



MPFFU Boot News



August 2019

FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

MDA STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Plymouth Township Local 1496

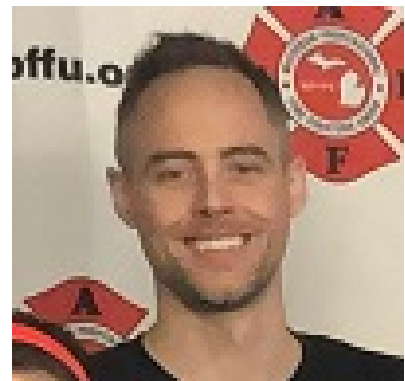
**Aaron Lewber - Greater Detroit
Development Specialist**

Richard Inman



Aaron started with MDA in April of 2018 and on his second day as an employee, he attended the annual MDA/MPFFU Fill the Boot Camp. Aaron immediately took a liking to working with the firefighters and learning more about Fill the Boot. In 2019, Aaron took on the task of working with multiple fire departments across metro Detroit. Aaron goes above and beyond to ensure that the mission of MDA is brought to the fire departments. For many departments he has helped them “adopt” a family by ensuring every department got personal visits from families. Aaron has also ensured that every department has everything they need to succeed. He is truly dedicated to the mission of MDA and helping support the Fill the Boot program. Aaron truly lives the mission and connects with the families well by ensuring every family is followed up with after clinic visits, summer camp, and other MDA events. Aaron is a valued member of our team.

Richard has jumped right in and is very passionate about getting Fill the Boot up and running for 2019! L1496 has already been out one weekend in June and have another weekend planned in September - and they are reporting over \$2,000 right now! One of the more amazing moments with Richard was a few weeks ago when MDA had April and her family out to visit the fire fighters at their union meeting. April has SMA and is one of our MDA campers. She lit up the room and just could not stop talking about all the cool things she got to do at camp. After sharing camp memories, Richard and the Shaw family went to check out the trucks and the picture above captures the moment of connecting the MDA mission to the fill the boot campaign. Richard is truly passionate, and we can't thank him enough for his support of MDA.





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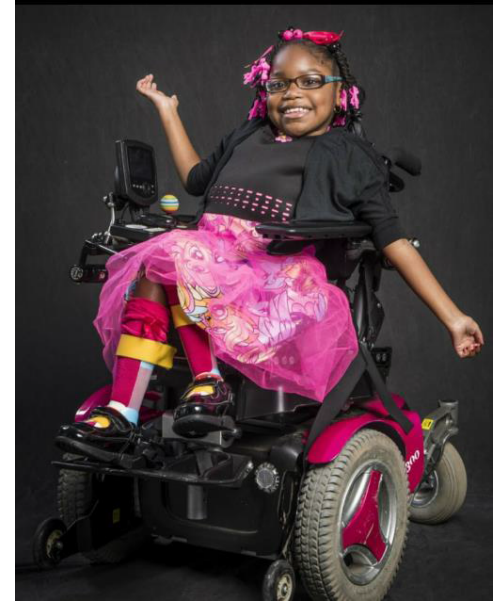


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PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

April MDA Camper

April is in 4th grade and has SMA, Type 2. She was Little Miss Wheelchair Michigan in 2017 & 2018 and was also the 2018 Easter Seals of Michigan Child Ambassador. Her love of life, joy and positivity are contagious & inspiring. April likes to draw & make videos and recently participated in her third ballet recital. She also participates in baseball, bowling and power soccer. April is a social butterfly and one of her gifts is engaging & inspiring people of all ages to achieve their dreams no matter how big or small.



2019 MDA MPFFU Media Kick Off and Proclamation



Thank you to the MPFFU for their partnership with our 2019 Media Kick Off and Proclamation! We appreciate the support and are excited for a great year with Fill the Boot! We are grateful for the time that President Docherty, MPFFU/MDA Liaison and 5th District VP, Monty Nye, and local members from L335, L421, L1609 and L2559 took out of their day to join us! Along with MDA Staff and MPFFU members, we were lucky to have some special patient families there as well! Michigan State Ambassador, Matt Greiner, and Jacob, Chelsea and Jaxon Hunt spoke on behalf of MDA and MPFFU!



