

Rotary Making Spirits Bright Says Thanks for Twelve Years

“Thank You” does not seem adequate to convey our heartfelt gratitude for twelve years of support and success for Making Spirits Bright, the holiday lights show in Evergreen Park with indoor activities at nearby Jaycee Quarryview Center. We are profoundly thankful for the continued support of so many sponsors, in kind donors, three county Rotary clubs, Sheboygan County Food Bank, area volunteers, City of Sheboygan Public Works, local restaurants that provide food before, during and after our event and, most certainly, our dedicated Steering Committees and the Board of Directors of Making Spirits Bright. The majority of these key people and organizations are “behind the scenes” heroes.

We experienced another spectacular year collecting nearly 130,000 pounds of pantry items and recording over 26,000 vehicles entering the park. Our twelve year total pantry collection surpassed one million pounds.

We extend special thanks to our premier sponsors, Brenda Potter, Grover Family Foundation and Masters Gallery Foods at our \$10,000 level. Also of note at the \$5,000 level is Frank G & Frieda K Brotz Family Foundation, Festival Foods, Curt G Joa, Rockline Industries, Millipore Sigma, Culligan Water and Wayne and Pat Sather. Additionally, many other companies and individuals complete our sponsor roster, most of whom have supported us since our first year in 2012.

It takes a small army to plan and execute this highly anticipated event. We have 1600-1700 volunteers annually resulting in approximately 13,000 volunteer hours. We are truly grateful for all who have contributed to ensuring that Making Spirits Bright has become an annual event that attracts people locally as well as tourists.

Anyone interested in becoming involved, please contact us through our website www.makingspiritsbright.com.

Gerry Plehn, Making Spirits Bright

Steering Committee Chair