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# Connection

 **EAGLES** 

**State Charity Night**

Jim Wymores'  *Dinner from*  
Rock & Country *5-7 pm*  
*\$9 per person*

at 8pm

  
**childserve**  
*Believing in the spirit of a child.*

**All Proceeds Go To**  
**Child Serve**  
Believing in the Spirit of a Child  
<https://www.childserve.org/>

**Charity Auction Starts at 6:30**



**Friday November 3th, 2017 - 5 pm until Midnight**

 **Shenandoah Eagles Aerie #3849**  
709 W. Thomas Ave \* Shenandoah, IA 51601  
Call 712-246-5337 for more details

## State Charity Weekend in Southwest Iowa Shenandoah/Red Oak/Glenwood

Once we're done in Shenandoah on Friday, head north on Saturday to Red Oak for our State charity night raising money for Childserve. We also will celebrate November birthdays and anniversaries.

We will have a fried chicken dinner starting at 5 pm, followed by a dessert auction at 7 with music to follow by Str8shot.

Hotel Information:

**Red Coach Inn** (712)-623-4864)

Mention you are with the Eagles for corporate rate \$99.95

**Rodeway Inn** (712)-623-6919

Under new management and name (formerly the Super 8)

Rooms are \$64.99 plus tax for a king and \$69.99 plus tax for two queens. (2 people, additional people, add \$5.00 per person.)

On Sunday, before going home, stop in Glenwood to join them for their State Charity Breakfast.

## Shenandoah Eagles #3849 2017 State Charity Night

Hotel Information for your stay on Nov. 3rd, 2017

### Shenandoah Inn and Suites

(the downtown motel 1 block from the club)  
600 West Sheridan Ave., Shenandoah, IA 51601

712-246-3000

1. King Bed \$75 + tax

2. 2 Queens \$80 + tax

### The Tall Corn Inn. (Located on the very west edge of town)

1503 W. Sheridan Shenandoah, IA 51601

712-246-1550

1. Single Queen \$44.99 + Tax

2. King Size \$49.99 + tax

3. 2 Queens \$54.95 + tax

### Super Inn and Suites (formerly Days Inn)

108 N. Fremont Ave. (Hwy 59 N) Shenandoah, IA 51601

712-246-5733

1. 2 Queens \$55.00 + tax

2. 1 King \$55.00 + tax

Please mention you are reserving using the Eagles Rate at all motels. To avoid them reserving at the regular rate. If you have any questions please get a hold of me and I will attempt to help you.

Kevin "Woody" Woodyard 712-215-1902 [kwoody@mchsi.com](mailto:kwoody@mchsi.com)

## Eastern Iowa- State Charity Weekend

### MAQUOKETA: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

4pm-8pm Silent Auction & 50/50's

5pm-8pm Dinner

8pm-close Karaoke

### DUBUQUE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

3pm-5pm Paddle Wheel, Grab Bag Bingo, 50/50's

5pm-7pm Dinner

7pm Auction with Karaoke to follow

If anyone would like to make a room reservation, you can call Best Western 563-557-8000.

Rooms are \$84.00, tax included.

Be sure and let them know when you make your room reservations to mention the Dubuque Eagles.

They are located on Highway 20 East of the Eagles Club.

### ASBURY: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

8am to Noon State Charity Breakfast and Bake Sale

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November

- November 3 Shenandoah State Charity
- November 4 Red Oak State Charity
- November 5 Glenwood State Charity
- November 17 Maquoketa State Charity
- November 18 Dubuque State Charity
- November 19 Asbury State Charity Breakfast

## December

- December 9 Clinton State Charity

## January

- January 13 Board Meeting

## February

- February 3 Manchester State Charity
- February 9 Hawarden State Charity
- February 10 LeMars State Charity
- February 16 Fairfield State Charity
- February 17 Ottumwa State Charity
- February 24 Iowa City State Charity

## March

- March 9 Council Bluffs State Charity
- March 10-11 Western Zone Council Bluffs
- March 16 Creston State Charity
- March 17 Centerville State Charity

## April

- April 6 Grinnell State Charity
- April 7 Tama State Charity
- April 13-15 MINK Conference
- April 21 Waterloo State Charity
- April 27-28 Eastern Zone Tama

## May

- May 5 Cash Bash Centerville

## *Hello Sisters*

Every year, the State of Iowa has the privilege of hosting visits from the Grand Madam President. At that time our State Madam President Debbie Gilson will be presenting Helen with a check from the Auxiliaries in the State of Iowa for her to contribute to her special projects which include Alzheimer's and the Honor Flight program. Please share this information at your Auxiliary meeting and see if you can't send in a contribution towards the check presentation. Please make your check payable to "Iowa State Aux. FOE" and send it to PO Box 11127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-1127.

