

Foundation Update



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President's Corner

It is with great joy that I watch my 19-month old son learn new things every single day. His energy for life and all that is possible is inspiring. But it is also a wake-up call. All of us likely showed that passion for life at a similar age but often lose some of that enthusiasm as age and responsibilities increase. It is part of being human, part of the natural evolution of life.

But we're not regular people, we're Jaycees. We're individuals who are committed to making our communities a better place to live, helping others in a variety of ways that make a difference. So as we prepare to enjoy the final days of our Pure Michigan summer, I encourage you to take a look at life through the eyes of a 19-month old – live life with passion and a hunger to do something outside of your comfort zone. But, in addition, live with an eye towards making your community a better place. I'm excited to say that I'll be attempting to do just that through the Jaycees Foundation in the remaining months of 2011.

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SCHOOL TOOLS PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Grand Rapids Jaycees annual School Tools project, supported by the Foundation, provides needed school supplies to students who can't otherwise afford them.

This year, students at the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center will benefit from this year's School Tools drive.

The Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center is a K-5 public school academy chartered by the Grand Rapids Public Schools. 70% of its student body qualifies for federal free lunch program with 10% of its students homeless at one point during the school year.

Help make sure that these students have the right school tools to succeed. The following school supplies are needed:

- No. 2 Pencils
- 1" Binders
- Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils
- Skinny Washable Markers
- 3-Hole Wide-Rule Notebook Filler Paper

Donations will be collected throughout August at the Jaycees GMM, at the Jaycees office or contact Cortney Schaffer at cortney.schaffer@gmail.com.

Find out more about the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center at <http://childdiscoverycenter.org>.



GR JAYCEES YARD SALE – AUGUST 27!



WE WANT YOUR JUNK! Well, maybe not your junk, but we'd love for you to donate any and all items that you no longer need for the Grand Rapids Jaycees Yard Sale to be held 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 27 at the Jaycees office. The Yard Sale coincides with the Metro Cruise! Check out the sale and see cool cars at the same time!

Donations can be dropped off at the Jaycees office until Friday, August 26 or brought to the August GMM. Any leftover yard sale items will be donated to a community organization. For large items that do not fit into a standard car, please contact the chair, Lisa Kludy, for arrangements.

Volunteers are needed for sorting and pricing Friday, August 26 and for the yard sale on Saturday. Please contact chair Lisa Kludy at lmkludy@gmail.com for more information.

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OFFICE CLEAN-UP THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who braved the heat on Saturday, July 16 to help clean up the outside of the Grand Rapids Jaycees office.

Hedges were trimmed, trees were pruned, weeds were pulled, and a lot of brush was hauled off. All of this makes for a tidier presentation of the office.

A special thank you to Dan McFarland for grilling us a great lunch!

The next office clean-up will be scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2011 to winterize the office. Hope to see you there!



Did You Know?

- More than \$68 billion per year is spent on back-to-school purchases.
- The average profit for a weekend-long garage sale is \$600.
- In 1929, Jaycees membership dues were \$10, payable semi-annually.
- You are eligible for elections to be a Foundation Trustee if you have: 1) served on the Chapter Board for one year; 2) been a Chapter member for at least three years and served in a state or national Jaycees office; or 3) been a Jaycees Chapter member for at least five years.
- You're a member of the Foundation if: you're a current or honorary life member of the Grand Rapids Jaycees or you've donated \$25 or more to the Foundation in the current or previous fiscal year.

UPCOMING JAYCEES PROJECTS

August

- 11 Jaycees GMM – Holiday Inn Express on Pearl St. – 6:30 p.m.
- 12 50/50 Raffle at Whitecaps Game – 5/3 Ball Park – 6 p.m.
- 12-14 Michigan Jaycees Summer Assembly – Crowne Plaza Hotel in GR
- 18 Cherry Street Garden Music Social – ICCF (920 Cherry St.) – 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Jaycees Yard Sale – Jaycees Office – 8 a.m.

September

- 1 Foundation Board Meeting – Jaycees Office – 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Finally Friday Social – Graydon's Crossing – 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Jaycees GMM – Holiday Inn Express on Pearl St. – 6:30 p.m.
- 17 JCI Presenters Training – Jaycees Office – 9 a.m.
- 21 Dining to Donate – Culver's 54th Street – 5-9 p.m.

October

- 6 Foundation Board Meeting – Jaycees Office – 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Finally Friday Social – Bar Louie – 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Foundation Office Clean-Up – Jaycees Office – Time TBA
- 8 Jaycees Progressive Dinner – TBA
- 13 Jaycees GMM – Holiday Inn Express on Pearl St. – 6:30 p.m.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE

The Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation is a non-profit 501-c3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Contribution \$ _____ Your gift at any level will help support the Foundation.

My Information

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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