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Sara,

Thank you for supporting local Scouting programs! We hope you enjoy the first of our new bi-monthly electronic newsletter. Our vision is to provide an informative and entertaining yet worthwhile communication sharing relevant news, updates, and donor stories. Enjoy!

On the setting of 2015, Scouting has accomplished our goal of providing programs to an increased number of youth allowing them to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime! By investing in Scouting, you helped achieve this goal and made even more possible!

What more did you do?...Scouting's mission is to grow and improve children's lives but it does more than just making children better, it creates better families. I am pleased to share my own story about how my son and I are benefiting from Scouting.

As a product of the program and now as I actively participate with my son I can without hesitancy state that the Boy Scouts of America offers the very best leadership and family strengthening program that I have ever witnessed or experienced. Due to this, Scouting is important in my family's annual charitable funding plan. As a donor, you have drawn your own conclusions and that is why you give. It could be similar to any of these:

- In the past I had meaningful experiences at camp and want that same opportunity to be provided to more youth.
- My support allows for the continued development of programs that assist me in coordinating time with my child so we can bond.
- I am proud and amazed at how my Scout is handling life challenges as a citizen, employee, student, spouse, parent, etc....
- I have seen Scouting in action and it just works.

This is not an exhaustive list, but I hope I have provided at least one scenario that helps convey or identify how you feel when you annually contribute to Scouting. I hope you are proud to know that you are not just funding a youth program but more so family enrichment.

As a family, this month we are enjoying preparations for Rory's final pinewood derby race. Also, it would be an understatement to share that Rory can't wait for his crossover into Boy Scouts in February. If you want to hear more from Rory you can watch his 90 second interview by [clicking here](#).

Beyond my family, I also know that well over 20,000 families are annually benefiting from values based Scouting programs throughout the Pathway to Adventure Council. Better Children, Better Families. That's Scouting!

Submitted by Dan Busby

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Rory explaining the details of his cartoon-based, donut-themed pinewood derby car to his father at the dining room table.

DONOR IMPACT

Johnson Family commits \$100,000 to support career Exploring Posts



Pathway to Adventure Council is thrilled to share the opportunity of a partnership with Classic Cinemas! The owners of Classic Cinemas, Willis, Shirley and Chris Johnson, of Downers Grove, Illinois, are prominent community leaders who have positively impacted the 12 cities in which they have theaters. Recently, they committed \$100,000 to establish a "Make the World a Better Place" fund in order to provide hands-on career development programs for at-risk youth in the Chicago metropolitan area. In this new endeavor, Pathway to Adventure staff and volunteers will be working with local schools to fund Explorer Posts focusing on family entertainment, hospitality, business management and historic preservation.

Classic Cinemas' mission is to provide an outstanding experience that is affordable in a clean well-supervised environment using state of the art technology with a total commitment to customer service while working with the community to improve the quality of life. Classic Cinemas operates 104 screens in the area and is known for its clean theaters, quality presentation and friendly hospitality.

For more information on this program contact Anna Villarreal at (312) 421-8800 ext 248 or Anna.Villarreal@Scouting.org

Thank you Collins Engineers!

COLLINS ENGINEERS INC



Thank you to Collins Engineers for their investment in the youth of the Pathway to Adventure for their support of the STEM Exploring Challenging and the Underwater ROV and Quadcopter units started through their support. Because of Collins Engineers, the youth are gaining skills that will prepare them to be successful, considerate, and productive citizens who have learned important values to guide them throughout their lives.

Great News Regarding your IRA!

Now you can donate up to \$100,000 to a charity directly from your IRA, and this amount is not taxed. Have you worked hard to accumulate assets throughout your life? Do you believe in leaving a legacy after you are gone? Planned giving can benefit both you and the future of the Boy Scouts of America. By including a gift to fund the mission of Scouting in your overall estate and financial plans, you can provide your estate with considerable tax benefits and help the shape the next generation youth. Estate planning is an effective way to take care of yourself, the people you love and the charities you are passionate about. On Friday, December 18, 2015, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Fiscal Year 2016 funding agreement and package of tax provisions that includes reinstating the **IRA Charitable Rollover** provision. The spending and tax package was sent to President Barack Obama, who signed it into law.

