



Dear Friends,

Every year seems to go faster and the seasons are just flying by! The one thing that has not changed is the support that many of our youth need to participate in camps, swim lessons, sport programs and more.

With the economy escalating at significant levels, many of our families are having to make tough decisions regarding their kid's participation in programs, or paying the bills of the household. That is why the Birdies for Charity program has been so helpful to the Foundation.

This year the Foundation has agreed to provide \$10,000 fee assistance for youth to participate in Rock Island Park and Recreation programs. This is in addition to \$10,000 awarded toward the First Tee Classroom and programming at Highland Springs. The First Tee program supports youth participants from the Park and Recreation camp programs, as well as youth from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, and Boys and Girls Club.

Much of our fundraising is a result of participants in our "Hole in One" contests at Saukie and Highland Springs Golf Courses, as well as the "Duck Races" at Whitewater Junction. We also have help from our Wine Dinners that are held throughout the year. We hope that you might participate in those activities if they appeal to you.

However, one of our important fund raisers is participation in the Birdies for Charity program. We are hopeful that you would consider participating in this year's fundraising.

Check the donation form to fill out and send directly to Birdies for Charity. Your support is greatly appreciated, and I know that the kids of our community are thankful. Thanks for your consideration.

William Nelson,

Volunteer Executive Director, RI Parks and Recreation Foundation