entire community," explains event co-chairperson Barbara Ackel. This event allowed the Lodge to "establish an environment where fun and learning could go hand-in-hand."

Not only was it fun, but educational too! Drug Awareness materials were distributed to the attendees and important informational presentations were made by various groups. Demonstrations

were made by the California Department of Justice Drug Lab Unit, Riverside Fire Department and the Riverside Police Department K-9 Unit.

In addition to providing important Drug Awareness information, the event was a great opportunity for the Lodge to increase its community presence. "Charity begins in one's own community," says Ackel. "And investing in your community is investing in a successful future for your Elks Lodge."

The Lodge is already looking forward to hosting another Youth Fest, which is sure to be bigger and better than last year's. As Ackel admits, "There is always room for improvement!"

PROMISE GRANT RECIPIENTS 2008-09

- BRISTOL BAY, AK, Lodge No. 2687, Red Ribbon Week
- BLOCTON, AL, Lodge No. 710, Youth Awards Night
- DOTHAN, AL, Lodge No. 1887, Scholarship Program
- HUNTSVILLE, AL, Lodge No. 1648, Athletics/Leadership
- FORT SMITH, AR, Lodge No. 341, Fishing Derby
- JONESBORO, AR, Lodge No. 498, Fishing Derby
- MOUNTAIN HOME, AR, Lodge No. 1714, Drug Awareness Program
- ROGERS-BENTONVILLE, AR, Lodge No. 2144, All-Community Event

- CASAS ADOBES, AZ, Lodge No. 2663, Soccer Shoot
- FLAGSTAFF, AZ, Lodge No. 499, Christmas Party
- KEARNY, AZ, Lodge No. 2478, Youth Awards Night
- KINGMAN, AZ, Lodge No. 468, Scout Activity
- PHOENIX, AZ, Lodge No. 335, Christmas Party
- PRESCOTT, AZ, Lodge No. 330, Christmas Party
- SUN CITY, AZ, Lodge No. 2559, Youth Awards Night
- WILLCOX, AZ, Lodge No. 2131, Pool Party
- ALHAMBRA/SAN GABRIEL, CA, Lodge No. 1328, Youth Awards Night
- ATASCADERO, CA, Lodge No. 2733, Youth Awards Night
- AUBURN, CA, Lodge No. 1691, Youth Awards Night
- CARMICHAEL, CA, Lodge No. 2103, After-Graduation Event
- CHICO, CA, Lodge No. 423, Christmas Party
- DUARTE, CA, Lodge No. 1427, Christmas Party
- LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON, CA, Lodge No. 2117, Pizza Party
- MARYSVILLE, CA, Lodge No. 783, Youth Awards Night
- PASO ROBLES, CA, Lodge No. 2364, Drug Awareness Program
- REDONDO BEACH, CA, Lodge No. 1378, Hoop Shoot
- RIVERSIDE, CA, Lodge No. 643, Drug Awareness Program
- SANTA BARBARA, CA, Lodge No. 613, Youth Awards Night
- SANTEE-LAKESIDE, CA, Lodge No. 2698, Youth Awards Night
- TEMECULA VALLEY, CA, Lodge No. 2801, Youth Awards Night
- TORRANCE, CA, Lodge No. 1948, Christmas Party
- WEST COVINA, CA, Lodge No. 1996, Christmas Party
- ARVADA, CO, Lodge No. 2278, Youth Awards Night
- DEER TRAIL, CO, Lodge No. 2307, Athletics/Leadership
- EVERGREEN, CO, Lodge No. 2363, Easter Egg Hunt
- FLORENCE, CO, Lodge No. 611, Halloween Event
- LAKEWOOD, CO, Lodge No. 1777, Christmas Party
- MONTROSE, CO, Lodge No. 1053, After-Graduation Event
- OURAY, CO, Lodge No. 492, Halloween Event

