

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Elizabeth Jarrett- Mccullough. I am the owner of Rocking ER Farm Store in Willard. I have organized a benefit being held Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> at Seneca East School from 11-5. We will be having craft and merchandise vendors, Veteran organization booths, Meet and Greet with Santa, kids crafts and games, a spaghetti meal fundraiser, benefit t-shirt sales, raffles, a live auction with bigger items, and a Heroes ceremony for those chosen from our "Nominate a Hero" campaign. There will be a DJ hosting throughout the day also.

Money raised by the raffles and live auction will go to benefit 5 different causes. The first is for Darwin Jr. and Sally Bushong from Wharton. They lost their daughter on August 26<sup>th</sup> and still have the outstanding burden of the medical and funeral expenses. They are truly two of the most genuinely selfless people and have given to others for so many years. *For once- instead of them taking care of others it is our honor to hopefully relieve some of their burden and give back to them.* The rest will evenly be split between 4 Veteran Organizations; Splash of Love from Home, Dress-Right-Dress, Awareness 22, and Kenneth Nault who has built and travels with a miniature version of what they call The Vietnam Small Wall. Splash of Love from Home sends care packages to our over the seas deployed soldiers. Dress-Right-Dress assists service members and Veterans during tough times associated with transitional hardships. Awareness 22 is an organization whose mission is to save lives, offer help, and spread awareness to the struggles of suicidal ideations, PTSD, addiction, alcoholism, and substance abuse of those who have risked their lives protecting ours.

We know it is late in the year and you may have been asked many times over the last 10 months to do donations and help. We know quotas have probably been met. But every little bit helps and nothing is too small. That is why we are asking you/ your congregation/ or your business to help. There are 3 different options and hopefully one fits you and can help these outstanding causes:

Items needed for Raffles and Live Auction - We will be selling raffle tickets that attendees can enter to win from donated smaller items. A local auctioneer generously offered his services and will be handling a live auction with all donated larger items. *Any person or company who donates will both be acknowledged both on a posted sign and with the donated raffle item or during auction.*

Care Package Items- if you/ your congregation/ or your company would be willing to donate care package items or hold a collection drive to be used in the care packages that will be sent out to deployed troops that information is listed on the last page. We are not personally affiliated with Splash of Love from Home but learned of their organization and the amazing job they do and wanted to find a way to help as many troops to get not only their needed personal hygiene items but items from home that we may take for granted in our everyday lives. All the details are listed on the last page and please just make note that there are limitations to items acceptable due to their often desolate areas, small space and due to shipping so please follow the guidelines listed.

Or if you prefer you can make a monetary donation. All money earned will 100% be evenly split to all 5 causes. If this is your choice, checks need made out to Elizabeth Mccullough in the memo line put the words BENEFIT.

*\*If you/ your congregation/ or your company plan on gathering care package items please either call, text, email, or Facebook messenger to let us know you are participating and where pickups will need to be planned. **Organizer:** Elizabeth Jarrett Mccullough. **Call or text:** 1-567-227-0370. **Email:** [erfarms@hotmail.com](mailto:erfarms@hotmail.com) , or **Facebook Messenger :** Rocking ER Farm Store. If you are participating, we are asking to gather items thru November 13<sup>th</sup>, and items will be picked up the week of Nov 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.*

*\* If you/ a member of your congregation/ or your company plan on donating a possible raffle or auction item please also reach out one of the above listed ways and let us know your intention. Donated items for either raffles or auction will be picked up either Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> or Monday-Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

Again, we know with the economy and the hit that all big businesses.... but especially small businesses have taken.... that we are asking a lot. Sometimes.. it takes a village and we know that there are many great businesses and people that pull together when there is a need for others. That's what makes Ohio great and our small towns even greater. As a *small business owner, I respect your time and know it is valuable. I also know that sometimes throughout the day there are times that are better than others that is why I chose to send this letter instead of call you and chance a bad time. All I am asking is please let me know one of the following 3 ways if you/ your business chooses to participate or decline. That way we somewhat can have an idea what items we will have and who we will be acknowledging that day. If we do not hear from you then we will do follow-up calls. We just wanted to give the opportunity for you to read all of the details on your own time and reach out to us- when it was best for you. From one business owner to another- thank you so very much for reading this and hopefully together ALL OF US can make this a great benefit for so many deserving people and organizations.*

Again, to reach out to me with your status or with questions- please use one of the following ways:

**Call or text:** 1-567-227-0370

**Email:** [erfarms@hotmail.com](mailto:erfarms@hotmail.com)

**Facebook Messenger:** Rocking ER Farm Store

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Jarrett McCullough*

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