



Watertown Lodge No. 496

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Press Release – June 13, 2018

Mr. Tony Verne, Exalted Ruler of Watertown Elks Lodge #496, announced today that the Watertown Elks Lodge will be donating \$33,200 to local charities. The Watertown Elks Lodge will be hosting a luncheon at the Lodge tomorrow, June 14th, at 12 noon. At this time, Exalted Ruler, Tony Verne will be distributing 28 checks to representatives of each charity along with 12 checks to area food pantries. The charities, and amounts donated, were recommended by a 9 member committee consisting of Lodge Officers and Members. This was approved by the Lodge membership at a regular meeting on May 17, 2018.

Mr. Verne emphasized, “We are so thankful to the community for its support of our recent Queen of Hearts raffle. This is our way of giving back to the community that has given us so much.”

The charities are *(listed alphabetically)*:

ALS Association, Upstate New York Chapter - on behalf of Terry Scee and in memory of Michael Forcier

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 583 – (Towards Project SUDS)

Backpack Program For Jefferson County

Children’s Home of Jefferson County – Sozo Teen Center

Credo Community Center

DPAO

Family Counseling Service of Northern New York

Guitars For Veterans

Hay Memorial Library

Hospice Of Jefferson County

Jefferson County Historical Society

Jefferson County SPCA (Veterinary Equipment)

Make A Wish (Central New York)

Miss Adirondack Scholarship Pageant

Miss Thousand Island Pageant
New York State Youth Camp Bristol
North County Family Health Center
North Country Honors The Mountain Maintenance and Enhancement Committee
Ninjas Against Animal Cruelty of Jefferson County
Northern New York Cerebral Palsy Association
Northern New York Community Foundation - (The Youth Philanthropy Program)
Northern New York Misfits Travel Softball
Race Against Poverty
Relay For Life – In memory of Bob Piche
Resolution Center of Jefferson and Lewis Co. Inc. (Youth Court and CASA)
Rotary Club of Watertown (Purple Heart Scholarship Fund)
Sackets Harbor Patriots Booster
USO Fort Drum
Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County
Watertown Urban Mission (Meals on Wheels & Urban Mission)
Willie Putnam Memorial Tournament

A donation of \$200 each will be donated to the following food pantries:

Alexandria Bay Food Pantry
Antwerp Food Pantry
CAPC Jeff Co Food Pantry
Cape Vincent Food Pantry
Clayton Council of Churches Food Pantry
DePauville Food Pantry
Gwen's Pantry
Rhode Center Food Pantry
St. Mary's Church Food Pantry
Theresa Food Pantry
VEM Food Pantry of Carthage
Watertown Urban Mission Pantry

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