- SALIDA, CO, Lodge No. 808, Youth Dance
- TELLURIDE, CO, Lodge No. 692, Halloween Event
- DANIELSON, CT, Lodge No. 1706, Youth Awards Night
- ENFIELD, CT, Lodge No. 2222, Youth Awards Night
- FAIRFIELD, CT, Lodge No. 2220, Youth Awards Night
- GLASTONBURY, CT, Lodge No. 2202, Fishing Derby
- HAMDEN, CT, Lodge No. 2224, Youth Awards Night
- NAUGATUCK, CT, Lodge No. 967, Youth Dance
- ROCKVILLE, CT, Lodge No. 1359, Youth Awards Night
- WATERBURY, CT, Lodge No. 265, Youth Awards Night
- COCOA BEACH, FL, Lodge No. 2387, Fundraiser
- EUSTIS, FL, Lodge No. 1578, Halloween Event
- LADY LAKE, FL, Lodge No. 2793, Drug Awareness Program
- LAKE WALES, FL, Lodge No. 1974, Back-To-School Event
- MANASOTA, FL, Lodge No. 2734, Christmas Party
- MILTON, FL, Lodge No. 2377, Back-To-School Event
- OCALA, FL, Lodge No. 286, Red Ribbon Week
- SARASOTA, FL, Lodge No. 1519, Halloween Event
- SARASOTA SOUTH, FL, Lodge No. 2495, Fishing Derby
- ST. PETERSBURG, FL, Lodge No. 1224, Soccer Shoot
- ALBANY, GA, Lodge No. 713, Christmas Party
- COVINGTON, GA, Lodge No. 1806, Drug Awareness Program
- EATONTON, GA, Lodge No. 2549, Athletics/Leadership
- GAINESVILLE, GA, Lodge No. 1126, Scout Activity
- LAKE OCONEE, GA, Lodge No. 2849, Scholarship Program

- KAILUA, HI, Lodge No. 2230, Drug Awareness Program
- AMES, IA, Lodge No. 1626, Christmas Party
- DECORAH, IA, Lodge No. 443, Athletics/Leadership
- DES MOINES, IA, Lodge No. 98, After-Prom Party
- ESTHERVILLE, IA, Lodge No. 528, Youth Awards Night
- INDIANOLA, IA, Lodge No. 2814, Fishing Derby
- KEOKUK, IA, Lodge No. 106, Pool Party
- RED OAK, IA, Lodge No. 1304, All-Community Event
- SHENANDOAH, IA, Lodge No. 1122, After-Prom Party
- IDAHO FALLS, ID, Lodge No. 1087, Dictionary Project
- LEWISTON, ID, Lodge No. 896, Soccer Shoot
- CARBONDALE, IL, Lodge No. 1243, DARE Graduation
- CHICAGO NORTHSHORE, IL, Lodge No. 1316, Halloween Event
- GALENA, IL, Lodge No. 882, Drug Awareness Program
- GALESBURG, IL, Lodge No. 894, Dictionary Project
- HERRIN, IL, Lodge No. 1146, Athletics/Leadership
- MARION, IL, Lodge No. 800, All-Community Event
- McLEANSBORO, IL, Lodge No. 1882, Youth Dances
- MENDOTA, IL, Lodge No. 1212, After-Prom Party
- METROPOLIS, IL, Lodge No. 1428, Flag Day Event
- PONTIAC, IL, Lodge No. 1019, After-Prom Party
- PRINCETON, IL, Lodge No. 1461, Youth Awards Night
- SPRINGFIELD, IL, Lodge No. 158, All-Community Event
- BEDFORD, IN, Lodge No. 826, Youth Awards Night
- BICKNELL, IN, Lodge No. 1421, Pool Party

