

May, 2009

Fire Fighters Local 311 Charities 2008 Annual Report

Upcoming Events:

- **Golf Outing**
July 15, 2009
10 a.m.
Bridges Golf Course
- **Local 311 Picnic**
August 2, 2009
11 a.m.
Vilas Park

Trustees:

Jim Ahn
Ted Higgins
Mahlon Mitchell
Al Schmid
Kevin Sherry

2008 Marks The 10th Anniversary of Fire Fighters Local 311 Charities

In 1998, Fire Fighters Local 311 established the Local 311 Charities, underscoring its 75 year history of giving back to the community. Fire Fighters Local 311 Charities celebrated their 10th Anniversary by donating over \$43,000 at the Annual Christmas Party. A presentation of checks was made to the following non-profit organizations:

- Movin' Out
- Goodman Atwood Community Center
- Ronald McDonald House
- MDA
- YWCA

In addition to the presentation, donations were also made to:

- Three Gaits
- Second Chance Service Dogs
- Empty Stocking Club
- Hospice Care
- Red Cross

Other Community Contributions

Local 311 Charities also made several community donations for 2008. Some of those include: Madison Little League, St. Baldricks, MS Ride, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphology, Sennett PTSO, and Boys and Girls Club.

Local 311 Charities came to the aide of Kent Lott's family. Kent is a firefighter from Jackson, TN whose 3 year old son, Caleb, was being treated for a rare disease at St. Mary's Hospital.

We also volunteered to help out a few of our own members in need. Thanks to all who have helped by volunteering for these great projects!

MDA Fill-The-Boot

Charities raised over \$10,000 for MDA Fill-the-Boot Program. Local 311 Charities matched the donations and MDA received a check for \$20,000, with a promise that all money would stay local.

K-Tal Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Re-named in 2008, the K-Tal Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund awards one college-bound high school senior from each of Madison's high schools as well as the suburban high schools where Local 311 affiliates are located (Monona, Middleton, Verona, Sun Prairie and Oregon), a \$500 scholarship to be used toward their college education.

The scholarship is geared toward those students who may be just average in the classroom, but exemplify leadership qualities, are active in the community or sports, and may even have an interest in a fire/EMS career.

This year we awarded scholarships to seniors from every high school except for Shabazz and West (no applicants applied). Please encourage next year's seniors to apply for this award if you know of any great kids out there!

Local 311 Members Assist Stacey Bean With Spring Clean-up

Last spring, not long after the Med Flight tragedy, Local 311 members came out in droves to help Stacey Bean's family through a yard clean-up project. Local 311 Charities supplied food and some supplies, but our members provided all the labor. We all came together to help the family of our fallen brother that day and Stacey's appreciation was beyond words. Thank you, again, to all of the volunteers.

Local 311 Charities Golf Outing

\$4000 was raised from the Annual Golf Outing. The money was donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Santa Program

Our very own Santa Claus, Dick Lindauer, once again visited hospital bound children the week before Christmas. Your donations provided presents and candy for special kids this past winter. Dick has been Local 311's Santa Claus for **48** years.

Great Wolf Getaway

This ongoing program is a joint venture with Local 311 Charities and Great Wolf Lodge. We sent several children and their families that stay at the UW Hospital, with a life threatening illness, to a two-night stay at the Great Wolf.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 262 members of the Trust. Fitch-Rona EMS has 7 new contributors. We also receive donations from retirees. As you can see, your donations mean a lot to all of the programs and individuals we have contributed to. Thank you to all who contribute and volunteer your time for these special projects!

If you are not a member of the Trust, you need only sign a payroll deduction pledge form to contribute to our combined efforts. A special thanks to all who give and volunteer!