

# FOUNDATION UPDATE



GRAND RAPIDS JAYCEES FOUNDATION  
*Giving... Building... Leading*

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### President's Corner

Thank you to those who helped clean up outside and inside the Jaycees office on Saturday, October 23.

Many leaves were raked, two 96-gallon containers were filled with unnecessary files, weeds were pulled, and the eaves were mucked out. Cleaning out the eaves led to the discovery that the office is in need of a new roof, but we're glad that we found out now rather than when the roof started to leak.

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

"Lose yourself in generous service and every day can be a most unusual day, a triumphant day, an abundantly rewarding day." - William Arthur Ward

*Becky Caska*

2010 Foundation President

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING TOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas by volunteering at the 54th Annual Grand Rapids Jaycees Children's Holiday Shopping Tour on Tuesday, December 14, at the Cascade Meijer (28th Street/1-96).

Children referred from local agencies are assigned a volunteer shopper to help them shop for Christmas gifts for their families. After they're done shopping, they receive a gift of their own from Santa in



the North Pole Party Room while their presents are being wrapped by our special elves.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Shoppers, Wrapping, Party Room, and Registration. Various volunteer

shifts are available.

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

Got some extra wrapping supplies lying around? Wrapping supplies (paper, gift boxes, tape, scissors, bows, etc.) can be dropped off at a GMM or at the Jaycees office for use by our elves at the event.



## JOIN US AT THE 2010 YEAR END GALA!

Come help us celebrate the accomplishments of the Grand Rapids Jaycees and the Foundation at the 2010 Year End Gala. This year's Gala will take place 7 p.m.-12 a.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at Watermark Country Club. Cost is: Jaycees \$45, Non-Jaycees \$55 before December 17, 2010; Jaycees \$55, Non-Jaycees \$65 December 18, 2010-January 3, 2011. Meal, drinks, and valet parking are included.

Year-end awards will be given out and the 2011 Chapter and Foundation Boards will be announced. Several Foremost Insurance Championship and Farmers Charity Classic collectible items will be on the silent auction block, so bring your check books to bid on your favorite items from Jaycee days gone past. All winning bids are tax deductible.

Invitations will go out by mail, so if your contact information has changed within the past year, please let us know. For more information, contact Marla Kloosterhouse at mkloosterhouse@gmail.com.

## 2011 SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN STATE BASKETBALL FINALS MOVE TO ROCKFORD

The Jaycees will celebrate its 30th year of hosting the Special Olympics Michigan State Basketball Finals at a new site in 2011. The 2011 State Basketball Finals will be held at Rockford Public Schools on March 25-26, 2011. Save the dates!



**2010 Foundation  
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**Did You Know?**

- In the 1940's, the Grand Rapids Jaycees raised funds to purchase a franchise in the All-American Girls Baseball League. The team was called the Grand Rapids Chicks.
- The Jaycees began in 1909 as the Grand Rapids Junior Board of Trade, a training program for boys at Central High School.
- The Jaycees helped to establish the local Junior Achievement office, the West Michigan Burn Unit, and the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.
- 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](http://www.grjayceesfoundation.org)



**SHOW YOUR JAYCEE PRIDE!**



Show your Jaycee pride and get people in the community talking about us by wearing GR Jaycee clothing articles and accessories now available for order at <http://grjcwear.spreadshirt.com>.

**UPCOMING JAYCEES PROJECTS**

December

- 2 Foundation Board Meeting—Jaycees Office — 6 p.m.
- 3 - Wine Tasting/Pasta Dinner—Cascade Winery — 7 p.m.
- Foundation Trustee Election Ballots Due
- 7 Jaycees Information Night—Jaycees Office — 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Chapter GMM—Holiday Inn Express on Pearl St. — 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Holiday Shopping Tour—Cascade 28th St. Meijer — 4-9 p.m.

January

- 6 Foundation Board Meeting—Jaycees Office — 6 p.m.
- 13 Chapter GMM—Holiday Inn Express on Pearl St. — 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Jaycees End-of-Year Gala—Watermark Country Club — 6 p.m.

March

- 25-26 Special Olympics Michigan State Basketball Finals—Rockford Schools

*Additional information about these projects can be found on the Jaycees website at [www.grjaycees.org](http://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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