- KOKOMO, IN, Lodge No. 190, Drug Awareness Program
- LINTON, IN, Lodge No. 866, Christmas Party
- ROCKVILLE, IN, Lodge No. 2471, Christmas Party
- SULLIVAN, IN, Lodge No. 911, Christmas Party
- VALPARAISO, IN, Lodge No. 500, Drug Awareness Program
- CHANUTE, KS, Lodge No. 806, Fishing Derby
- GOODLAND, KS, Lodge No. 1528, Red Ribbon Week
- HIAWATHA, KS, Lodge No. 1741, Youth Awards Night
- JUNCTION CITY, KS, Lodge No. 1037, Christmas Party
- RUSSELL, KS, Lodge No. 1715, Christmas Party
- WICHITA, KS, Lodge No. 427, Christmas Party
- CYNTHIANA, KY, Lodge No. 438, Veterans Program
- LOUISVILLE, KY, Lodge No. 8, Christmas Party
- HOUMA, LA, Lodge No. 1193, Youth Awards Night
- AUBURN/WEBSTER, MA, Lodge No. 2118, Athletics/Leadership
- FALMOUTH, MA, Lodge No. 2380, Fishing Derby
- LEOMINSTER, MA, Lodge No. 1237, Youth Awards Night
- MONTAGUE, MA, Lodge No. 2521, After-Graduation Event
- WAREHAM, MA, Lodge No. 1548, Fundraiser
- WEYMOUTH, MA, Lodge No. 2232, Youth Dance
- FREDERICK, MD, Lodge No. 684, Drug Awareness Program
- RUMFORD, ME, Lodge No. 862, Drug Awareness Program
- WELLS, ME, Lodge No. 2738, Youth Dance
- ESCANABA, MI, Lodge No. 354, Poster/Essay Contest
- ISHPEMING, MI, Lodge No. 447, Bike Rodeo



McGruff the Crime Dog poses for a picture with youth at Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643's second annual Youth Fest.



Activities included a Hoop Shoot, musical chairs and tricycle races (shown above), providing fun for kids of all ages!



A future Hoop Shoot® contestant practices her shot with help from Randy Paramo, member of Lodge No. 643.

