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News Release: Spectacular Halfway to \$40,000 Fundraising Goal by Week Two

Storm Lake, Iowa (June 15, 2023) – After two full weeks of collecting donations, the 2023 Star Spangled Spectacular, with a theme of “Three Cheers for 150 Years,” has reached \$23,000 toward its goal of \$40,000 by Independence Day.

Josh Newhouse, fundraising co-chair for the Star Spangled Spectacular, says many donors have increased their donation over last year, and several first-time donors sent in their contributions this week.

“We also received donations from donors we have not heard from in many years,” says Newhouse. “Every donation helps us meet our goal.”

Fundraising co-chair Matt Brostad noted that online donations continue to increase. “We hope that continues to be popular, as we still have a lot of money to raise,” he says.

For those interested in making a donation, checks can be made out to Star Spangled Spectacular and sent to Josh Newhouse, Fundraising Chair, PO Box 457, Storm Lake, IA 50588. Donations can also be made online at starspangledspectacular.net/donations.

Donors and categories June 8-14, 2023 include:

- **Liberty Bell Ringers (\$350 and up):** Tyson Foods-Turkey Operations, Stickers and Posters, Smith Concrete Services, Security Trust & Savings Bank, Larson Oil & Distributing Company, John and Lindsay Armstrong, Edwards Storm Lake, and Dairy Queen of Storm Lake.
- **Patriots (\$150-\$349):** United Bank of Iowa, The Villager Family Restaurant, Ted Brown, Scott and Joni Wulfekuhler, Paul Bengtson, Loren Movall, Felton Concrete/Todd and Jennifer Felton, Fareway Meat and Grocery, Dr. Lisa R. Lindeman, DDS, Dave and Barbara Dvergsten, Buena Vista Regional Medical Center, Bob and Patty Payer and Family, Andy Goettsch, Aaron and Kelsey Clausen, and one anonymous donor.
- **Skyrockets (\$100-\$149):** Willi, Marcia, Conrad and Nicole Epting, Wiese Plumbing & Heating, Tom and Susan Fitzpatrick/Cherry Corner Agency, Tim Smith, Steve and Terry Brashears, Sports Rehab & Professional Therapy, Sliefert Funeral Home, Rich and Jene Robinson, Mike's Lawn Service, Mike and Lori Porsch, Merrill Manufacturing Company, Melander's, Matt and Ana Phillips, Mark and Christine Young, Karen Johannesen, Jason and Lisa Shepherd, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Howard Hatlelid, Frank and Nancy Alderton, Elements by K. Sorbe, Ed and Barb Anderson, Dale and Kim Carver, Colburn & Elk, Clyde and Marcia Krause, Century 21 The Professional Group, Bill and Joan Kruse, and Andy and Tara Kosky.



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- **Firecrackers (\$50 to \$99):** Nancy Sliefert, Steven Larsen, Shannon and Michele Kelly, Jeff and Jane Kestel, Donna McPherran, Meylor Chiropractic/Dr. Tanner Morris & Dr. Lee Meylor, Kathleen Schmitt, Bruce and Ann Storm, Dennis Andersen, Buena Vista Abstract & Title Company, Citizens Community Credit Union, Steve and Jane Culbertson, Jeff and Tami Ebel, Stuart and Lori Gamber, Joan Kurtz, Pat and Carol Lenhart, Rosene, Pickhinke, Peters & Co. P.C., Scott and Kathy Schwaller, Connie Stille, Terry and Margaret Stull, Doug Thompson and Kari Stuckel, Arvid and Coleen Baughman, Stan Bochtler, Jim and Barb Jorgensen, Juli Kwikkel, Nelson's Premix and Vet Supply, Buzz and Jean Paterson, George and Marcia Schaller, Brad and Maureen Strader, and one anonymous donor.
- **Sparklers (up to \$49):** Barb Jackson, Barbara Aiona, Ben and Judy Malcom, Beth Dawson, Betty Chindlund, Brad and Sonni Raveling, Brent and Debra Hendriks, Byron Loving, Candy Clough, Clark and Nancy Gordon, Dave and Deb Merten, Dave Anderson, Don and Rosie Reiling, Donny and Jan Nolte, Dorothea Saathoff, Dorothy Franzmeier, Ed and Mary Kay Larsen, Fred and Jan Reyes, Jan Utter, John and Kyle Cejka, John Bauer, Lary and Patricia Gunville, Lottie Nelson, Mark and Rita Fitzgerald, Marlene Morrow, Mary Estelle Cole, Mike Brostad, Phil and Pegg Havens, Rich and Cheryl Lange, Rick and Donna Phillips, Rod and Charlene Plagman, Roger and Myrna Lorenzen, Susan Thompson, Thomas Prchal, Virginia Carlson, and one anonymous donor.

About the Star Spangled Spectacular

A favorite Northwest Iowa tradition, Storm Lake's annual Star Spangled Spectacular celebrates Independence Day along the City's beautiful shores. The family-friendly event is held July 3-4 and welcomes fresh entertainment and returning favorites such as The Big Parade, food and shopping vendors, a classic Car Cruise, the Ride-Run, fireworks, a Patriotic Ceremony, a Kiddie Parade, and more. Visit www.starspangledspectacular.net.

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