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Southport Kiwanis Makes A Birthday Wish Come True

The Kiwanis Club of SOUTHPORT, Chemung Division – In late September 2003, SSG William A (Tony) Cecchini sent an email to his wife Amy with a birthday wish. It seems that his unit of the 82nd Airborne Division is detailed to restore or build schools for Iraqi children near Mahmudiyah, Iraq. Building progress was quick and hundreds of children have schoolrooms where they could begin to learn their ABC’s. There was one glaring problem. There were none of the basic supplies (pencils, paper, pencil sharpeners, erasers, etc.) so as his birthday wish Tony asked Amy to request, not gifts for his upcoming birthday, but, school supplies for the Iraqi children.

Tony had a twofold reason for his request, one was compassion for those children who have been deprived of almost everything in life. Second was possibly a way to show the adult Iraqis that Americans also care for the future of their children and their country.

Amy sent an email to her father in law (Tony’s Father), relaying his request. Family and friends began to gather what they could. And during a telephone conversation, Tony’s father told a friend, who is a member of Southport Kiwanis which meets weekly in Pine City, New York.

Well the story was told at a Kiwanis meeting and the response was overwhelming. Everyone wanted to help. Needless to say the paper, pencils etc started coming in by the bag full, the local Builder’s Club pledged $300 immediately and Jim Caywood, owner of Caywood Funeral Home and Gardens donated $100 dollars to the effort, and the ball was rolling. The first shipment is going out to SSG Cecchini before Thanksgiving so that the supplies will arrive to him before Christmas, and if the shipment is somehow early it just might make it there in time for Tony’s Birthday.

Foundation Scholarship

George Wells

Remember:
The deadline is April 30th

1. Any Kiwanis Club in the New York District of Kiwanis International may nominate a candidate for a scholarship. Only one (1) nomination per year is permitted per club.
2. Nominations are to be made on the form provided by the Foundation or a reasonable facsimile, and must be delivered or postmarked to the New York District Office by April 30th of the current year. It is requested that the winners be awarded their scholarships at commencement in June or at an awards program, if preferred, by her/his high school.
3. This program is instituted by the Foundation to recognize and promote good citizenship among the youth of New York State. Winners will be selected by a committee of the Foundation on the basis of which nominees, in its opinion, best meet the established criteria. All aspects of the program, including the criteria are subject to change by the Foundation Board of Directors.
4. Each nominee must be a resident of New York State and plan to graduate from a high school in New York State, the June of the year of their nomination. The scholarship may be used towards the recipient’s cost of obtaining higher education. The award shall be payable to the recipient.
5. There will be a total of five (5) $1,000 one-time awards payable towards the recipient’s first year expenses. The awards are not transferable.
6. A nominated student will be evaluated based on their academic achievement, merit, need and career goals. Each of the four criteria will be weighed equally.

Send the completed nomination forms to:
New York District Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Program, 1522 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502, Attn: Foundation Scholarship Committee.