Also, we are asking all of you to consider hosting one of the visits for the GMP. She will be visiting Cedar Rapids as part of her visitations, however, we would like to have an Auxiliary in the center of the State host a visit so the All State Initiation can be held in a central location if at all possible to help those who need to travel to do this for the GMP.

If your Auxiliary would like to host her visit please let me know as soon as you can. You can contact me by mail, email at [cbalsanek@mcgrathauto.com](mailto:cbalsanek@mcgrathauto.com) or [cmb1804@mchsi.com](mailto:cmb1804@mchsi.com).

Or you can reach me by cell at 319-350-3966 anytime after 5:00 PM.

Thank you all for your help with hosting the GMP and I look forward to seeing you down the Eagle Trail.

Cindy Balsanek - IA State Aux. Secretary

## WCR Cancer Fund

Hi everyone, my name is Mike Gilson. Most of you know me from Iowa and many of you from Nebraska, but I'd like to talk to you now about the Art Ehrmann Cancer fund. WCR President Kelly Davis has graciously asked me to be the WCR Cancer chairman this year and I was proud and happy to accept this position.

I lost my dad at an early age to this dreaded disease, plus several of my family members and friends are now gone or suffering. There are so many different types of cancer, that it's hard to narrow down the best approach to get people motivated for this worthy cause. I can say they are making strides with research and much better treatment options and early detection, and I believe we will find a cure someday soon.

But in the meantime, we as Eagles, will keep on trying to raise the dollars that are so much in need. I encourage you to keep on fighting the good fight and if I can help in any way in your Cancer drive this year, please let me know. If I can be there to help, I will. Either way, let me know what you are doing in your local Aerie and Auxiliary homes, so I can make an accurate report across the jurisdiction.

Thanks again for your time and let's find a cure and Kick Cancer!

Mike Gilson - WCR Cancer Chairman

Iowa State Trustee #3 • 319-241-6840 • [mrgilson@peoplepc.com](mailto:mrgilson@peoplepc.com)

## Card of Thanks

Thank you for all the cards and prayers during and after my surgery. Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming. Updates will be forthcoming. God bless each and everyone of you!

Kent George - State Inside Guard

## *Connection* **Article Submissions**

Deadline for articles to be included in the *Connection* is **the 15th of the month prior to publication.**

Send Items to: Steve and Shelley Zimmerman  
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## Aerie Membership Reports

| AERIE #                      | DISTRICT        | TOTAL ROSTER | GOAL       | SEPT 2017   | TOTAL YTD | NET GAIN YTD |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>AERIE W POTTAWATTAMIE</b> |                 |              |            |             |           |              |
| 104                          | Council Bluffs  | 256          | 36         | 0/0         | 15        | -12          |
| 1398                         | Creston         | 258          | 37         | 0/0         | 4         | -19          |
| 2715                         | Red Oak         | 134          | 17         | 1/0         | 8         | 3            |
| 3784                         | Glenwood        | 175          | 24         | 6/1         | 12        | -3           |
| 3849                         | Shenandoah      | 72           | 11         | 2/2         | 13        | -14          |
| 3876                         | Missouri Valley | 94           | 15         | 0/0         | 2         | -15          |
|                              | <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>989</b>   | <b>140</b> | <b>8/10</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>-60</b>   |



### Vincent's Story

When Vincent began attending the Autism Day Health program at ChildServe a year and a half ago, he was a totally different child. His parents Grant and Jennifer watched Vincent's life change for the better once he started receiving support from the experts at ChildServe.

"Vincent could not talk or show us what he wanted when he wanted to express it," said Grant. "Now he can tell what he wants and can say 3-5 words at a time or more. Words can't describe how it makes me feel when he says 'I love you dad, and I love you mom!'"

ChildServe offers Autism Day Health in Johnston and Ames as part of an overarching Autism Program. As the only program of its kind in Iowa, Autism Day Health combines early intervention for autism; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; and medical supervision throughout the week for children aged 2-5 who have been diagnosed with autism.

