



Volunteer Bits

October 2005

An informational resource for volunteers

Volunteers Needed

Sunday, October 16, 2005

Public Air Show at Municipal Airport in Kearney

Volunteers may be needed to sell raffle tickets for the Corvette from 11am - 3pm. Please call Hannah at the Kearney office for more details if you are interested.

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Fire Fighters Convention in Kearney

Volunteers may be needed to sell tickets for the Corvette. Details TBA. Please call Hannah at the Kearney office for more details if you are interested.

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 8:30am - 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 5, 2005

Veterans Parade in Bellevue

We are in need of volunteers to drive the Corvette in the parade and help sell raffle tickets for the Corvette after the parade. If you are interested, please call 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 shift dates and times. Please contact Sarah at the Omaha office if you are interested in Gift Wrapping or for being a Mall Greeter and she can give you more details.

Upcoming Events Anyone is Welcome to Attend!

Sunday, October 9

Richfield Run - Richfield, NE (3 miles south of Papillion)

Do you like to run or walk? Then this event is for you. All ages are welcome to attend.

* 9:00am - 3 mile run/walk, 10 mile run, Clydesdale category

* 11:00am - 1 mile kids run

* 11:30am - awards to competitors

* 12:30pm - drawing for donated prizes

There is a \$17 entry fee and \$10 fee for children 14 years and under

Half of the proceeds will be given to Make-A-Wish.

For more information, call Carmen at the Omaha office.

November 25 - December 24

Holiday Gift Wrap and Mall Greeters

Stop by our gift wrap booth at Oak View Mall on the Second level in front of J.C. Penney's and get your gifts wrapped.

Quote of the Month:

□ Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it□s the only thing that ever has.□

-Margaret Mead

Fun Story to Share

Jane Griffin, Vice President and Marcie Brush in Lincoln are wish granters for a 9-year-old boy named Alex. Jane and Sandy presented Alex with two Fact Books. Upon receiving the Fact Books, Alex looked at Jane and Sandy and said "You really are wish granters, otherwise how would you have known I LOVE these books!"

These are the kinds of stories that reaffirm what granting wishes is all about. If you have any memorable wish granting stories, please feel free to share them with Sarah at the Omaha office and she will be happy to include them in the newsletter.

Corvette Raffle Deadline Has Been Extended Help us sell 1600 Tickets!

We have decided to extend the drawing date until December 24, 2005 - Christmas Eve at Oak View Mall during Holiday Gift Wrap.

Would you or do you know someone who would look great driving this Corvette? How about buying a ticket for that "hard-to-buy-for person" and giving them a ticket as a gift? What a perfect Holiday gift for someone you love.

Please consider e-mailing your friends to consider buying a ticket.

All we need are 160 people to sell 10 tickets each!



River City Round Up - A Big Thanks

A big thanks to all of the volunteers and wish families who participated in the River City Round Up Parade. Whether you helped decorate, attend the parade planning meeting, walked in the parade or contributed candy, we could not have done it without you. It was a blast!

A round of applause to Jim Clark at Autocorp for allowing us to use his space to decorate and store the float. Jim - you made the process much easier on all of us.

Thanks to Vala's Pumpkin Patch for lending us 12 bales of straw. The bales not only served as decorations, but as a place for the wish children to sit on the float under the barn.

Featured Volunteers

Mary Hayes - talk about creative and artistic! Mary was kind enough to make all of the free-standing farm animals and a sign for our River City Round Up float. Mary spent countless hours making sketches, tracing, painting, cutting and delivering the goods to the office. The float would not have looked the same without her artistic abilities.

Andy Kroeger - a past wish child, who is now an adult, put in a lot of hard work by asking a friend to donate the trailer and truck for the parade, he help decorate the float, drove the float and came to the parade planning party, not to mention responding to countless of e-mails asking advice on the structural side of the float.

Joy Eggleston - lent her ideas for decorating the float by attending the parade planning meeting, helped decorate the float and researched several options for float decorations, including the corn stalks.

Diane Bemis - Diane is a regular around our office. Not only does she stop in to say hello, but she is a very active wish granter. We would like to thank her for all of her help in general and for decorating the float.

Chi Omega - thanks to all of the Chi Omega Chapters across the state. We appreciate all that you do for us.

Tera Cobb - when Tera Cobb moved to Lincoln, she was bound and determined to be an active volunteer with Make-A-Wish, and that she is! We are lucky to have Tera on our Lincoln Team, as she always makes time for Make-A-Wish. She even made time to work a shift at the State Fair 72 hours before she gave birth to her son, Tucker Cobb (congrats to Tera and Eric)! Tera has helped at a variety of fund raisers, and has granted numerous wishes since she joined us in Lincoln two years ago. She not only volunteers her own services, but those of her husband, Eric, and step-son Austin! She comes to every event with a beautiful smile and an abundance of positive energy! Thank you Tera, Eric and Austin for everything you do to benefit our wish children!

Julie Westerfield - Congratulations to Julie, who was happily married to Arnie Robinson on Saturday, September 24, 2005 in Scottsdale, AZ. Julie has changed her last name to Robinson.

Birthdays

- 1 - Sherry Brown
- 2 - Julie Westerfield, Marisa Meyer
- 3 - Paul Vondra, Colin Sorensen
- 7 - Briana Hooi
- 8 - Mary Jo Marshall
- 9 - Matthew Rutherford
- 10 - Mark Newson, Raelyn Merryweather
- 11 - Cathy Profera
- 12 - Lori Halsey
- 15 - Marie Lombardo, Darci Willamson
- 16 - Dayla Rhodus, Linda Hughes
- 17 - Christy Champoux
- 19 -Megan Rolofson
- 20 - Linda Vinderslev, Amy Cornell, Nick Hogan
- 21 - Kim Mathewson
- 22 - Jessica DeLeon, Kellie Neth
- 23 - Mike Cavanaugh
- 24 - Eric Cobb, Gwen Ensrud, Jennifer Hayes
- 25 - Mary Springer, Brenda Kastens, Laurie Cearns
- 26 - Theresa Keefe, Kandi Bailey
- 28 - Sandy Wolfe, Justin Burke
- 29 - Jennifer Rasmussen
- 30 - Naomi Wolfson
- 31 - Canice Price

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HomecomingParade - A BigThanks!

A big thanks to all of the volunteers and wish families who participated.

A special thanks to Jessica Vlan who was Hannah's biggest helper.

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 Scottsbluff, 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.

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.

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