

Volunteer Bits

November 2005

An informational resource for volunteers



Volunteers Needed

Drop off Holiday Gift Tags and Boxes

The Omaha office needs gift tags for gift wrap at Oak View Mall. If you are out shopping and happen to come across inexpensive gift tags, and do not mind purchasing a few extra for Make-A-Wish, we would greatly appreciate it.

Also, if you have boxes lying around your house that are taking up room, we could use them for gift wrapping. We can never have enough, and you can help us out even more by dropping them off at the gift wrap booth after Nov. 25th until Christmas Eve after noon. Thank you!

Donations for Holiday Party

Each year, we hold a Holiday party for our wish kids in Omaha, Lincoln and now Kearney. We could use more beanie babies to give to the children at each party or any other appropriate gifts. If you are interested, please drop off the items to the office nearest you.

Thursday, November 3 & Friday, November 4 Staff an Informational Booth at the Latino Conference

We are in need of volunteers to staff the Make-A-Wish table at the Qwest Center in Omaha. Shift times will be approximately 8:00am - noon and noon - 4:00pm. Volunteers do not need to speak Spanish, but do need to know about our program. We will supply you with Make-A-Wish materials to hand out. Please contact Sarah at the Omaha office for more details.

November 25 - December 24 Holiday Gift Wrap and Mall Greeters

It is never too early to start thinking about Holiday Gift Wrap at Oak View Mall in Omaha. The Gift Wrap schedule is posted on our website at www.nebraska.wish.org. Click on the Volunteer link on the left-hand side of the page, then look for 2005 Gift Wrap Schedule and click on it. You will find a calendar for November and December with available shift dates and times. Please contact Sarah at the Omaha office if you are interested in Gift Wrapping or being a Mall Greeter and she can give you more details.

Bath & Body Works Celebrates “The Perfect Christmas” (A National Sponsorship)

Bath & Body Works has doubled its commitment to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in 2005 by offering three unique gifts this holiday season to celebrate “The Perfect Christmas.” The line includes “The Perfect Christmas,” a three-CD set featuring a variety of popular artists singing holiday favorites and special songs from wish kid Paige Armstrong, a spice-scented holiday candle and specially designed Make-A-Wish gift card. Bath & Body Works will donate \$1 to the Foundation from each of these holiday gifts, up to a maximum contribution of \$500,000. Chapters will benefit from revenue generated as a result of this program.

Things Remembered (A National Partnership)

It’s time to start planning for the holidays again! Things Remembered has unveiled its 2005 Make-A-Wish holiday products, which include the eighth annual Make-A-Wish pewter ornament, a festive throw, and the Star Keepsake box with wishing stones. Things Remembered is hosting a Make-A-Wish Celebration Event from Nov. 16-20, 2005. For more details on a store nearest you, log onto www.thingsremembered.com.

Training Dates

Please visit our website at www.nebraska.wish.org to view dates and times for Volunteer Orientation, Airport/Dinner and Wishgranting Training in Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney.

Hannah will be holding training sessions for volunteers in the Grand Island and Hastings area within the next couple of months. Please check the website to find out dates, times and location of each training. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah at the Kearney office.

Fun Photo to Share



Julie Blackmon, a new volunteer, who is the blond wearing glasses on the far left side, shared this photo with us. She came to the office and purchased Make-A-Wish sweatshirts for everyone to wear to work on casual Friday.

Julie has been very active since she started volunteering a month ago, and has a passion for Make-A-Wish. She has sold two books of raffle tickets for the Corvette, donated some travel items for our wish kids and is helping with several upcoming events.

Thank you, Julie!

Featured Volunteers

Glauca De Oliveira - Thank you to Glauca who managed to volunteer to room decorate less than a week after she got married. Congratulations on your marriage to John and thank you for decorating a room for a wish child.

Ed Spillman - Ed is a new volunteer in the Kearney area and has gone above and beyond in helping to transport, showcase and sell raffle tickets for the Corvette. His enthusiasm is refreshing.

Nancy Kollars - Nancy is an active volunteer and Hannah doesn't know what she would do without her. Since opening the new office in Kearney, Nancy has helped with every special event and fund raiser. She has also attended all volunteer trainings and shared stories with the new recruits of the many wishes she has done. She will be speaking to a service club in December and she represents the true spirit of the mission. Nancy didn't even complain when Hannah parked the homecoming float on her foot!

Richard Horton - Recently, Richard has added one more hat to his roles with Make-A-Wish. Richard and his wife, Claudia, first became involved when their daughter, Teri, received her wish for a computer. Teri, who suffered from leukemia, lost her battle with the disease shortly after receiving her wish in 1990. Since then, Richard and Claudia have held a bi-annual Hamburger Fry in their hometown of Seward, to raise money and awareness for Make-A-Wish. Richard recently completed his wish-granting training and has already granted one wish. He is now working on a second. Thank you Richard for all the efforts you and your family have made to further our mission!

Birthdays

- 1 - Joanne LeBow
- 2 - Cindy Hardy
- 3 - Jan Egermayer
- 4 - Celestina Sabala
- 5 - April Brondel
- 7 - Cindy McNair, Jennifer Koom, Julia Mason
- 10 - Michelle Morelock
- 11 - Pam Emken
- 14 - Gail Hooper, Ed Spillman
- 15 - Jenny Hansen
- 18 - Darlene Cepel
- 21 - Denise Madison, Laura Bisarek
- 22 - Amy Lammers
- 23 - Paula Wetterlund
- 25 - Alice Minchow
- 27 - Kristen Leefers

Quote of the Month:

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

- Albert Schweitzer

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