

In Its 62nd Year, Mizpah Horse Show Continues to Generate Interest



Times have changed since 1954, when the first Mizpah Horse Show was held on the horse show grounds in Columbia City, IN. In the beginning it was a quarter-horse only show; today its an open show. In its early days, it was a two-day celebration, bringing an audience of close to a thousand; today 75 riders and their mounts perform in a one-day event of dressage, hunter-jumper, western-style, and open show formats.

But the purpose holds: They perform annually for kids and our hospital. In the photo above, Justin Smith, a new Mizpah Noble and horseman, presents the 2016 gift of \$10,384 from Mizpah Horse Patrol, as wife Jill, son Colton--a patient here--and Mizpah Nobles John Van Voorst and Ed Howard look on. A substantial portion of the gift comes from corporate sponsors, to whom we are grateful. We thank the Mizpah Nobles and their friends for the hard work, long hours, and dedication over the years to make life better for kids.

Gibson City Ladies Know How to ‘Raise the Bar’--and Big Bucks . . .



The Friends of the Shriners held their 5th Annual Golf Cart Run in Gibson City, IL. Nearly 100 participants, in their golf carts, make stops at houses of Shriners around town. The fun-run ends with a police escort downtown to the American Legion, where a meal is served and silent auction held.

This year's event raised \$10,000 for the SHC - Chicago. The Shriner Nobles help out, but it is organized by the ladies, which means the bar is a good deal higher, organizationally-speaking. The committee, smiling in their golf cart above, consisted of Judy Tjarks, Dorri Groom, Jen Thomas, Tammy Fanson, Claudia Troyer, Staci Lindelof, Stacey Johnson, Eileen Woolums, and Allison Walters. We thank the Gibson City Ladies for this great effort to benefit children and our hospital.

Arts4Kids Continues Summer Activities to Raise Funds

In the photo right, Leonard Mogul, Executive Director of Arts4Kids, presents the 2016 gift from the Second Annual National Children's Day celebration, held in the Cook County Forest Preserve, Wheeling, IL. Serving primarily though not exclusively, the Eastern European Community of great Chicago, Arts4Kids sponsors a day-long event each summer. They focus on the arts--with children's choirs, dancing groups, and art exhibitions. They offer a petting zoo, with lambs, pigs, and ponies. There is a train to ride, a bouncing house, and all the good food you can eat. Shrine clowns from Medinah always entertain.



The art in the photo is by Clare Prilutsky, 10-year-old from the Hellenic American Academy and given to SHC - Chicago by Artishock Studio, Wheeling, IL. We are grateful to be included in the summer program of Art4Kids and their multi-dimensional summer program for kids. Thanks, Leonard! We are honored!

