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PRESS RELEASE



First Annual "Squeals & Wheels Festival" A Great Success

Held August 23rd, 2014, American Legion Park, Le Sueur, MN.

Le Sueur, MN, August 27, 2014: Angels Amongst Us Scholarship Foundation's first Annual *Squeals & Wheels Festival* proved to be an amazing event, raising scholarships for Le Sueur, Henderson graduates in memory of classmates Dackotah Montgomery class of 2014 and Katelyn Hank Class of 2015 each who lost their lives in separate accidents at the end of 2013.

The August 23rd events were set swiftly underway with a 5K family fun run/walk sponsored by Minnesota Valley Health Center and Corner Drug of Le Sueur. Coach Jeff Christ and his cross country and track team members were instrumental to forming the route and insuring safety of all the participants. As a precaution, Jen Hovick and Pam Williams, area first responders, stood by monitoring participants as they ran and walked.

As the day continued, the park filled with the aromas coming from the smokers of those competing in the amateur meat smoking contest. A dozen teams battled to see who would be proclaimed "Master of the Grill," while onlookers waited to sample the fare of smoked ribs, chicken and pulled pork. In addition to these activities, there was a motorcycle bullseye tour, a classic car cruise and show as well as a bean bag tournament.

Area bands donated their time to come and play in the park. Music of *The Charlie More Band; The 11th Hour, Seth Hynes-Marquette and Luke Barnard formerly Subtle Vibes, and Bob Taylor* filled Legion Park and was an opportunity for people to get together, relax and talk about classmates, Montgomery & Hank.

One of the most memorable events of the day was the memorial dove and balloon release where Montgomery and Hank were remembered. Together the poem, birds and balloons filled the sky with a feeling of hope and love.

In addition to these activities, area businesses showed support through participation and sponsorship. Kernel Concessions, Lollipop the Clown, Pizza Ranch, Corner Drug, Minnesota Valley Health Center, Anderson, Skubitz & Coryell, Sweet Shoppe Express LLC, Pop-Up Party Rental, Pete Borchert's Spice Partners, The Bar, Evolution Shirts, KR Graphics, St. Peter Public Works Crew, Cambria and Mac's Green Mill were instrumental in organizing and executing this event. Other community businesses, individuals and families also gave wide financial support to Angels Amongst Us general scholarship fund. Throughout the park, many of these sponsors and donors were recognized. The display of community support for raising these scholarships was clear. Le Sueur-Henderson graduates will be awarded scholarships in the spring as a result of this great fundraising event. Angels Amongst Us is a non-profit organization formed to benefit Le Sueur Henderson graduates.

Mark & Barb McMillen together with Tanya Hagen, Angels Amongst Us and the entire Squeals & Wheels Festival committee wishes to sincerely thank all volunteers and sponsors, named and unnamed, who made this first fundraising effort such a success. These scholarships are intended to assist the peers of Montgomery and Hank to achieve post-graduation educational goals. Tax deductible scholarship donations may be made to Angels Amongst Us, P.O. Box 183, Le Sueur, MN 56058.

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