The **IRA Charitable Rollover** provision allows individuals who have reached age 70 1/2 to transfer up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA), without treating the distribution as taxable income (thereby reducing their tax liability).

In order to qualify, contributions must go directly to a public charity (like **Pathway to Adventure Council**) and be made from traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs. Donors may not receive goods or services in return for their contributions and must obtain written documentation of their contribution from each recipient charity.

Contact your bank or financial planner today to take advantage of this provision. **Information you will need: Pathway to Adventure's Tax I.D. is 47-5066720**

For more information, please contact Dan Busby, Director of Development at Dan.Busby@Scouting.org or call at 224-310-5498

Thank you for all that you do for Scouts in our community!

EVENTS

3rd Annual Food and Wine Gala

FEBRUARY 20, 2016

Click for details!

On February 20, 2016 Pathway to Adventure Council will host the 3rd Annual Wine Grand Gala. This event is truly an entertaining evening out for Scouters and non-Scouters alike. This year's theme of the Grand Gala, brings the New Orleans Black and Gold and a five course meal with perfectly paired wines with a French flair worthy of the black tie option atmosphere. This event also features a silent auction that runs throughout the evening featuring items from Chicago sports memorabilia, art, to baskets from local and well known eateries and Breweries. The Grand Gala Wine event will definitely serve as a fun night out and a great way to fundraise for the Boy Scouts. If you are still looking for a Valentine's Day gift this will certainly work. Sponsorships still available for the event. The Grand Gala will take place at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster Indiana, just over the state line and close to Interstate 80/94. For more information to purchase tickets or make a contribution to the silent auction please contact: Kris Przewoznik at (219) 213-4034 or email: Kris.Przewoznik@Scouting.org

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL

2016 Youth Recognition Dinner

Saturday, March 19th

honoring

Class of 2015

Eagle Scouts, Venturing Silver Award Recipients,
& Sea Scout Quartermaster Award Recipients

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS!

Eagle Scout and Youth Award Recognition Dinner
March 19, 2016, 6 p.m. Reception: 7 p.m. Dinner
Waterford Banquets - 933 S. Riverside Dr. Elmhurst, IL 60126

Join us for the inaugural Pathway to Adventure Youth Recognition Dinner. We will be honoring the class of 2015 Eagle Scouts, Venturing Silver, and Sea Scout Quartermaster recipients. In 2015 the Chicago Area, Northwest Suburban, Calumet and Des Plaines Valley Councils came together to better serve the over 24,000 youth in northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana forming the new Pathway to Adventure Council.

The ranks these young men and women reached took dedication and commitment. It is our honor to recognize them in a manner befitting their hard work in reaching the highest rank in their chosen program. Historically this has been the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, but the current NESA committee realized that youth in our other programs deserve the same recognition for their achievements. In Boy Scouts the highest rank is Eagle. In our Coed programs of Venturing and Sea Scouts it is Silver and Quartermaster respectively.

Our Keynote Speaker will be best-selling author Alvin Townley an Eagle Scout and avid outdoorsman. Alvin will be talking about his fourth book *Defiant* which reveals the amazing and untold true story of eleven American POWs. His other books are *Fly Navy* which explores the extraordinary people and enduring spirit of naval aviation; *Spirit of Adventure* introduces America to a new generation of leaders - young Eagle Scouts who are leading lives of purpose and adventure and *Legacy of Honor* which explores how Scouting has influenced American life.

For more information or how you can help, please contact Joe Stocchero at (312) 421-8800 Ext. 263 or Joseph.Stocchero@Scouting.org

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DINNER

OVER 1200 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY KEY EXECUTIVES FROM THE MIDWEST NETWORK AT THIS EVENT

APRIL 7, 2016

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Construction Industry Dinner: Huen Electric

In 1978 the leadership, of what is now Lendlease, approached Michael Hughes to support an event benefitting local Boy Scouts. Decades later Mr. Hughes, Chairman, coupled with the efforts of Jack Dougherty, CEO, and the entire Huen team continue to be a pillar for local Scouting.

