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ANGELS AMONGST US SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC

PRESS RELEASE



Fourth Annual "Squeals & Wheels Festival" Announced

June 17th, 2017, 8am-9pm American Legion Park, Le Sueur, MN.

Le Sueur, MN, April 6, 2017: Angels Amongst Us Scholarship Foundation, Inc. announces its fourth annual *Squeals & Wheels Festival*. This event promises to provide a full day of family fun and entertainment, while raising funds to provide memorial scholarships for Le Sueur-Henderson High School graduates.

Angels Amongst Us has proudly supported 2015 LS-H graduates with \$8,000 in scholarships; 2016 & past LS-H graduates with \$10,000 in scholarship and will support 2017 & past grads with \$11,000 in scholarships. The goal for this year's events is to raise \$15,000 for 2018 graduates and past graduates. Recipients have attended schools and programs across the country with professional, technical and para-professional career ambitions.

Founded in memory of Le Sueur-Henderson students, Dackotah Montgomery and Katelyn Hank, Angels Amongst Us is a nonprofit charitable 501(c)(3) philanthropic organization. All donations are 100% tax deductible. The mission of Angels Amongst us is to provide scholarships to the peers of these two beautiful young women who were taken from our community too soon in 2013. (See below for Montgomery and Hank biographies.)

Squeals on Wheels Festival activities and events include a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk; Meat Smoking/BBQ Competitions; a Bullseye Cycle Tour; a Partners Double Elimination Bean Bag Tournament; kick-ball tournament (NEW); an extensive vendor fair; all day fun in the park with music, food, beverages, kids recreation, ice cream and something for everyone. More information on the all-day event can be found

at www.angels-amongst-us.org/squeals---wheels-festival.html. Registration for the various activities can also be found at www.angels-amongst-us.org.

New this year, Angels Amongst Us will also sponsor a kick-off pool tournament, April 14th & 15th at the Henderson Road Haus. The tournament features both singles and scotch doubles play. On the 15th there will be an all-you-can-eat taco bar (5-8pm), live music and a silent auction (2-6:30pm) featuring many items from local and regional businesses. Information on the pool tournament can be found at the Angels Amongst Us Facebook page.

Business and family support and participation are being solicited throughout the communities impacted by the loss of our "angels." Details on how you can help can be sought on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Angels-Amongst-Us/288215974688241>. For further information on how you can sponsor of the festivities or make your tax deductible donation, contact Mark McMillen at: (612) 759-5669.

ABOUT OUR GIRLS:

DACKOTAH MONTGOMERY - 11/7/1995 to 11/14/2013;

Dackotah was the daughter of Barb (Nelson) and Mark McMillen and Bobby and Lynn Montgomery. She attended Park and St. Anne's Elementary Schools and Le Sueur-Henderson (LSH) Middle and High Schools in Le Sueur. She was ready to graduate from LSH, June 1st, 2014. Dackotah died in a single car accident November 14, 2013. She was part of the High Step Science Academy at LSH and was preparing for college with the goal of studying law and becoming either a lawyer or a paralegal. A spirited and loving young lady, life involved the "right way", the "wrong way" and the "Dackotah way". She was extremely intelligent and strong. She was always there for anyone who needed her, whether to just listen and console, or to wisely advise. She loved to take her brother and her sister (or anyone else for that matter) to the park, pool or on an adventure. She was very organized and loved helping residents at the assisted living where she worked to organize too. She also held jobs with LSH custodians and in Radermacher's deli. Dackotah loved camping, fishing, tubing, music, hanging out with her friends, helping out on a special friend's farm, practicing shooting her bow and arrow, family trips to the Wisconsin Dells, the Kansas City Speedway, McGregor, MN, Canada and most every other travel location. She will always be remembered for her bright blue eyes and huge engaging smile. She was loved by all and truly missed.



KATELYN JOANN HANK - 6/19/97 TO 12/31/2013



Katelyn was born to John Hank and Tanya Hagen in 1997. She attended Hilltop Elementary in Henderson and Le Sueur-Henderson middle and high schools in Le Sueur. Katelyn was a Junior at LSH when she passed away from injuries suffered during sledding accident on New Year's Eve 12-31-13. Katelyn was very active in her community church. She enjoyed singing in the church choir, participating youth group and helping with Sunday school. From age 15, she worked at Pizza Ranch in Le Sueur. Katelyn enjoyed sports and was a Tennis Team Captain, Track Manager, and ran cross country. Her love of music made her a valuable member of the Marching and Pep Bands, Concert Choir and Swingin' Sisters. Katelyn loved singing, writing songs, and playing her guitar throughout the house. She was also actively involved in LSH speech and theater, including One Act plays and many competitions. An amazing artist Katelyn used her love of music, the outdoors and passion for animals to creatively express herself. Katelyn had the most loving heart for everyone she came in contact with and was committed to serving others. She was a soft-hearted young lady who was always there for anyone that needed a friend no matter what she had going on - she always put them first :-). She's an amazing young lady with so much love for life and others! Katelyn had a beautiful life in store for her and so many wonderful plans after she graduated! Katelyn will forever be in our hearts and missed more than words can EVER describe!

Our "Angels" will be forever remembered and honored through this scholarship foundation. Each girl had composure, maturity and grace well beyond their years. Taken far too soon, we will cherish the memories and hope through these memorial scholarships to inspire others at LSH to emulate them through achievement, creativity, artistry and accomplishment.

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