- MUSKEGON, MI, Lodge No. 274, Halloween Event
- PLYMOUTH, MI, Lodge No. 1780, Athletics/Leadership
- DULUTH, MN, Lodge No. 133, Fishing Derby
- INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN, Lodge No. 1599, Prom Party
- ARCADIA VALLEY (ARCADIA), MO, Lodge No. 2330, Drug Awareness Program
- CHAFFEE, MO, Lodge No. 1810, Drug Awareness Program
- COLUMBIA, MO, Lodge No. 594, Disability Program
- ELLISVILLE, MO, Lodge No. 2664, All-Community Event
- LAKE TANEYCOMO, MO, Lodge No. 2597, Fishing Derby
- NEVADA, MO, Lodge No. 564, Halloween Event
- POPLAR BLUFF, MO, Lodge No. 2452, After-Graduation Event
- SIKESTON, MO, Lodge No. 2319, Red Ribbon Week
- WASHINGTON, MO, Lodge No. 1559, Fishing Derby
- WEBB CITY, MO, Lodge No. 861, Youth Awards Night
- OCEAN SPRINGS, MS, Lodge No. 2501, Fishing Derby
- CLARK FORK VALLEY, MT, Lodge No. 2757, Poster/Essay Contest
- HAMILTON, MT, Lodge No. 1651, Youth Awards Night
- LEWISTOWN, MT, Lodge No. 456, Soccer Shoot
- LIVINGSTON, MT, Lodge No. 246, Youth Awards Night
- CALABASH, NC, Lodge No. 2679, Soccer Shoot
- MINOT, ND, Lodge No. 1089, After-Prom Party
- BROKEN BOW, NE, Lodge No. 1688, Hoop Shoot
- GRAND ISLAND, NE, Lodge No. 604, Youth Dance
- HASTINGS, NE, Lodge No. 159, Poster/Essay Contest
- LINCOLN, NE, Lodge No. 80, Halloween Event
- CLAREMONT, NH, Lodge No. 879, Athletics/Leadership
- CONCORD-EPSOM, NH, Lodge No. 1210, Scout Activity
- KEENE, NH, Lodge No. 927, After-school/Education
- CEDAR GROVE, NJ, Lodge No. 2237, Christmas Party
- CLINTON, NJ, Lodge No. 2434, Drug Awareness Program
- GREATER CAPE MAY, NJ, Lodge No. 2839, After-school/Education
- GREATER WILDWOOD, NJ, Lodge No. 1896, Halloween Event
- HAMILTON, NJ, Lodge No. 2262, Poster/Essay Contest
- HARRISON-EAST NEWARK, NJ, Lodge No. 2326, All-Community Event
- HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NJ, Lodge No. 1962, Other Youth Activity
- MAHWAH, NJ, Lodge No. 1941, Fishing Derby
- NEW EGYPT, NJ, Lodge No. 2457, Fishing Derby
- POINT PLEASANT, NJ, Lodge No. 1698, Youth Dance
- RAHWAY, NJ, Lodge No. 1075, After-school/Education
- SPRINGFIELD/HILLSIDE, NJ, Lodge No. 2004, Battle of the Bands
- SUMMIT, NJ, Lodge No. 1246, All-Community Event
- NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV, Lodge No. 2353, Halloween Event
- RED ROCK, NV, Lodge No. 2835, Youth Awards Night
- BOONVILLE, NY, Lodge No. 2158, Halloween Event
- BROOKLYN, NY, Lodge No. 22, Youth Awards Night
- BRUNSWICK, NY, Lodge No. 2556, Drug Awareness Program
- GOUVENEUR, NY, Lodge No. 2035, Christmas Party
- GREENWOOD LAKE, NY, Lodge No. 2067, All-Community Event
- HOMER, NY, Lodge No. 2506, Youth Awards Night
- JOHNSON CITY, NY, Lodge No. 2821, After-Prom Party
- LANCASTER, NY, Lodge No. 1478, Athletics/Leadership
- LITTLE FALLS, NY, Lodge No. 42, Athletics/Leadership
- LIVERPOOL, NY, Lodge No. 2348, Youth Dance
- LOCKPORT, NY, Lodge No. 41, All-Community Event
- MECHANICVILLE-STILLWATER, NY, Lodge No. 1403, Youth Awards Night
- OGDENSBURG, NY, Lodge No. 772, Soccer Shoot
- PENN YAN, NY, Lodge No. 1722, Bowling Party
- POTSDAM, NY, Lodge No. 2074, Youth Dance
- ROCHESTER, NY, Lodge No. 24, Youth Picnic
- SARANAC LAKE, NY, Lodge No. 1508, Red Ribbon Week
- TICONDEROGA, NY, Lodge No. 1494, Athletics/Leadership
- WATERTOWN, NY, Lodge No. 496, Athletics/Leadership
- WOLCOTT, NY, Lodge No. 1763, Youth Awards Night
- YORKTOWN, NY, Lodge No. 2324, Pizza Party
- ASHLAND, OH, Lodge No. 1360, Christmas Party
- BELLEVUE, OH, Lodge No. 1013, Youth Awards Night
- CHILLICOTHE, OH, Lodge No. 52, Hoop Shoot