"Even the basic walk into the building was an effort for Vincent when he first started," said Grant. "Since attending Day Health, Vincent is running up and down stairs and in the gym. He can now do what every kid loves to do: run and play with his friends."

Raising a child who has autism often comes with a full schedule. The Autism Day Health program makes life easier for parents and families.

Vincent receives speech and physical therapy during the day at ChildServe. When his parents pick him up from work, they can go home and spend time together as a family. There's no need to rush him off to the next appointment, because he's received the broad range of services he needs at Autism Day Health.

"Vincent loves going to Autism Day Health to see all of his teachers and friends," said Grant. "He smiles from ear to ear when we drive by ChildServe and says "school-school" or "Jessie-Jessie" - which is one of his favorite teachers. When we get in the door, he literally runs to give the gals up front a hug and says, 'Have a good day.'"

Along with seeing his son build new social skills and grow physically stronger, Grant values having a safe place to bring Vincent every day.

"I have never had one concern about Vincent when dropping him off for a 9-hour day (45 hours a week) as I know the ChildServe staff truly care about the kids as if they were their own. Vincent has so much confidence in himself and his abilities because of the Autism Day Health program and staff!"

### AERIE SOUTHEAST LAKES

|      |              |             |            |             |           |             |
|------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 109  | Des Moines   | 333         | 44         | 3/1         | 16        | 10          |
| 114  | Ottumwa      | 157         | 25         | 0/0         | 4         | -26         |
| 150  | Burlington   | 558         | 86         | 3/2         | 24        | -73         |
| 276  | Oskaloosa    | 109         | 16         | 1/3         | 14        | -7          |
| 1287 | Ft Madison   | 234         | 35         | 1/0         | 4         | -28         |
| 1927 | Fairfield    | 190         | 28         | 1/1         | 7         | -9          |
| 2675 | Centerville  | 196         | 31         | 0/0         | 7         | -26         |
| 2774 | Chariton     | 23          | 5          | 0/0         | 0         | -13         |
| 3495 | Osceola      | 113         | 18         | 2/0         | 4         | -20         |
| 3583 | Albia        | 70          | 13         | 0/0         | 7         | -23         |
|      | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1983</b> | <b>301</b> | <b>9/10</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>-215</b> |

### AERIE HAWKEYE

|      |              |             |            |             |           |             |
|------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 764  | Waterloo     | 314         | 46         | 1/0         | 15        | -29         |
| 2272 | Cedar Rapids | 361         | 52         | 2/0         | 21        | -30         |
| 2828 | Tama-Toledo  | 352         | 50         | 1/0         | 6         | -15         |
| 3538 | Manchester   | 54          | 1          | 0/1         | 3         | -8          |
| 4074 | Cedar Falls  | 142         | 22         | 0/0         | 2         | -27         |
| 4114 | Guttenberg   | 124         | 18         | 1/0         | 3         | -4          |
| 4466 | Monticello   | 116         | 16         | 0/0         | 5         | -5          |
| 4512 | Anamosa      | 24          | 5          | 1/2         | 3         | -11         |
| 4544 | Independence | 8           | 2          | 0/0         | 1         | -3          |
|      | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1495</b> | <b>212</b> | <b>18/8</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>-132</b> |

### AERIE THREE RIVERS

|      |              |             |            |             |           |             |
|------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 568  | Dubuque      | 161         | 32         | 0/0         | 5         | -72         |
| 695  | Iowa City    | 519         | 76         | 3/1         | 17        | -40         |
| 705  | Clinton      | 283         | 53         | 0/0         | 10        | -105        |
| 2545 | Grinnell     | 175         | 24         | 0/1         | 7         | -1          |
| 3866 | Maquoketa    | 180         | 27         | 0/0         | 1         | -20         |
| 4458 | Asbury       | 177         | 26         | 0/0         | 7         | -10         |
|      | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1495</b> | <b>238</b> | <b>10/7</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>-248</b> |

### AERIE TALLCORN

|      |              |            |            |             |           |            |
|------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 1381 | LeMars       | 160        | 25         | 2/1         | 3         | -26        |
| 1865 | Hawarden     | 86         | 13         | 0/1         | 5         | -6         |
| 2297 | Sheldon      | 423        | 60         | 3/4         | 25        | -24        |
| 3369 | Ft Dodge     | 38         | 5          | 2/0         | 11        | 9          |
|      | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>707</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>11/5</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>-47</b> |

### To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

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# Thinking of YOU

**Loris Schrader**

3009 - 12th Ave SW - Apt 114  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404



**Congratulations to our  
"Super Hero"**

**Linda K. Kohn, Dubuque #568**

Linda has many talents, keeping everyone in line, cleaning, cooking, looking for the best deals to keep food costs down and collecting tons of items for events.

