

# Volunteer Bits

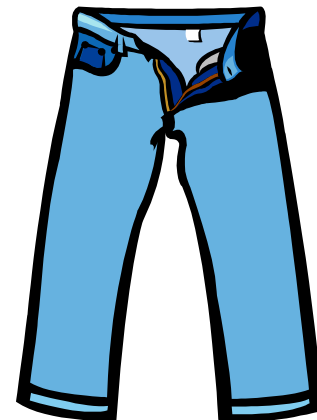
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An informational resource for volunteers

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

Our Chapter's largest internal fundraiser, the Blue Jean Ball, will be held at the Forte' Conference Center on 15th and Cuming on March 4, 2006 in Omaha at 6:30pm. This magical evening is filled with dancing, dinner, silent and oral auctions. All proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska.



## 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

## And the winner is.....

With much awaited anticipation, the winner of the car raffle was drawn from the Midlands Auto Show.

Her name is Michelle Zuerlein. She chose the Pontiac Solstice convertible, which seemed to be the favorite.

Heather was very lucky, as we raised over \$23,000 in donations. There were a lot of tickets purchased!

Thanks again to all of the volunteers who sold raffle tickets, those of you who purchased tickets, local Pontiac dealers and to the Omaha World Herald for all of their hard work in making this event a true success for Make-A-Wish!



**Pictured from top left to right:** Tam Webb from the Omaha World Herald, Heather Zuerlein (winner), Sal Perez (Heather's boyfriend) and Evonne Williams, President of Make-A-Wish. Seth Guffey, wish child, is seated in Heather's new car.

## More Wishes Wrapped Up for **Valentine's Day**

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped wrap gifts for Valentine's Day at Oak View Mall and to those of you who dropped off boxes.

We raised \$685.95, which will go towards granting more wishes. Every bit helps!

Once again, we will be wrapping gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day. It is never too early to start signing up. Please contact Sarah if you are interested or for more details.

## Training Dates

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

Please check the website to find out dates, times and location of each training that is most convenient for you.

## Featured Volunteers

**Ryan Lewis** - Ryan is a new volunteer who joined us in January of this year. When deperate times arise for needing volunteers, Ryan is always available and willing to step up to the plate whenever we need him. Our hats are off to you, Ryan.

### **Brandon Longcrier and Offutt AFB Volunteers -**

We can put Ryan Lewis and Brandon in the same category; helping us out when we are in desperate need of volunteers. Brandon started volunteering with us in October of last year and is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base. Whenever we are in need of volunteers, I can e-mail or call Brandon and he will put the word out to people in his department and they are always willing to come to our rescue. We cannot thank you enough!

**Jayne Westering** - Jayne has been an invaluable volunteer for Make-A-Wish for over 20 years, not only in the Grand Island area where she lives, but in many Nebraska communities where she has traveled to meet wish families. Jayne tells stories about when she began volunteering; she used to make all of the travel arrangements for the families, hosted wish family Christmas parties in her own home and was the only volunteer in the area for a long time. Jayne lives and breathes to help Make-A-Wish and the children she has touched with her kindness over the years have been very blessed to have known her. We are so grateful for Jayne's time, talents and energy.

## Birthdays

- 1 - Lauren Cuellar
- 2 - Veronica Lopez
- 3 - Katie Beavers
- 4 - Jennifer Shuman
- 5 - Connie Carpenter
- 10 - Megan Mazur
- 12 - Kayla Howard
- 13 - Kristi Sullinger
- 14 - Lavonne Olnes, Steve King
- 15 - Rose Dynek
- 16 - Dawn Butterfield
- 29 - Lucille Cavanaugh
- 31 - Roger Stone, TeriLyn Beilke

## This Month's Quote:

"Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them."

-Harriet Naylor

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