



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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To Max Appel,

My name is Brent Claiborne and I work for Parks and Recreation in the Therapeutic Recreation Department. I get to work with individuals with disabilities in a recreation atmosphere most every day. Our programs enhance the overall health of our participants. Here is a list of programs that we provide for persons with disabilities in the Lexington area: adapted aquatics, adult fitness, Miracle League Baseball, horsemanship, three dances, bowling, drama, cooking, dance, arts and crafts and summer camps.

We want to provide the very best for our participants. With your help, we can do this.

We are asking for \$1000 to buy uniforms for the 25+ individuals that participate in the Adult Miracle League baseball and the fitness program we provide from August-December and January-May. These uniforms would have names and numbers for each participant. These uniforms would be worn year round with pride. Once a Thunderpuck, always a Thunderpuck.

\$1000 for a once in a life-time boating/fishing experience. Our group has been fishing from the bank, but this money would allow us to charter some boats and allow persons in wheelchairs and others an opportunity to fish on a lake.

\$1000 for the Therapeutic Recreation Bowling Banquet. This money would be used to put on the very best bowling banquet for our 30-40 bowlers. The banquet would be held at Malone's banquet hall and the participants would be treated to lunch before receiving their trophy for 18 great weeks of bowling.

\$500 for ten \$50 Wheels' certificates. These ten certificates would be given out as door prizes for the participants who count on Wheels for their mode of transportation. These certificates would be well received because without Wheels, our participants would be home bound.

\$1200 for the Therapeutic Recreation Adult Summer Camp to go and spend 2 days/1 night at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. The Great Wolf Lodge is a giant indoor water park plus resort. This would be a once in a lifetime type deal for many of our participants. The money would allow for 20 participants to go and enjoy a wonderful 2 day/1 night adventure in Mason, Ohio during the summer of 2014.

\$750 for the Therapeutic Recreation Adult Summer Campers to go to a Cincinnati Reds game during their summer camp experience. This money would make it possible to take our group of 20-25 campers and staff up and see the Reds play a day game during the summer of 2014.

\$600 to pay for an exciting day at Malabu Jack's or another entertainment center similar to it. Malabu Jack's is an entertainment center with go-carts, miniature golf, games, etc. This money would allow 20+ participants to have a card loaded with \$30 of tokens so the individuals could play whatever games they wanted. This would be a memorable event for our participants.

\$2000 for catering a nice healthy meal for our participants at the Holiday Dinner Dance 2014. Usually around the first Saturday in December, Therapeutic Recreation puts on a Holiday Dinner Dance. We serve to and dance with on average 100+ individuals. This event is challenging because catering cost are so expensive. We would like to partner with a local restaurant who would provide a meal at cost for this event. The money would go to the partnering restaurant and the cost of the dance would be greatly decreased. Last year's dinner dance cost was \$9.

\$2000 to take a group of 15-20 participants and staff for an overnight trip away from Lexington. The past couple of years we have been able to go to Lake Cumberland and Cumberland Falls. The participants really enjoyed both these outings. This is a win-win situation with parents/caregivers receiving a break as well as giving the participants an opportunity to travel. The money would allow the cost of the trip to decrease for each participant, making it more affordable for all, plus the monies will allow for more activities (train rides, rafting, etc.) per trip. The cost of this year's trip per participant was \$80.

\$500 to buy supplies for our group to make sandwiches for the homeless and hungry in Lexington. Partnering with the Hope Center, this money would be used to buy supplies so that the participants could make sandwiches so they could be given to persons in need throughout the year. This would be so neat for our group to be able to help out others.

Lastly, we are asking for \$500 worth of adventure gear such as backpacks, camping chairs, stoves, tents, fishing poles etc. for our new Adventure program offering that will be starting up in Fall of 2014. This money will allow us to offer a top notch adventure program for persons with disabilities, while keeping the cost of the program low for all participants.

This 10,050 dollars would provide uniforms, a unique fishing trip, a couple of meals, trip to Great Wolf Lodge, a Cincinnati Reds game, an overnight trip to a State Park and funding to start our new Adventure program. Every dollar would be spent so that we could provide the very best for our participants.

Thanks so much for considering helping us with these projects.

Thanks,



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