She, along with the Aerie, got the newsletter up and running again.

If a sister calls, she is right there picking them up. Linda is a very dedicated member!

If your auxiliary needs an application, email me [snoopy21561@yahoo.com](mailto:snoopy21561@yahoo.com) put in subject line Super Hero along with your email and I will make sure you are sent one. I would like to see ALL auxiliaries recognize a Super Hero.

Continue to Shine!  
Denise "Alfred Hitchcock" George

## Get Your Motor Running....

Urgent call to all Aerie Brothers & Sisters:

The last drop from the Grand, in September, hurt us bad. Get a hold of your secretary and get the list of dropped members and start calling we need everyone of them back. Almost every Aerie lost members. Call them with some urgency in your voice that they were dropped and we need to get you signed back up. This should be the last big drop from the Grand so if we can make it through this we will be OK. Everyone is doing a pretty good job of signing new members but we can't lose what we have. **GO OUT AND GET THEM BACK!!!!**



## Auxiliary Membership Reports

| AERIE #                     | DISTRICT        | TOTAL ROSTER | GOAL      | SEPT 2017 | TOTAL YTD | NET GAIN YTD |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>AUX# W POTTAWATTAMIE</b> |                 |              |           |           |           |              |
| 104                         | Council Bluffs  | 141          | 12        | 0/0       | 7         | -11.3        |
| 1398                        | Creston         | 139          | 12        | 0/0       | 2         | -4.8         |
| 2715                        | Red Oak         | 149          | 12        | 1/0       | 1         | -0.7         |
| 3849                        | Shenandoah      | 41           | 12        | 1/0       | 1         | -8.9         |
| 3876                        | Missouri Valley | 70           | 12        | 0/0       | 2         | -2.8         |
|                             | <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>540</b>   | <b>60</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>13</b> | <b>-28.5</b> |

|                             |              |             |            |           |           |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>AUX# SOUTHEAST LAKES</b> |              |             |            |           |           |              |
| 109                         | Des Moines   | 217         | 24         | 3/0       | 8         | -12.9        |
| 114                         | Ottumwa      | 68          | 12         | 0/0       | 0         | -29.2        |
| 150                         | Burlington   | 325         | 36         | 3/0       | 9         | -10.5        |
| 276                         | Oskaloosa    | 54          | 12         | 1/0       | 2         | -18.2        |
| 1287                        | Fort Madison | 177         | 24         | 0/2       | 1         | -1.1         |
| 1927                        | Fairfield    | 130         | 12         | 0/1       | 2         | -11.6        |
| 2675                        | Centerville  | 98          | 12         | 0/0       | 3         | -19.0        |
| 2774                        | Chariton     | 149         | 12         | 0/0       | 0         | -33.3        |
| 3495                        | Osceola      | 83          | 12         | 0/0       | 1         | -1.2         |
| 3583                        | Albia        | 63          | 12         | 2/1       | 0         | -10          |
|                             | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1364</b> | <b>168</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>-75.1</b> |

|                     |              |            |            |           |           |              |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>AUX# HAWKEYE</b> |              |            |            |           |           |              |
| 764                 | Waterloo     | 189        | 24         | 2/0       | 7         | -13.7        |
| 2272                | Cedar Rapids | 253        | 24         | 4/0       | 6         | -5.6         |
| 2828                | Tama-Toledo  | 260        | 24         | 0/0       | 4         | -4.4         |
| 3538                | Manchester   | 38         | 12         | 2/3       | 1         | -1.8         |
| 4074                | Cedar Falls  | 54         | 12         | 0/0       | 6         | -1.8         |
| 4114                | Guttenberg   | 57         | 12         | 0/0       | 0         | -8.1         |
| 4466                | Monticello   | 52         | 12         | 0/0       | 5         | 2            |
| 4512                | Anamosa      | 16         | 12         | 0/0       | 0         | -40.7        |
|                     | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>919</b> | <b>132</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>-50.4</b> |

