

REPORT OF THE MOOSEHEART BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Mooseheart Board of Directors met on two occasions during the 2017-18 Moose Year: May 2018 in conjunction with the 100th annual Mooseheart High School Commencement Exercises and in December, 2017. There were also two conference calls held to provide the Board with timely updates on issues and opportunities occurring at Mooseheart.

During each regularly scheduled meeting, the Board receives an in-depth report on all areas of the Child City, including program outcomes and future goals of the largest residential child care facility in the State of Illinois. The Board of Directors question the Executive Director and the Administrative staff of Mooseheart on all topics related to the care and education of our children, maintenance of our campus, as well as, the financial goals and accomplishments of Mooseheart.

Special actions taken during the past year include the following approvals:

- Accepted the Mooseheart 2018-19 Operating Budget
- Accepted the Mooseheart 2018-19 Capital Budget
- Approved Mooseheart's membership into the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for athletic competition in the 2018-19 school year
- Granted authority to Director General Hart to invite Supreme Governor Willard Kitchens as the Commencement speaker on June 2, 2018
- Granted authority to the Executive Director to graduate those seniors, of the Class of 2018, meeting the academic and vocational requirements of the Mooseheart School.

Accreditation The five-year AdvancED (formerly known as the North Central Accreditation) process is in its 2nd year of completion, for the new five-year cycle. The Accreditation is designed to help educational institutions further their ongoing efforts for the benefit of their students and Mooseheart School is no exception. Although we realize that there is always room for improvement, we are constantly striving for excellence in the classroom. Superintendent / Principal, Dr. Jeff Szymczak and the School Improvement Committee, along with the Mooseheart teachers, are continuing to meet the recommendations of the AdvancED organization and continue to work on the state-wide implementation of the Common Core Standards. The next visit of the AdvancED Accreditation process will take place in April, 2022.

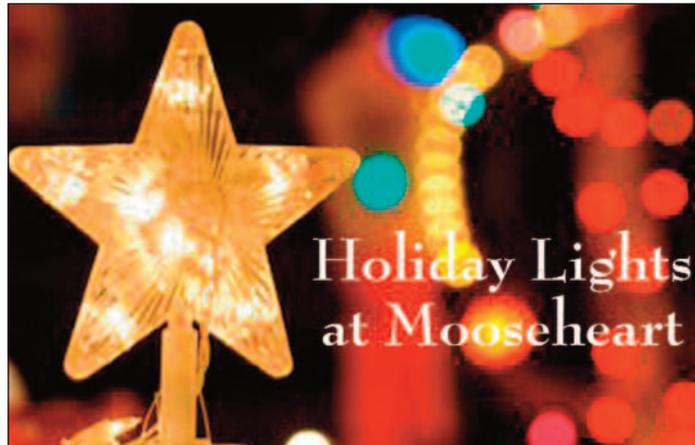
Admissions/Census Mooseheart's student census, as of April 30, 2018, numbered **200**. Mooseheart's population consists of **110** boys and **90** girls. **73%** of the children at Mooseheart are in the 6th grade or above with **23** seniors scheduled to graduate on June 2nd, 2018. Children sponsored by **26** different U.S. states presently reside at Mooseheart. Lodges and Chapters from the States of AZ, CA, FL, IL, IN, IA, MA, MI, NY, OH, OK, PA, TN, TX, and WI each sponsor at least 3 students.

During the **12**-month period of May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018, **66** children were admitted to Mooseheart, **40** boys and **26** girls. Lodges from outside the state of Illinois now sponsor 56% of the youth at Mooseheart. Of the children enrolled during these 12 months, **41%** were in 5th grade or below at the time of their admission. **42%** of the students had some form of Moose affiliation prior to intake and **8** families' submitted applications to join the Moose after their child arrived. **52%** of the students came from a family of a parent who was either deceased, incarcerated or whose whereabouts are unknown to the child. At least another **18%** of our new students had very little, or inconsistent, contact with one or both parents even though they know where they live

and/or speak with them on occasion. **15** of the children enrolled during this report period were no longer residents of Mooseheart as of the writing of this report.