- HILLSBORO, OH, Lodge No. 361, Athletics/Leadership
- JACKSON, OH, Lodge No. 466, Youth Awards Night
- KENTON, OH, Lodge No. 157, Halloween Event
- LIMA, OH, Lodge No. 54, Athletics/Leadership
- MANSFIELD, OH, Lodge No. 56, Battle of the Bands
- MARION, OH, Lodge No. 32, After-Prom Party
- MERCER COUNTY, OH, Lodge No. 2170, Youth Awards Night
- MIDDLETOWN, OH, Lodge No. 257, After-school/Education
- NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH, Lodge No. 510, Christmas Party
- NEWCOMERSTOWN, OH, Lodge No. 1555, Youth Awards Night
- NORWALK, OH, Lodge No. 730, Youth Dance
- OHIO RIVER VALLEY, OH, Lodge No. 231, Pool Party
- PORT CLINTON, OH, Lodge No. 1718, Christmas Party
- SANDUSKY, OH, Lodge No. 285, Youth Awards Night
- VAN WERT, OH, Lodge No. 1197, DARE Graduation
- WOOSTER, OH, Lodge No. 1346, Disability Program
- DUNCAN, OK, Lodge No. 1446, Athletics/Leadership
- KINGFISHER, OK, Lodge No. 2416, Youth Awards Night
- PERRY, OK, Lodge No. 2629, Youth Awards Night
- TULSA, OK, Lodge No. 946, After-school/Education
- BURNS, OR, Lodge No. 1680, After-Graduation Event
- COOS BAY, OR, Lodge No. 1160, All-Community Event
- ALLEGHENY, PA, Lodge No. 339, Athletics/Leadership
- BRADDOCK, PA, Lodge No. 883, Halloween Event
- EAST STROUDSBURG, PA, Lodge No. 319, Drug Awareness Program
- WARREN, PA, Lodge No. 223, Athletics/Leadership
- BRISTOL COUNTY, RI, Lodge No. 1860, After-school/Education
- SMITHFIELD, RI, Lodge No. 2359, Christmas Party
- MYRTLE BEACH, SC, Lodge No. 1771, Christmas Party
- HOT SPRINGS, SD, Lodge No. 1751, After-Prom Party
- PIERRE, SD, Lodge No. 1953, Halloween Event
- WINNER, SD, Lodge No. 2084, Movie Night
- CHATTANOOGA, TN, Lodge No. 91, After-school/Education
- COLUMBIA, TN, Lodge No. 686, Disability Program
- MEMPHIS, TN, Lodge No. 27, Safe Night
- CLEBURNE, TX, Lodge No. 811, Christmas Party
- DENTON, TX, Lodge No. 2446, Youth Awards Night
- GREENVILLE, TX, Lodge No. 2437, Youth Dance
- HUNTSVILLE, TX, Lodge No. 1981, Pool Party
- KATY, TX, Lodge No. 2628, Christmas Party
- KERRVILLE, TX, Lodge No. 2081, Easter Egg Hunt
- TEMPLE, TX, Lodge No. 138, After-Graduation Event
- BOUNTIFUL, UT, Lodge No. 2442, Youth Week Events
- GOLDEN SPIKE, UT, Lodge No. 719, Youth Awards Night
- ST. GEORGE 'Dixie', UT, Lodge No. 1743, Graduation Party
- VERNAL, UT, Lodge No. 2375, Youth Awards Night
- CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, Lodge No. 389, Fundraiser
- DANVILLE, VA, Lodge No. 227, Fishing Derby
- FRONT ROYAL, VA, Lodge No. 2382, Drug Awareness Program
- ONANCOCK, VA, Lodge No. 1766, Christmas Party
- PETERSBURG, VA, Lodge No. 237, Athletics/Leadership
- VIRGINIA BEACH, VA, Lodge No. 2268, After-school/Education
- WINCHESTER, VA, Lodge No. 867, Christmas Party
- CENTRALIA-CHEHALIS, WA, Lodge No. 2435, Youth Dance
- EVERETT, WA, Lodge No. 479, After-school/Education
- OAK HARBOR, WA, Lodge No. 2362, Disability Program
- PORT TOWNSEND, WA, Lodge No. 317, Easter Egg Hunt
- RAYMOND, WA, Lodge No. 1292, Youth Awards Night
- FOND DU LAC, WI, Lodge No. 57, Battle of the Bands
- MILWAUKEE, WI, Lodge No. 46, Crisis Support
- OSHKOSH, WI, Lodge No. 292, Youth Awards Night
- TWO RIVERS, WI, Lodge No. 1380, After-Prom Party
- WALWORTH-LAKELAND, WI, Lodge No. 2201, Youth Awards Night
- CLARKSBURG, WV, Lodge No. 482, Fishing Derby
- MARTINSBURG, WV, Lodge No. 778, Christmas Party
- PARKERSBURG, WV, Lodge No. 198, Scholarship Program
- SISTERSVILLE, WV, Lodge No. 333, After-school/Education
- WELLSBURG, WV, Lodge No. 1553, Youth Awards Night
- WHEELING, WV, Lodge No. 28, Youth Awards Night