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2019 MPFFU INCOME REPORTED

as of 7/30/19

Shelby Township L1338	\$103
Grand Rapids L366	\$200
Egelston Township L3901	\$250
Ypsilanti Township L1830	\$300
Wyandotte L356	\$400
Southgate L1307	\$500
Monty Nye (MPFFU 5th District)	\$802
Cadillac L704	\$833
Adrian L1511	\$909
Macomb Township L5023	\$1,000
Summit Jackson L1306	\$1,500
Plymouth Township L1496	\$2,197
Redford L1206	\$3,013
Glen Lake L5086	\$4,300
Ypsilanti L401	\$4,488
Lansing/Delhi L421	\$5,537.50
Alpena Township L1859	\$5,869
Portage L1467	\$7,000
Meridian Township L1600	\$7,247.50
Dearborn Heights L1355	\$8,891
Marquette L643	\$11,700



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Upcoming Fill the Boot and Events

August

- 2nd - Adrian L1511 Fill the Boot
- 2-4 - Traverse City L646 Fill the Boot
- 2-4 - Taylor L1252 Fill the Boot
- 3rd - Cadillac L704 Fill the Boot East
- 9-11 - East Lansing L1609 Fill the Boot
- 9-11 - Northville L3961 Fill the Boot
- 13th - Kentwood L3174 Fill the Boot
- 14-16 - Warren L1383 Fill the Boot
- 16th - Lansing/Delhi L421 Fill the Boot
- 16-18 - Ecorse L684 Fill the Boot
- 17th - Ferndale L812 Fill the Boot
- 20th - East Lansing L1609 Fill the Boot Event
- 21-23 - Battle Creek L335 Fill the Boot
- 23-24 - Inkster L1577 Fill the Boot
- 23-25 - Lansing Township L2258 Fill the Boot
- 24th - Owosso L504 Fill the Boot
- 24th - Plymouth Township L1496 Fill the Boot
- 24th - Marysville L1635 Fill the Boot
- 29th - Alpena L623 Fill the Boot
- 30th - Inkster L1577 Fill the Boot



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September

- 5th - Grand Rapids L366 Golf Outing
- 7th - Benton Township L1562 Fill the Boot
- 7-8 - Plymouth Township L1496 Fill the Boot
- 7-8 - Northville L3961 Fill the Boot
- 11-13 - Westland L1279 Fill the Boot
- 13-14 - Southfield L1029 Fill the Boot
- 18-20 - Dearborn/Melvindale L412 Fill the Boot
- 18-20 - Summit/Jackson L1306 Fill the Boot
- 19-20 - Wayne L1620 Fill the Boot
- 21-22 - Birmingham L911 Fill the Boot
- 25th - Independence Township L2629 Fill the Boot
- 27th - Benton Township L1562 Golf Outing

October

- 1st - Grand Rapids L366 Fill the Boot
- 4th - Grand Rapids L366 Fill the Boot
- 10-11 - Norton Shores L2559 Fill the Boot
- 11-13 - Hazel Park L1414 Fill the Boot
- 18th - Grand Rapids L366 Fill the Boot

November

- 27th - Bloomfield Township L1614 Fill the Boot
- 29th - Roseville L1614 Fill the Boot
- 29-Dec 1 - Shelby Township L1338 Fill the Boot

December

- 21-24 - Sterling Heights L1557 Fill the Boot



G.R. Firefighters Golf Outing

4 Person Scramble – 18 Holes
Boulder Creek Golf Course
Thursday September 5th, 2019

5750 Brewer Ave NE, Belmont, MI 49306
Registration 8 AM, Tee Time 9 AM

Cost: \$75 per person
(\$300 per team)

Prizes to first place men's,
women's, and mixed teams

Longest drive

Closest to the pin

Raffles

Lunch After Golf

TO BENEFIT:



Questions?

Contact Jeff VanderWall at (616) 485-7208

or email at jgvwall@gmail.com

Please return the form below with a check payable to Grand Rapids Firefighter Charities to: Jeff VanderWall, 1562 Pleasant Wood NE, Rockford MI, 49341



Reservation form

Captain _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Contact person phone number and email address:

EVENT IDEAS

Looking for ideas to **boost** your departments boot total? Check out these ideas for fun events, that will also raise money for the MDA. Please contact us if you are interested in hosting an event in your area!

Host a bowl-a-thon
or cornhole
tournament

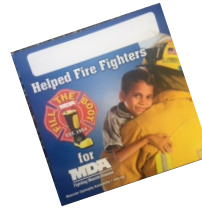


Host a Firefighter
appreciation night at
your local Applebee's.
A portion of the sales
will go to MDA!
***several other
restaurants will offer
similar opportunities

Have your
department host a
golf Tournament



Have a local Business sell
Pin-Ups for \$1 or \$5



Hold a Brew
Fest in your
local area



Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

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