

Foundation Update



GRAND RAPIDS JAYCEES FOUNDATION
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President's Corner

Happy Holidays!

The season of giving is upon us. It is the time of year when you're able to focus on what is important in your life and show those around you that you care.

In addition to being thankful for my family and friends, great career opportunities, and a wonderful community that I call home, I'm thankful for the Jaycees. It is an organization that has allowed me to channel my desire to give back in a way that is most beneficial for the greater Grand Rapids region.

This year, the Foundation supported chapter projects like the Santa Parade, School Tools, Halloween Extravaganza, SOMI, and the Kids Food Basket program. And in the coming weeks, the Foundation will support the chapter's Holiday Shopping Tour and the 2012 gala.

As the holiday season continues in the weeks ahead, I encourage you to consider the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation when thinking about things that are important to you. With a small contribution, you can help us to help the chapter and the greater community.

Nick Wasmiller
2011 Foundation President

55TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TOUR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

For more than 50 years, the Grand Rapids Jaycees have made the Christmases of local children brighter through the annual Children's Holiday Shopping Tour.

Each year, volunteer shoppers help 100 children referred from area agencies shop for presents, then take them to visit Santa in the North Pole Party Room and get a present of their own while their presents are being wrapped by Santa's elves.

This year's Children's Holiday Shopping Tour will take place 4-9 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13 at the Cascade Meijer on 28th Street near I-96 and is sponsored by ITC, Meijer, and the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation.

Volunteers are still needed in the following areas: Party Room, Registration, Runners, and Registration. Volunteer shifts are: 4:15-6 p.m., 5:45-7:45 p.m., and 7:30-9 p.m.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact grjayceesholidayshoppingtour@gmail.com.

Have extra wrapping supplies? Wrapping supplies are also being collected for this year's event. Drop off your donation at the December GMM or at the Jaycees office.



FOUNDATION ELECTION BALLOT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 15TH

Due to issues with mail delivery, some Foundation election ballots have been returned to members stating "Not Deliverable as Addressed." **Because of this, the ballot deadline has been extended to December 15.** You may return your ballot by: 1) Dropping it off at the Jaycees office (please put it in an envelope, print and sign your name on the envelope); 2) Give it to Amanda Dyer at the GMM on Thursday, December 8 (please put it in an envelope, print and sign your name on the envelope); 3) Mailing your ballot to the Chapter's PO Box: Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation, PO Box 1366, Grand Rapids, MI 49501 (please print and sign your name on the envelope); 4) Completing your ballot, print and write your name on it and scan and email it to: grjayceesfoundation@yahoo.com. Please put "Election Ballot" in the email subject line.

We apologize for any inconvenience that the Post Office's error may have caused.

2011 Foundation Elections Committee

2011 Foundation Board of Trustees

Nick Wasmiller—President
 Rebecca Cajka—Past President
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 Emma Baranowski—Chapt. Pres.
 Amanda Dyer—Trustee
 Scott Greenlee - Trustee
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 Marybeth Schafer—Chapt. CDVP

Did You Know?

- The original Articles of Incorporation for the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation were filed on August 18, 1982.
- In the late 1950's, the Grand Rapids Jaycees ran 15-minute radio shows on WLAV and WMAX to tell the public what the chapter was contributing to the community.
- From 1945 until the early 1970's, the Jaycees' annual Christmas Vespers Service included performances from area school choirs and a community sing-a-long. More than 2,000 people attended in 1971.
- The Winter Sports Carnival, run by the Jaycees from 1938 until the early 1950's, featured the Ice Queen Beauty Pageant.
- 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.

We're on the Web!

grjayceesfoundation.org



2011 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

The Foundation is seeking community grant requests in the month of December, with plans to allocate funds of up to \$5,000 to a local nonprofit. Grant applications, which are available on the Foundation's website at <http://www.grjayceesfoundation.org> along with additional grant details, are being accepted until December 31, 2011.

2011 YEAR-END GALA SET FOR JANUARY 21

Join us on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at McFadden's in downtown Grand Rapids as the Grand Rapids Jaycees chapter and Foundation celebrate its 2011 accomplishments and distribute community grants. Cocktail hour will start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the awards program to follow at 6:30 p.m. Look for additional event details and your invitation in the mail.

UPCOMING JAYCEES PROJECTS

December

- 10 Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Sam's Club on 28th St. – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 13 Children's Holiday Shopping Tour – Cascade Meijer – 4 p.m.
 30 Region C Social at the Griffins Game – Van Andel Arena – 7 p.m.

January

- 5 Foundation Board Meeting – Jaycees Office – 6:30 p.m.
 6 Finally Friday Social – TBA – 5:30 p.m.
 12 Jaycees GMM – Brann's on Leonard – 6:30 p.m.
 21 Jaycees Year-End Gala – McFadden's – 6:30 p.m.

February

- 2 Foundation Board Meeting – Jaycees Office – 6:30 p.m.
 3 Finally Friday Social – TBA – 5:30 p.m.
 9 Jaycees GMM – Brann's on Leonard – 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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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