



# Volunteer Bits

February 2006

An informational resource for volunteers

## Wrap up Wishes for your **Sweetheart**

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and once again we will be at Oak View Mall wrapping gifts from Saturday, February 11th - Tuesday, February 14th. Our booth is located on the second level in front of JC Penney's. If you have gifts to buy for your sweetheart or a loved one, stop by and get your gifts wrapped for a small fee. All proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska.

If anyone has spare boxes left over from the Holidays, feel free to drop them off at the Chapter Office or take them to our booth at Oak View.

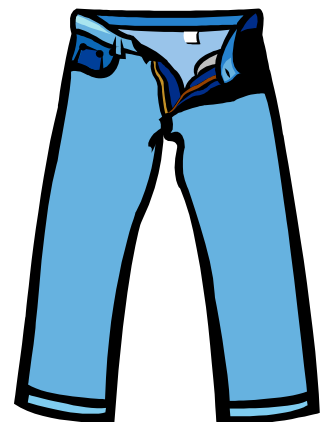
For more details, contact Sarah.

## Dig Out Your Favorite Pair of Jeans and Dance the Night Away at the 8th Annual Blue Jean Ball

Our Chapter's biggest fundraiser, Blue Jean Ball, will be held at the Forte' Conference Center on 15th and Cuming on March 4, 2006 in Omaha at 6:00pm. This magical evening is filled with dancing, dinner, silent and oral auctions. All proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska.

Tickets are available for \$125 per person. For more information or to purchase a table, please contact the Chapter office.

Thanks to the Friends of Make-A-Wish for all of their hard work in organizing this fabulous event!



## A Night With Oscar

When: Sunday, March 5, 2006 - 6:00pm  
Where: Rococo Theatre, 13th and P, Lincoln  
Cost: \$55.00 per person  
Sponsor: Douglas Theatre Company

This is an Academy Awards Sanctioned event, one of only approximately 20 held in the country. Enjoy watching the Oscars live on a big screen, as you partake in the magical evening, including Red Carpet entry, black tie optional, fantastic food, perfect venue and cast your own ballot to win fabulous prizes.

To purchase tickets for reserved seats call:

Make-A-Wish Lincoln Office: 402-475-9474  
Douglas Theatre Company: 402-323-6702



## Full-Service Event in Kearney

The Chi Omega's of UNK will be hosting a Full-Service event on Saturday, February 11th from 8:00am - noon.

Stop by Bob's Total Service or any Casey's Gas Stations in Kearney to have your gas pumped and windows washed for free. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska.

## Auto Show Wrapped Up

A big thanks to all of the volunteers who helped sell raffle tickets and staff our table at the Auto Show. It was a huge success. In raffle ticket sales alone, we raised \$21,217.61. There were also a lot of generous individuals who stopped by our table and made a donation, which added up to \$1,034.00

Not only were we able to raise more money for wishes, but we raised awareness of our mission and had a send off party for two four-year-old girls on Saturday at the Auto Show. They were dressed in princess attire, showered with gifts and whisked away in a fairytale carriage to spend the afternoon in the Old Market. Each child will visit Disney World with their families later this month.

It was truly a magical event for all!

## What A Night!

Imagine yourself in New York City, sitting at a runway show, gazing at beautiful models showing off top of the line clothing.

This is exactly what T'eez Salon envisioned and it was a huge success. For the third year in a row, T'eez Salon held a casting call for local models to strut their stuff down the runway to feature local fashions all while raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska. The event was held at Club Nico and this year was bigger than ever. They raised over \$6,100.00 for Make-A-Wish.

T'eez Salon teamed up with channel UPN to select ten models from that evening's event. One of the models may have a shot at becoming the next "Top Model," which airs on UPN. She will also get the chance to meet Tyra Banks .

Nia, a past wish child spoke at the event and drew the winning raffle ticket for a lucky member in the audience. Marquita, another past wish child, actually participated in the fashion show and walked down the runway in a fabulous green dress. Marquita's wish was to meet Tyra Banks and to be a model for a day.

## Attention Scrapbookers!!!

Are you a scrapbooker for Make-A-Wish? Have you ever come into the Chapter Office and used our die-cutter? If you haven't, you should stop by and take a look what you can use to enhance the books you make or our wish children. From letters, shapes and specialized Disney die-cuts, there is a lot to choose from.

Several of our avid scrapbook volunteers have purchased some new die-cuts for your use from a local scrapbook store that is going out of business. Here is a list of the new die-cuts that were purchased:

Border - Grass  
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Word - Disney  
Castle - Magical - Jumbo  
Balloon - With Ears  
Filmstrip  
Banner  
Bow for Mouse  
Cartoon Hands - left and right  
Frame - Balloon with Ears  
Leaves - Jungle  
Cloud

This is just a list of the new die-cuts that were recently purchased, thanks to Berti e O'Donnell! There are many more die-cuts available that we have had for quite some time. So, if you are interested in adding some new touches to your albums for the wish children, feel free to stop by and take a look. The Chapter Office hours are 8:00am - 5:00pm.

## Featured Volunteers

**Lisa Gulseth** - Thank you so much for all of your hard work with wish granting, attending events, bring boxes to gift wrap and being a day chair during the Holidays. We couldn't do what we do without volunteers like you!

**Julie Blackmon** - Thank you for rounding up auction items for the Blue Jean Ball. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and your determination will pay off, literally. The items purchased at the Blue Jean Ball will allow us to grant more wishes.

**Bertie O Donnell** - Bertie never quits! She has recently retired, but is busier than ever, especially when it comes to Make-A-Wish. Bertie has volunteered for over 20 years and always has a new idea to share. Her latest project consists of making a scrapbook featuring all of the wish children who have received a wish in Nebraska so we can have the album on display at our Chapter Office and at events. Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication to Make-A-Wish, Bertie!

**Kim Fliehler** - Kim is always willing to step up to the plate whenever Deb and Jody are in need of a volunteer to make a scrapbook for one of our wish children. Kim has spent countless of hours making each album she creates picture perfect. Thanks, Kim, for making these albums a keepsake that our wish families will treasure for a life-

## Birthdays

- 1 - Jane Griffin
- 2 - Tracy Minchow, Janet Gedwill
- 6 - Lacey Duff, Emily Phillips
- 7 - Marcia Jones
- 8 - Fedora Groenewold, Melissa Reiss
- 9 - Ronald Fullerton, Shawna Forsberg
- 10 - April Caster
- 11 - Pat Silva, Brenda Barlett, Michelle Pulte
- 13 - Lori Kisby
- 16 - Jane Phillips
- 17 - Dave Webster, Norm Vinderslev
- 18 - Dale Kroeker, Ted Hubbard
- 21 - Laura Hughes
- 22 - Kimberly Anderson
- 23 - Carol Anderson, Kara Rovere
- 24 - Sherri Huges
- 26 - Larry Pence
- 28 - Kelsey Turner, Sarah Price

## This Month's Quote:

*"Love grows by service."*

- Charlotte Perkins Gilman

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