



PRESS RELEASE

WAUSAU FIREFIGHTERS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION (WFCAF) ANNUAL SINGLE POT CHILI COOK-OFF EVENT – Sunday, October 11, 2020 at Thrive Foodery

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The City of Wausau is proud to support the efforts of all our professional firefighters and paramedics within our community and surrounding area. They respond to over 7,000 911 calls annually within the City of Wausau and in our surrounding townships. By doing this, they are in a unique position to see individuals both at their worst and their very best. This allows them to identify and address the needs of the community on an individual basis.

The Wausau Firefighters Community Assistance Foundation (WFCAF) offers three critically important goals to support our community. They are:

Firefighter Scholarship Program - Funding individuals in our community who mirror our core values and assist them with the education and skilled training required to be a member of this department. These scholarships are contingent upon the recipients remaining as an employee of a fire department within the Wausau Community for a minimum of two years during and following the completion of their training.

Dream Vacation Program - The firefighter and law enforcement community is very much a family and when one of our own is killed in the Line of Duty (Line of Duty Death or LODD), it affects all of us. When a tragedy of this nature occurs, our intent is to provide some “down-time” for the family so that they may reflect on the loss of their loved one and the memories of the time they had together. With the help of last year’s funds, our first LODD Dream Vacation was scheduled for August, 2020; an 11-day all expenses paid trip to Alaska for the family of Jason Weiland (Everest Metro Detective, Killed in the line of duty March 22, 2017). This trip has been re-scheduled for August, 2021.

Gift Card Program - The idea is simple and is designed so that individual Firefighters have charitable funds to distribute at their discretion to help individual citizens of the Wausau area who they identify as “in need.” If during the course of our on-duty shift we identify a family or individual who doesn’t have the means of providing a basic necessity or quality of life (i.e. clothes/school supplies for kids, diapers, victims of house fires, elderly in need of additional food services, etc.) we retrieve a gift card and go get what they need.

Mayor Katie Rosenberg will be attending their 3rd Annual Single Pot Chili Cook-off in a tent located outside of the Thrive Foodery on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. The Community is invited to attend and we invite you to support this event. Tickets are being sold for \$25.00. Reserve yours today by calling 715-966-0318. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door, the day of the event. More information is available on the WFCAF facebook page here: www.facebook.com/WFCAF



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