PART II

IMPACT GRANTS

In 2007, the ENF announced a new component to the Community Investments Program called Impact Grants. Impact Grants are competitive grants worth up to \$10,000 for Lodges to address unmet needs in their communities. Below are 13 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.

ELKS FEED BELLIES & SOULS

Each Wednesday at 4 p.m., members of the Wheeling, W.Va., Elks Lodge No. 28 gather at the soup kitchen of Greater Wheeling to feed the bodies and minds of needy children in their community.

With a \$10,000 Impact Grant from the Elks National Foundation, the Lodge has started the Just For Kids after-school program. Just for Kids invites school-aged children throughout Ohio County to attend weekly dinners where they receive more than just nutrition. Each dinner also includes mentorship, homework help, and special presentations following the meal.

On one memorable Wednesday, the head football coaches and star players from the two largest high schools in Wheeling spent more than an hour interacting with the students. These special guests also presented more than 35 game jerseys to the students.

On another Wednesday, a local dentist and several dental hygiene students from West Liberty State College demonstrated good oral hygiene practices to the kids. Dr. Frank Carenbauer, also a member of the Wheeling Lodge, volunteered to provide free dental care to one of the youngsters in need for a whole year!

So far, the Elks have hosted 14 dinner sessions, serving 639 children and 241 parents or

guardians. They expect the sessions to get even bigger with the warmer weather!

And this program isn't just helping the kids and families in attendance; it's also been great for the Lodge!

"The Just For Kids Program has had a galvanizing affect on our Lodge," explains proud Lodge member, PGER and ENF Trustee Ted Hess. "Members who rarely attended Lodge meetings have now volunteered to help serve the meals. We have also attracted several new members because of the program!"

Guess it's not Just for Kids after all!

A family plays a board game together after enjoying a hot, nutritious meal at Wheeling Elks Lodge's Just For Kids program.



IMPACT GRANT YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

- KINGMAN, AZ, Elks Lodge No. 468, Fishing for Smiles
- GRASS VALLEY, CA, Elks Lodge No. 538, H.O.P.E. in Nevada County
- EL CAJON, CA, Elks Lodge No. 1812, East County Youth Symphony
- TELLURIDE, CO, Elks Lodge No. 692, Antlers Wilderness Education Program
- ST. AUGUSTINE, FL, Elks Lodge No. 829, Elks Kids Fit Club
- DECORAH, IA, Elks Lodge No. 443, Fundamentals of Finance
- WAUKEGAN, IL, Elks Lodge No. 702, Hit the Books
- BICKNELL, IN, Elks Lodge No. 1421, Back to School Mall
- ASHLAND, KY, Elks Lodge No. 350, COOL Camp Youth Promise Program
- OPELOUSAS, LA, Elks Lodge No. 1048, Building of Our Youth
- CLIFTON PARK, NY, Elks Lodge No. 2466, CAPTAIN Bike Works
- COOS BAY, OR, Elks Lodge No. 1160, Weekend Snack Pack Program
- WHEELING, WV, Elks Lodge No. 28, Just For Kids



Elks members serve a hungry student dinner.

A happy student enjoys an ice cream sundae as dessert at a Just For Kids meal.



CHAPTER FIVE

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

We salute the following members of the 2008-09 Foundation Fellowship who contributed \$1,000 or more to the Foundation from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. To learn more about the Foundation Fellowship and to view the benefits for each level, visit www.elks.org/enf/annualrecognition.cfm.

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