



MPFFU Boot News



July 2019

FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

Grand Rapids L366
Jeff Vanderwall



Jeff has taken on the role of Activities Coordinator for Local 366 and has been impactful in keeping Grand Rapids Fire Fighters out in the streets for the past two years! Along with their almost \$20,000 Fill the Boot campaign, L366 also hosts a golf outing on behalf of MDA. Jeff has partnered with administration and successfully been able to get all stations and shifts out to fill the boot during their campaign. We are looking forward to another great year filling the boot with L366 in October!

MDA STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Matthew Jostock - Greater Michigan Development Assistant and Volunteer Program Coordinator

Matthew has been with MDA for over 3 years and has been a great asset to the Greater Michigan office. Matthew has taken on numerous tasks and activities outside of his daily role. We appreciate Matthew's support with events in the Lansing area and making connections with our patient families. Matthew is willing to secure food and donations for Fill the Boots and Fire Fighter events when needed. Matthew also took it upon himself last year to create a Muscle Walk team and was able to raise over \$1,300! We are so grateful for Matthew's support in all programs with MDA!!!





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PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

Maria Church MDA Camper

Maria is 12 years old, has SMA Type 1 and has a way of putting a smile on the face of anyone she meets. Maria lives in the Jackson area. Maria and her family actively participate in events outside of Summer Camp for MDA. She loves to see all her friends at camp and make new ones each year. The dance and making bracelets are some of her favorite activities to do at camp. She is most excited to return to camp and go horseback riding again. Maria was able to wear Miss Michigan's crown for our 2018 Gala and loved every minute of being a true princess!



2019 INCOME REPORTED

Shelby Township L1338	\$103
Grand Rapids L366	\$200
Egelston Township L3901	\$250
Ypsilanti Township L1830	\$300
Southgate L1307	\$500
Lansing/Delhi L421	\$600
Monty Nye (MPFFU 5th District)	\$700
Portage L1467	\$1,000
Macomb Township L5023	\$1,000
Summit Jackson L1306	\$1,500
Plymouth Township L1496	\$2,000
Meridian Township L1600	\$2,309
Alpena Township L1859	\$2,826
Redford L1206	\$3,013
Dearborn Heights L1355	\$7,000



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Upcoming Fill the Boot and Events

July

- 5th - Alpena Township L1859 Fill the Boot
- 5th - Peninsula Township L5096 Fill the Boot
- 12th - Portage L1467 Charity Golf Outing
- 13th - Glen Lake L5086 Fill the Boot
- 18-21 - Farmington Hills L2659 Fill the Boot
- 19th - Meridian L1600/Delhi L421 Golf Outing
- 20th - Glen Lake L5086 Fill the Boot
- 26th - Adrian L1511 Fill the Boot
- 26-27 - Ypsilanti L401 Fill the Boot
- 26-27 - Taylor L1252 Fill the Boot

August

- 2nd - Adrian L1511 Fill the Boot
- 2-4 - Traverse City L646 Fill the Boot
- 12-16 - Lansing/Delhi L421 Fill the Boot
- 13th - Kentwood L3174 Fill the Boot
- 16-18 - Ecorse L684 Fill the Boot
- 17th - Ferndale L812 Fill the Boot
- 21-23 - Battle Creek L335 Fill the Boot
- 23-25 - Warren L1383 Fill the Boot
- 24th - Owosso L504 Fill the Boot
- 24th - Plymouth Township L1496 Fill the Boot
- 24th - Inkster L1577 Fill the Boot
- 24th - Marysville L1635 Fill the Boot
- 29th - Alpena L623 Fill the Boot
- 30th - Delta Township L2846 Fill the Boot



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September

- 6th - Delta Township L2846 Fill the Boot
- 7th - Benton Township L1562 Fill the Boot
- 7-8 - Northville L3961 Fill the Boot
- 12th - Grand Rapids L366 Golf Outing
- 13-14 - Southfield L1029 Fill the Boot
- 18-20 - Dearborn/Melvindale L412 Fill the Boot
- 19-20 - Wayne L1620 Fill the Boot
- 21-22 - Birmingham L911 Fill the Boot
- 25th - Independence Township L2629 Fill the Boot
- 25-27 - Summit/Jackson L1306 Fill the Boot
- 27th - Benton Township L1562 Golf Outing
- 27-29 - Westland L1279 Fill the Boot

October

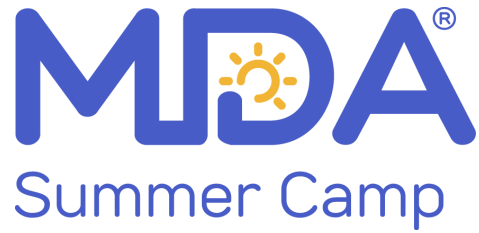
- 1st - Grand Rapids L366 Fill the Boot
- 4th - Grand Rapids L366 Fill the Boot
- 11-13 - Hazel Park L1414 Fill the Boot
- 18th - Grand Rapids L366 Fill the Boot

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



Thank You!

Battle Creek L335
Grand Rapids L366
Hamtramck L750
Southgate L1307
Eastpointe L1561
East Lansing L1609
Norton Shores L2559
Muskegon Twp L4132
Monty Nye - MPFFU
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Brothers & Sisters,

The Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union along with the Muscular Dystrophy Association is proud to celebrate the monumental 65-year partnership of the IAFF's commitment to MDA in the fight against muscle disease. Over the last 65 years, members have raised over \$650 million to fuel MDA's mission.

As many of you know, the IAFF is the largest national sponsor of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In 2018, fire fighters from 55 Locals across Michigan raised over \$300,000 to aid in the fight against muscular dystrophy, ALS and other muscle-debilitating diseases.

MDA research has hit a time of unprecedented progress because of the support of the IAFF. Since 2015, seven drugs have been approved by the FDA and are on the market to treat some forms of neuromuscular disease. In addition, MDA was able to fund 34 new research grants totaling \$9.9 million in 2018, bringing the current total to 177 active research grants; two of which are right here in Michigan.

Each year, the MPFFU strives to increase our total raised and in 2019, we are looking to exceed the \$500,000 mark. This year, it is my goal to have 100% of Locals in the MPFFU support MDA in some way to help us achieve our state goal.

Please reach out to your MDA Representative or Development Director, Amanda Wentzloff directly at awentzloff@mdausa.org or 231-638-2083 if you are willing to help in this fight.

Your ongoing support and response to this appeal is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Mark Docherty, President
Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union

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

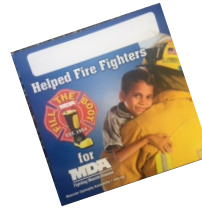


Host a Firefighter
appreciation night at
your local Applebee's.
A portion of the sales
will go to MDA!
***several other
restaurants will offer
similar opportunities

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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