|                          |              |            |           |          |           |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>AUX# THREE RIVERS</b> |              |            |           |          |           |              |
| 568                      | Dubuque      | 53         | 12        | 0/0      | 2         | -8.6         |
| 695                      | Iowa City    | 222        | 24        | 0/0      | 2         | -6.7         |
| 705                      | Clinton      | 92         | 12        | 0/0      | 4         | -20.7        |
| 2545                     | Grinnell     | 122        | 12        | 0/0      | 0         | -4.7         |
| 3866                     | Maquoketa    | 97         | 12        | 0/0      | 1         | -17.8        |
| 4458                     | Asbury       | 82         | 12        | 0/0      | 5         | -14.6        |
|                          | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>668</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>-64.5</b> |

|                      |              |            |           |          |           |            |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>AUX# TALLCORN</b> |              |            |           |          |           |            |
| 1865                 | Hawarden     | 71         | 12        | 0/0      | 3         | -1.4       |
| 2297                 | Sheldon      | 126        | 12        | 3/1      | 8         | -3.1       |
| 3369                 | Ft Dodge     | 30         | 12        | 0/0      | 4         | 7.1        |
|                      | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>227</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>2.6</b> |

## To Contact the Auxiliary State Secretary

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## Calling All Super Heros

Happy November Leading Ladies!!!  
I hope that this bulletin finds you all well!!! It was great to see so many of you at Zones and Charity Nights – It’s always wonderful to spend time with my Eagle Sisters and Brothers!!! As you can see by looking at our membership numbers, we are gaining but we lost quite a few members at the automatic drop point. I urge all of the local Auxiliaries to reach out to your dropped members and encourage them to rejoin. Local Madam Secretaries, please be mindful of watching the MMS system for new member leads – there are several new ones this month! ReMEMBER, membership starts with each and every one of you – Please make it a point to get out in your communities and promote the Eagles and sign those Starlets (New Members)!!! Thank you for all you do!!! See you all soon down the Eagles Trail!!! #EMOAMA



Bobbi Jo Reed aka Wonder Woman  
2017-18 Iowa State Auxiliary Membership Chairman

## Alzheimer’s Charity

To all my sisters, I’m Helen Niblo from Blacksburg, IA my home Aerie is Albia, IA #3583, I’m this year’s State Eagles Auxiliary Alzheimer’s Chairperson. Did you know that 1 in 10 people over the age of 65 are affected with Alzheimer’s; this slowly progressive disease of the brain that is characterized by symptoms like impairment of memory and eventually by disturbances in reasoning, planning, gauge, and perception.

Alzheimer’s disease is by far the most common cause of dementia in the U.S.A. and in most countries in the world. Every year they seem to find out more and more information about the disease, but like so many other diseases the brain is so complex and research is so expensive and is time consuming. But donations from organizations, like the Fraternal Order of Eagles are needed to continue to make progress and the ultimate goal of finding a cure.

So let me help you, help me to raise as much money to continue to fight this horrible disease that strikes so many of our family and friends. Reach out to me to help you have successful fund raisers in you local Auxiliaries.

You can contact me by emailing me at [hmniblo@aol.com](mailto:hmniblo@aol.com) or 303 Wilson, Blacksburg, IA 52536.

Thank you for everything you do! PMP Helen Niblo

## Don't Forget

Reminder Ladies,  
Quilt Squares for Madam President, Debbie Gilson is due by December 31, 2017.

Please be sure to send them to Deanna Thomas, 3619 Stoney Point Road SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

If you have any questions, please e-mail her at [mysticdee\\_1@msn.com](mailto:mysticdee_1@msn.com)

Thank you

The Spotlight is on All of Us!

It was a busy month in October with state charity nights. Guttenberg was great as always and their fish fry is the best! Oskaloosa held an ‘I Love Lucy’ night and had a very successful auction and Burlington was fun as usual, with a live band entertaining us outside! Your support for ChildServe is overwhelming! It was great to see everyone during E Zone in Grinnell and the ‘Clue’ Scavenger hunt was wonderful! I love seeing the support and creativity shown to our theme this year!



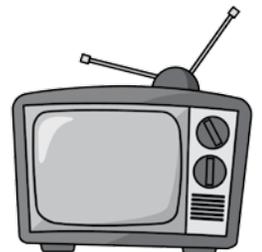
FOCUS in the upcoming months. Auxiliaries in Iowa dropped a total of 377 members in September, which was almost 9.5% of our total membership. Most of these being for non-payment of dues. Reach out to your recently dropped members and encourage them to rejoin! It could be simple as them not knowing they needed to pay their dues by Sept 26th! We need everyone to help in our Growth!

