



MPFFU Boot News



November 2019

FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

Battle Creek Local 335

Kevin Lohrke



Kevin took over as L335's Fill the Boot Coordinator in 2017. Kevin brought L335 back on board with filling the boot and has set his goals high with raising funds for MDA! Kevin worked with his administration, the city, and his local to get their support and get back in the streets. This year alone, L335 was able to raise over \$30,000 in three days which is a \$13,000+ increase over 2018.

Kevin and other members from L335 have attended Bootcamp, joined us for VIP Day at Summer Camp (and brought a rig out), and attended our 2019 MDA MPFFU Media Kick Off. We are grateful for a passionate and driven coordinator who is not only raising funds for MDA but understands the mission and is helping to raise awareness for those living with a neuromuscular disease.

MDA STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jennie King

*Regional Manager of Fire
Fighter Partnerships*

Jennie is our Regional Manager for Fire Fighter Partnerships, a position created in 2018 to strengthen our relationship with MDA's #1 Partner in MDA's #1 Program – fire fighters and Fill the Boot. We have a total of eight Regional Managers across the country.

Jennie is based out of Northern Kentucky and her territory includes Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Jennie began her career at MDA as the Executive Director for the Cincinnati office 6 years ago and Fill the Boot quickly became her passion. Now she gets to concentrate solely on her favorite program – working closely with the field staff as well as with fire fighters and leadership in those states.





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PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

Bentley



Bentley is 8 years old and is in 3rd grade. He lives in Muskegon County with his mom, dad and brother Ethan. Bentley loves animals - he has dogs, cats and his bird Sunny. When he grows up he wants to be a Storm Chaser! Some of Bentley's favorite things are giraffes and his mom. He loves the color blue too. Bentley attended Summer Camp for the first time this year and made some great friends and loved participating in the activities and going for a motorcycle ride!

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Sterling Heights L1557 Fill the Boot Coordinator, Ryan Sears, shared with MDA why he is motivated to collect money for MDA.

"What drives my passion is two-fold, Knowing that the money collected is going to these kids in any and every way possible. And that it restores my faith in humanity when I see people of all backgrounds, even struggling to get by themselves and still wanting to help because of the long positive history that, we as firefighters, have with MDA... I've always known that we don't turn our backs in this profession to anyone that may need our help... and as long as MDA is around, myself and SHFFU L1557 will be around to help!"

Ryan has attended MPFFU Conventions where patients and the MDA state ambassador meet and talk with the firefighters and these speeches help inspire Ryan also, he said. Thank you for your service and stay cool Ryan Sears!



Ryan is pictured on the far left



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2019 MPFFU HONOR ROLL

as of 11/4/19

Local	Dollars reported
L335 - Battle Creek	\$30,426.00
L366 - Grand Rapids	\$24,281.24
L421 - Lansing/Delhi	\$17,005.45
L1279 - Westland	\$15,000.00
L1306 - Summit/Jackson	\$14,795.00
L646 - Traverse City	\$13,700.59
L643 - Marquette	\$11,760.42
L1467 - Portage	\$11,672.00
L1859 - Alpena Township	\$10,962.00
L1600 - Meridian	\$10,476.50
L5096 - Peninsula Township	\$9,500.00
L1355 - Dearborn Heights	\$8,891.00
L1383 - Warren	\$8,828.00
L1562 - Benton Township	\$8,576.41
L2258 - Lansing Twp	\$7,870.00
L1206 - Redford Township	\$6,983.00
L2559 - Norton Shores	\$5,882.46
L1252 - Taylor	\$4,513.00
L401 - Ypsilanti	\$4,500.00
L704 - Cadillac	\$4,423.00
L5086 - Glen Lake	\$4,295.00
L1496 - Plymouth Township	\$4,256.00
L3961 - Northville	\$4,250.00
L1609 - East Lansing	\$4,039.78
L911 - Birmingham	\$4,021.00
L2629 - Independence Township	\$3,977.00
L1776 - Big Rapids	\$3,333.20
L1577 - Inkster	\$3,221.00
L4132 - Muskegon Township	\$3,167.50

Local	Dollars reported
L504 - Owosso	\$2,885.00
L2658 - South Haven	\$2,572.89
L1029 - Southfield	\$2,362.00
L412 - Dearborn/Melvindale	\$2,300.00
L623 - Alpena	\$1,877.30
L4827 - Suttons Bay-Bingham	\$1,510.00
L1737 - Harrison Township	\$1,471.00
L1620 - Wayne	\$1,420.00
L5023-Macomb Twp	\$1,330.00
L812 - Ferndale	\$1,238.00
L750 - Hamtramck	\$1,181.00
Monty Nye - 5th District MPFFU	\$1,052.00
L3174 - Kentwood	\$1,008.23
L4355 - Blair Township	\$1,008.00
L356 - Wyandotte	\$1,000.00
L684 - Ecorse	\$1,000.00
L1511 - Adrian	\$909.00
L2659 - Farmington Hills	\$883.00
L2627 - Grand Ledge	\$750.00
L116 - Bay City	\$500.00
L1307 - Southgate	\$500.00
L3232 - Novi	\$500.00
L1635 - Marysville	\$472.00
L1830 - Ypsilanti Township	\$300.00
L3901 - Egelston	\$250.00
L2758 - Wyoming	\$200.00
L2003 - Ann Arbor Township	\$162.00
L1338 - Shelby Township	\$103.00
L3045 - Bloomfield Township	\$100.00

\$295,450.97



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Upcoming Fill the Boot and Events

November

All month	Cadillac L704 No Shave November
11th -	Rochester Hills L3472 Fill the Boot
27th -	Bloomfield Township L1614 Fill the Boot
29th -	Roseville L1614 Fill the Boot
29th - 30th -	Shelby Township L1338 Fill the Boot

December

1st -	Shelby Township L1338 Fill the Boot
21st-24th -	Sterling Heights L1557 Fill the Boot

**Interested in supporting your very own DVP -
check out the challenge we put them up to!**



Are You Up For the Fill The Boot DVP Challenge?



We are challenging each MPFFU DVP
to raise funds for MDA in 2019!

The MPFFU DVP that collects the most dollars by
the end of the year will receive a plaque and
bragging rights, of course.

**Winner will be announced
Wednesday, December 18th.**

RULES and Other Information:

- Money must be received by your local MDA office no later than Friday, December 13th.
 - Money must be outside of your locals FTB collection
- MDA can set up a personal FTB Donor Drive webpage for you to collect online donations

QUESTIONS?

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When posting on social media, please make sure to #hashtag

#FillTheBootMPFFUDVPChallenge

FILL THE BOOT - BOOT BOOSTER 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

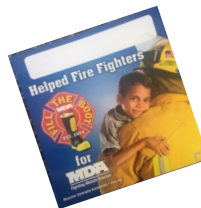


Host a Firefighter
appreciation night at
your local Applebee's.
A portion of the sales
will go to MDA!
***several other
restaurants will offer
similar opportunities

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



Muscular
Dystrophy
Association

Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

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