Hughes firmly believes that young men lack today just as much as they did in the 70's. His observation of how Scouting prepared men for success in his industry gave him the confidence to invest his time, energy and resources in the movement. Over the years, both Hughes and Dougherty lent their strategic vision on the Chicago Area Council Board of Directors as well. It is this leadership by example that inspires the entire Huen team to adopt a culture of volunteerism.

Camp Owasippe will never have been able to keep the lights on were it not for Huen's electricians who have given of their time year-after-year to keep kids safe. The Construction Industry Dinner would not be celebrating its 45th year were it not for the team of Huen employees that make it a priority. Each employee at Huen has had a hand in raising generations of Scouts into men. Their hope, and what they want everyone to know, is that young people can find themselves and quality mentors through Scouting.

Scouting in Chicago has gone through many changes over the past four decades with Huen at our side. So, to all of you at Huen, thank you for helping us through the ebbs and flows. We are proud to call you... family.

INNOVATIONS FOR 2016

Donor Recognition on the Web

Coming forth in 2016, as the new Pathway to Adventure Council we are pleased to recognize donors that give \$100 or more towards Friends of Scouting with acknowledgement on our website.

New Advertising Package offerings for your business

If you ever wanted to associate your company with one of the over 130 merit badges of the Boy Scouts of America or offer Scouts the opportunity to learn new skills through your business - now is the time! When you advertise through the Merit Badge Sponsorship program you are linking Scouting's iconic advancement program to your business and receiving some keen networking benefits while helping America's leading youth leadership program.

Our 2016 program offers three levels of Sponsorship starting at only \$1,000. We can tailor a special program if you are interested in a package exceeding the Gold Sponsorship level. If you would like more details you can review sponsor levels at <http://PathwayToAdventure.org/MeritBadgeSponsorship> or email Daniel Busby at Daniel.Busby@Scouting.org

EVENT RECAPS

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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LASALLE STREET TRADING TECH AWARDS

November 19, 2015

Chicago Board of Trade Building | The Atrium
141 W. Jackson Boulevard | Chicago, IL 60604

LaSalle Street Trading Tech Awards 2015 Recap

The iconic LaSalle Street Dinner and most recently, the LaSalle After Hours event, have been instrumental in supporting the growth of the Scouting movement for nearly 50 years thanks to Chicago's financial district. On November 19th the event made a strategic shift to become an award celebration.

Once a city rich with smaller, local banks and open outcry trading floors the financial landscape is different. Consolidations, mergers and technology have altered the LaSalle Street financial district we once knew. In an effort to maintain alignment with the shifts in the industry the new LaSalle Street Trading Tech Awards will recognize the organizations that joined PTAC to provide unique learning opportunities for Scouts. Over the past year, Trading Tech partners engaged their employees to leverage the merit badge curriculum and their internal talent. As volunteers share real-life applications in a true business setting, Scouts are seeing a world of opportunities beyond the limits of their windows. The outcome has been nothing short of life-changing.

On awards night we celebrated the work of Advantage Futures, The Center for the Advancement of Science and Space (CASIS), CBOE, GlenStar, Microsoft, NFA, Spot Trading and Trading Technologies. The energy level that evening was amazing as the celebration returned to the CBOT building. The event raised \$50,000 and is positioned to grow in the coming years.

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ANNUAL Distinguished CITIZEN 2015

HONOREES
Mamon & Cynthia Powers

On November 10, 2015 Pathway to Adventure Council, Calumet Community honored Civic and business leaders Cynthia and Mamon Powers. The sold out event took place at Gamba Ristorante in Merrillville, Indiana where the Powers were honored at the 14th Annual Distinguished Citizen Dinner. The Powers have given 45 years of service and philanthropic efforts throughout Northwest Indiana, continuing that tradition the Powers helped make the annual event raise more than \$48,000 after the evening's expenses. The Distinguished Citizen Committee comprised of past honorees selects the award recipients have already narrowed down a list of possible candidates for the 2016 Dinner and hope to duplicate the success of 2015.