The Admissions Department is actively processing applications for more than **20** students with **24** students presently listed as pending placement. The Admissions Department also has Phase 1 applications for nearly **100** students that are not being actively processed at this time.

Heart of the Community We have continued to partner with a number of local organizations throughout the year at Mooseheart and have successfully rented our facilities to organizations as well. Some of the organization include: Tri – City Youth Football, Batavia Youth Baseball, Batavia Girls Soccer, Batavia Football, Aurora Track Lightning Running Club, Tri-City Mothers Twins and Triplets, Batavia Mother’s Club, Kane County Agriculture Department, DuPage and Kane County Jr. Leagues, Canteen, Accenture, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Aurora Borealis (semi-pro soccer team), Batavia Park District (Windmill Whirl), Anderson Animal Shelter, North Aurora Days, Touch a Truck, Old Country Car Show, Aurora Amped Up Adventure Race, Feet’s of Strength Race, and Fraternal Order of Police for Kane County.



Holiday Lights On December 31, 2017, Mooseheart wrapped up its 8th Annual Holiday Lights show in yet again a favorable manner. Attendance was much higher than any previous year. Here are the past four year stats: (2013- 7,375 cars), (2014- 10,133), (2015-

10,109), (2016-11,067), & (2017-14,302). The show had 39 days, which is one day more than the previous year. Our goal for next season is to have over 15,000 cars in attendance!! With the consistent numbers in attendance we are concluding that this outreach event is attractive and becoming more and more of a family tradition and an attraction. We are currently in the process of switching out a third of the light displays in the show and replacing them with newer ones of a different theme. The remaining light displays will be placed in different areas of the campus, so we can provide a “fresher look” to the 2018 show. Also, for the fourth year in a row we have chosen to continue using LED lights, rather than incandescent bulb lighting. The LED lights not only cut the cost of electricity being used, but continue to be more durable and have fewer issues of blowing fuses. We continued with the concept of “Finding Candy Canes” contest. The “Finding Candy Canes” contest truly is a way for us to receive people’s opinion of the show and to get their contact information, so we can personally invite them the following year. We continue to have strong support from the fraternity, members and associations sponsoring a light display. We appreciate everyone who continues to support the efforts of the Holiday Light Show, as without them it would not be possible. In addition to the support

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by our fraternal units, one final aspect of the Holiday Lights Show that we are forever grateful of is that of the volunteers. It takes many hands, hours, and preparation to set-up for the show each year, without this assistance, we would not be able to have the show each year. We will begin set-up in September/October 2018 as the opening night of the Show will be November 23 - December 31. We have also added a Moose Charities Fun Run/Walk fundraiser through the Lights Show scheduled for November 17th. We anticipate this being another successful way to raise funds through this event.



Easter Egg Hunt On Saturday, March 24, Mooseheart hosted the 8th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt with more than 4,500 people in attendance and over 20,000 eggs/candy given out.

The Hunt was yet another great event as we offered a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy: petting farm, pony rides, face painting, craft tables, bounce houses, tours of the campus, pictures with the Easter Bunny and food, plus a special guest visitor made an appearance as well, Tommy Moose!

It is always a pleasure to see the many families attending this event each year. Just like the Holiday Lights “Finding Candy Canes” contest, we held a “Guess how many Jelly Beans are in the jar contest”, which provided us with another opportunity of receiving emails from people attending the event. We were able to collect more emails to add to our existing database so we can easily promote our Heart of the Community events to all those who have chosen to attend from years’ past.

Student Achievement On April 11, 2018, two seniors of the class of 2018 and one member of the class of 2019 were inducted to the National Honor Society. A special ceremony for Wendell Lanphear, Amanda Jones, and Joey McCrea, was held at the House of God, as the Mooseheart Community attended this prestigious ceremony.

The National Honor Society was founded in 1921. Educators hoped to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. These ideals of Character, scholarship, leadership, and service remain as relevant today as they were in 1921. Our guest speaker for the ceremony was Paul Morgan, a graduate of Mooseheart from the classof 2002, who also received National Honor Society recognition while at Mooseheart.