November is Caring & Sharing month. Be a Super Hero and reach out to those in need and give back. Show everyone what the Fraternal Order of Eagles are about – People Helping People. A Hero can be anyone, even a man doing something as simple and reassuring as putting a coat around a little boy’s shoulder, to let him know the world hadn’t ended....Batman

From our house to yours, we wish all of you a Thanksgiving full of blessings and thankfulness –

The ‘Deb-utante’ – MSP Debbie Gilson

## ROSIE’S TV REPAIR



Howdy Everyone!!

Here I am, Rosie’s TV Repair along with my four great helpers. All of us want to encourage all of you to do the best you can with signing up the re-enrollees. Just do the best you can and President Deb will be happy. Remember don’t be a Gomer, be a re-enroller.

State Re-Enrollment - Rosie Schwab

## Jack It UP!!



Well the charities are starting again with Guttenberg who had fish and chicken that turned out great! Then we headed to Oskaloosa for another great time!! The next weekend was State REAC which we didn’t make, so sorry about that. We attended Burlington’s State Charity night which is a great time also. Then the last weekend of the month was Eastern Zone in Grinnell.



State Worthy President, Jack Henninger

## FOE, Soldier Strong Partner To Donate Ekso GT Suit to CHI Health Rehab Institute in Omaha

STAMFORD, Conn., Aug. 28, 2017 -- The Fraternal Order of Eagles, a nonprofit organization dedicated to community service and philanthropy, today announced that in partnership with SoldierStrong, it will be donating an EksoGT™ exoskeleton, to the CHI Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Institute. The donation ceremony, which will include a patient demonstration, will take place at the center on Monday, August 28th at 1:30 p.m.

“We are grateful for the generosity of these national organizations and for their commitment to helping veterans,” said Larry Niemann, Director of Rehabilitation Service, CHI Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Institute. “This heartfelt donation will help our rehabilitation program deliver even more leading treatments to our patients, many of whom are veterans, to help them to stand up and relearn to walk.”

Manufactured by Ekso Bionics®, the EksoGT is the first and only exoskeleton cleared by the FDA for use with stroke and spinal cord injuries from L5 to C7. The suit’s patented technology provides the ability to mobilize patients earlier, more frequently and with a greater number of high intensity steps. With SmartAssist™ software, the EksoGT is the only exoskeleton available for rehabilitation institutions that can provide adaptive amounts of power to either side of the patient’s body, challenging the patient as they progress through their continuum of care.

This is the third time Fraternal Order of Eagles and SoldierStrong have collaborated to raise funds, purchase and donate an EksoGT device to rehabilitation programs serving injured U.S. veterans. Together, the organizations raise \$150,000 for the purchase of each device they donate.

“We are proud of our longstanding partnership with SoldierStrong. Our combined efforts are impacting lives in a truly meaningful way,” said Tom McGrath, Grand Worthy President, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

“SoldierStrong is pleased to help CHI Health better serve their community,” said Chris Meek, co-founder and Chairman of SoldierStrong. “We are honored to partner again with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, an organization that shares our unwavering commitment to helping as many of our service members as possible.”

## *Connection* **Article Submissions**

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The slate of incredible benefits available to members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles continues to grow. Keep money in your wallet by taking advantage of some of our great new opportunities. Member benefits are now being offered through the following:

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- Life Line Screening
- LMT Club
- Avis Car Rentals
- Budget Car Rentals
- Wyndham Hotel Group
- CruisesOnly
- TNT Vacations
- Office Depot
- Red Roof Inn
- Azigo
- Constant Contact
- Neptune Society
- Long Term Care Resources
- LifeLock
- Emergency Assistance
- ACSIA Partners

Visit the Member Benefits page in our Members-Only section to find out how you can start saving money today!

## *Our History*

The F.O.E. was founded in February, 1898 by six theatre owners gathered in a Seattle shipyard to discuss a musician’s strike. After addressing the matter, they agreed to “bury the hatchet” and form “The Order of Good Things.” As numbers grew, members selected the Bald Eagle as the official emblem and changed the name to “The Fraternal Order of Eagles.” The women’s auxiliary traces its roots to 1927. The Fraternal Order of Eagles includes nearly 800,000 members and more than 1,500 locations across the United States and Canada. Stop by one of our locations and see why we’re known as People Helping People.

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