

FOUNDATION UPDATE



GRAND RAPIDS JAYCEES FOUNDATION

Giving... Building... Leading

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President's Corner

It's hard to believe that this year is almost over. I'm learning a lot this year as Foundation President—from keeping track of an investment portfolio to knowing the difference between a weed and a plant.

We're looking to fill more spots on next year's Foundation Board of Trustees. If you are eligible to become a Trustee and are interested in becoming more involved in the Foundation, we would love to have you!

As the holiday season approaches, we hope that you'll remember the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation in your giving plans. Your contributions makes a difference by supporting community projects like School Tools and the Children's Holiday Shopping Tour. As always, since the Foundation is a 501-c3, your donation is tax deductible.

"I expect to pass through life once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do for any fellow being, let me do it now." – William Penn

Becky Casika

2010 Foundation President

SCHOOL TOOLS PROVIDES SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY

Due to generous donations from members of the Grand Rapids Jaycees and the community, the annual School Tools project provided needed school supplies to 20 classes of students at Buchanan Elementary located in southwest Grand Rapids. The school supplies were delivered to teachers by committee members during an open house at Buchanan Elementary on Thursday, September 16.

School Tools Donations:

- 120 packs of 12 ct. pencils
- 170 packs of 24 ct. crayons
- 86 boxes of markers
- 41 bottles of glue and 75 packs of 4 ct. glue sticks
- 191 packs of paper
- 500 toothbrushes

Thank you to the committee for all of your hard work and to anyone who donated to make this such a successful project!



FOUNDATION 2011 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS WANTED!

Each year, the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation elects new members to its Board of Trustees for two-year terms. Trustees oversee the Foundation's investment portfolio, distribute grants and promote community development. Elections for the 2011 Foundation Board of Trustees will take place this November.

You are eligible to be a Trustee if you have: 1) served on the Grand Rapids Jaycees Chapter Board for at least one year; 2) been a Jaycees 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.

If you are interested in serving on the 2011 Foundation Board of Trustees, please contact Kristi Kam at kristi652@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

**2010 Foundation
Board of Trustees**

Rebecca Cajka—President
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Did You Know?

- The Grand Rapids Jaycees ran a PGA Champions Tour golf tournament for 19 years (1986-2004) that raised more than \$3 million for local charities.
- Former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford was a member of the Grand Rapids Jaycees in the 1940s. One of his projects: The Curbstone Quarterback Club.
- You can designate the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation as the recipient of your contributions to the United Way on your annual pledge form.
- 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!
www.grjayceesfoundation.org



GET OUT AND VOTE!

"People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote—a very different thing." - Walter Judd

In less than 30 days, we will be electing a new Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General! PLUS there are two proposals on the ballot. To get a list of who is running, the proposals on the ballots or request an absentee ballot, please visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote. Don't silence your voice. Get out and vote!

UPCOMING JAYCEES PROJECTS

October

- 17 Region C Fundraiser—25+Kitchen Bar—1 p.m.
- 20 Network Connect—GR Community Foundation—11:45 a.m.
- 21 Tours Around Town—Bissell—5:30 p.m.
- 23 Office Clean-up Day—Jaycees Office—10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- We need help cleaning up the office inside and out! Lunch provided.
- 28 Chapter Board Meeting—Jaycees Office—6:30 p.m.

November

- 2 Jaycees Information Night—Jaycees Office—6:30 p.m.
- 4 Foundation Board Meeting—Jaycees Office—6:30 p.m.
- 5-7 Michigan Jaycees Fall Convention—Midland
- 11 Chapter GMM—Holiday Inn Express on Pearl St.—6:30 p.m.
- 20 Santa Parade—Downtown Grand Rapids—9 a.m.

Additional information about these projects can be found on the Jaycees website at www.grjaycees.org.

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

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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