



The Grand Island Lion

January 2025

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Group photo from our Grand Island Lions Christmas Party.
The Lions wish Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!



Come and visit my two- and three-dimensional art, now on display at the Grand Island Memorial Library. The title of the display is sun moon stars and it is made up of artwork mostly created after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The exhibit represents four aspects of my artistic journey since early in 2020:
 the flowers that are looking skyward toward the warmth of the sun
 the doodles that represent pure imagination, which has no limits, even during a pandemic.
 the faces represent the masks that we wear. Not just the masks that protect us from airborne disease, but the masks that we want the world to see, the identities that we try to convey.
 The 3D elements represent the color and joy at being part of a world that is truly beautiful, despite all of the negative things that we as humans experience.

Lion Alice Gerard

Super Hero Raffle

Be A Super Hero For Children In Need

Drawing will be held Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2025



Grand Prize - \$5,000

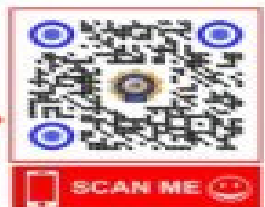


- 2nd Prize: \$ 2,000
- 3rd Prize: \$ 1,000
- 4th & 5th Prizes: \$ 500
- 6th thru 9th Prizes: \$ 250

**Special
6 Tickets
For \$100**

\$20 Per Ticket

To Purchase Tickets Scan here  Or log on to brandelmurphyfoundation.org



Or...make your check payable and send, with ticket stubs to:
 Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation
 P.O. Box 913
 Rockville Centre, NY 11571

For Tickets & Information Contact: PCC John Wargo
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All proceeds benefit children in need through the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation

For further information visit us at www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org
 We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.



The Brandel - Murphy Youth Foundation

P.O. Box 913 Rockville Centre, NY 11571

Date: December 24, 2024

To: District 20-N

Subjects: Grants to date and the importance of grants

Summary:

From the first grants awarded to our district in 2011 to date, District 20-N has submitted 26 applications for grants from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation. 23 grants have been successfully awarded, totaling \$36,775, that have affected the lives of nearly 11,600 children.

The summary below details the successful grantees.

DISTRICT/CLUB	DATE AWARDED	PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED	# OF CHILDREN
District 20-N	January 2023	Generator (Emergency Grant)	\$1,361	1
Dunkirk- Fredonia	April 2014	Winter Coat And Breakfast With Santa Program	\$1,300	150
Evans Township	July 2023	Backpack School Supplies Project	\$1,500	700
Frewsburg	July 2016	The Relief Zone Youth Recreation Center	\$1,000	295
Gowanda	April 2014	Hearing Aid For 13-Year-Old Child	\$240	1
Grand Island	April 2014	Handicapped Accessible Playground	\$2,000	100
Grand Island	April 2016	Special Kids Picnic	\$2,000	700
Grand Island	April 2019	Youth Playground	\$1,000	400
Grand Island	March 2020	Children's Playroom At Family Justice Center	\$1,500	300
Grand Island	September 2024	Early Childhood Education	\$275	52
Lancaster	April 2014	BMS/Skate Park	\$1,500	200
Lewiston Community	January 2019	All Inclusive Playground	\$2,000	2,000
Newfane	2012	Playground Project	\$2,000	1,000
Pendleton	July 2016	Roller Table Playground Equipment	\$2,000	700
Riverside	2013	Excalibur Vessel Repair	\$2,000	720
Sheridan Drive	April 2018	Braille & Sign Language Panels In Town Park	\$1,099	300
Sheridan Drive	January 2022	Equipment For Boys & Girls Club	\$2,000	1,000
Tonawanda ECG	March 2020	Lions Pride Baseball	\$2,000	250
Town of Niagara	July 2019	Youth Baseball Scoreboard	\$2,000	2,000
Wilson	2011	Summer Swim Program	\$2,000	250
Wilson	2012	Summer Swim Program	\$2,000	225
Youngstown	July 2017	Playground Equipment For Town Park	\$2,000	100
Youngstown	October 2022	Lions Park Accessibility Walking Path	\$2,000	150

Importance of grants

Additional funding for a project in your community that helps children in need is the primary and most obvious benefit of working with the Foundation. But there are several other benefits that can be realized such as:

- **Increased club awareness in your community** as Lions seek to raise the required matching funds through outreach campaigns, signage, fundraisers, and collaborative events.
- Such enhanced visibility creates a **stronger sense of ownership and investment in the Lions' mission** by your community leading to long term support and volunteerism for future projects with a very distinct opportunity to **gain new members**.
- Demonstrating the ability to secure matching funds **enhances a club's credibility** to attract additional public and private funding sources which can increase the scope of your projects to meet the changing needs of your youth.
- By adhering to the policies set forth by the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation Grant Program, Lions clubs and districts are **demonstrating greater accountability and transparency**, increasing trust among stakeholders and fostering continuous improvements, as Lions regularly assess their ability to serve.
- Any act of fundraising, as is needed to secure your BMYF matching grant, **can improve marketing skills** for engaging with stakeholders and attracting donations and, again, new members.
- Lastly, **gaining a greater understanding of the needs of your youth** is a valuable skill in fulfilling the overall needs of any community.

In conclusion, obtaining a matching grant from the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation offers numerous advantages beyond mere financial support. The alignment of resources, efforts, and commitments can create a ripple effect that transforms lives and empowers future generations.

Whether your project will benefit a single child or thousands, every team member of the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation stands ready and willing to help you, your club and your district as you help children in need. Reach out to us through your Foundation District Coordinator or by visiting our website, www.brandelmurphyfoundation.org where you will find all the information necessary to help you successfully secure your grant.

Sincerely,

Lion Tom Witkowski

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WE SERVE

Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.**



Donations for the Neighbors Foundation are on the upswing so please continue to bring any of the listed items to our meetings or drop off Tops gift cards, food items and checks/cash to me and I will deliver to them. They are also in need of diapers, toiletries and personal care items.

Thank you, Lion Tom Rusert

Grand Island Lions Service Projects for November

- 11/20/2024 Vision Screening
- 11/22/2024 MOW
- 11/20/2024 GI Lions Signage
- 11/29/2024 Neighborhood Foundation Food Collection
- 11/29/2024 Monthly Clubs Newsletter
- 11/29/2024 Loan Closet

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Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Tom Witkowski, Kelly McGarvey and Alice Gerard for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the February Newsletter is Friday January 24th. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at: grandislandliondave@gmail.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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