Mooseheart was the fifth chapter to affiliate with the National Honor Society and it was the first chapter to be formed within the state of Illinois.

Through chapter service activities, members maintain and extend the qualities that lead to their initial selection. Membership is both an honor and a commitment. We are proud of our new members for their willingness to be guided by the high ideals of the National Honor Society organization.

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The A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award recognizes high school students who have had to overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles and are eligible for high school graduation. This award recognizes those students who are often overlooked for their accomplishments. This special recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance really do pay. We are proud to recognize and honor Lupita Lopez and Marianna Lozano, from the Class of 2018 who have received special recognition by the Exchange Club of St. Charles, IL for their outstanding effort in overcoming life challenges and succeeding in high school. Both students received the “ACE” award during graduation on June 2, 2018. Each student will be honored at a breakfast celebration and will receive \$100 toward their future college plans.

On May 5, 2018, the annual Mooseheart Relays took place. This year marks our 43rd year of hosting the small schools relays. The boys and girls track teams provided strong performances during the meet, with higher numbers of participants involved.



Corporate Support

On April 21, 2018, the Mooseheart Community, along with Kohl’s department stores throughout the region, joined together for the Kohl’s “National Go Green” event. Over the past 8 years this event has

proven to be very successful. This year, Kohl’s reached out their hand of service again by having over (250 volunteers) come to Mooseheart. Over the past 8 years Kohl’s has contributed well over \$500,000. This year’s donation was a little less in comparison to other years as the number of volunteers was down. However, on June 8, Mooseheart and Kohl’s partnered up again to have a “Car Wash” on campus with a goal of washing every Mooseheart vehicle. This volunteer service is estimated to bring in at least \$50,000, which will be designated to sponsoring the Holiday Lights Show 2018. We are so thankful of our relationship with Kohl’s and truly appreciate how much they support Mooseheart. **Awesome job!**

Capital Projects Thanks to the Mooseheart Board of Directors & Supreme Council for approving the Capital Projects for the 2018-19 budget year, which will assist our efforts of improving our facility and the amenities on the Mooseheart campus. We are very thankful for these approvals and look forward to the completion of projects this budget year.

Veteran’s Walk We continue to see growth in the amount of participants in the Veteran’s Walk. Each year, the NJROTC Cadets of Mooseheart’s Naval s’ Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps acknowledges those men and women who proudly served our country in times of war and times of peace. This spring

we recognized 657 men and women, whose flags and marker sets were displayed throughout the campus for the Blessing of the Bikes, Memorial Day, and Commencement events. Our NJROTC cadets administer all the details of the Veteran's Walk and are proud to set and watch over the flags placed along the sidewalk from the Mooseheart Museum, past the House of God, and back toward the PJO. After the annual Memorial Day program at the House of God, every child and staff member at Mooseheart will walk through the flag display in silence, led by our NJROTC cadets, paying honor to our respective veterans.



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Yellowstone This summer, high school students Jade Hennig and Amanda Jones will be employed to work at Yellowstone, in the Youth Conservation Corp program. Even though the Moose Fraternity does not financially contribute to the YCC program, the YCC program Director and Coordinator continue to offer this great experience to our students each year. They also provide our students participating with a travel voucher, which pays for their flight expenses. Thank you Yellowstone!

Youth Awareness On April 25 – April 30, two seniors from the class of 2018 attended the Moose International Youth Awareness Congress workshop in Boston. Joey McCrea and Scott Shobayo both completed the expected criteria to be part of the program and presented their safety talks (“Kid Talks”) to the Mooseheart Elementary students. We appreciate the opportunity for our Mooseheart students to be involved with this great program and to have part in spreading the word on important safety precautions for younger children.

Mooseheart Quarterly Newsletter

From the Heart We hope by now every member, Lodge, and Chapter has been receiving the Quarterly Newsletter from Mooseheart, called: *From the Heart*. This newsletter is a great way to learn about all the activities and people at Mooseheart, plus use it as a valuable resource for new/ current members of the Moose, to remind them about our beloved children at Mooseheart and what they help support.



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