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**We Invite You to Get Involved in the 21st Anniversary of the**

**CPKC Holiday Train --**

**Cottage Grove Area**

**DATE: Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**TIME: 5:00 p.m. Train Arrival, 3:00 p.m. Event Start**

**Come early to enjoy the delicious food and beverages, stop in the warming tent and shop for Holiday Train merchandise!**

**Location is at West Point Douglas Road, just south of the 80th St. Bridge / Belden Crossing**

**(across from the Youth Service Bureau)**

**Our goal is to raise $100,000 in 2023 for Friends in Need Food Shelf**

**Become a Name Sponsor or Participate in Pre-Stop Fundraising Events**

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| **Collect Cash or Personal Care Items at**  **Your Business or Organization** | |
| **Attend Fill Up A Fire Truck**  **Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. - Noon**  We will be accepting Toilet Paper, Paper Towels & Cash.  (No Food Items Please) | **Donate items or a basket for**  **Virtual Silent Auction by November 10**  Bring to RE/MAX Professionals: 7420 80th Street S. #201, Cottage Grove or contact Chelsea Swaggert to  arrange for pick-up. |

**Questions &/OR Participate: Contact the Holiday Train Committee Co-Chairs**

Randy Bachman, RFBachman@merchantsbank.com, (651) 438-7385 or

Chelsea Swaggert, chelsea.swaggert@yahoo.com, (952) 240-3793

**Please see the attached Sponsorship Packages and details on “How to Participate”**

**Sincerely,**

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| **Holiday Train Committee 2023** | **in cooperation with the city of** |
| **Supporting the Friends in Need Food Shelf** | **Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce** |
| 501(c)3 # 41-1794212 |  |

**Corporate Sponsorship Packages**

**All Aboard Sponsor ($10,000+)**

- Opportunity to present check on Van Meter Truck Stage at Holiday Train Event

- (2) Designated Parking Spots at Event

- Logo on Thank You Ad in the Cottage Grove Journal

- Name on 2023 Donor Wall Plaque at FIN Food Shelf

- Logo on FIN Website

- Thank you on Holiday Train – Cottage Grove Stop Facebook Page

- Logo on Banner at Event

**Golden Spike Sponsor ($5000+)**

- Opportunity to present check on Van Meter Truck Stage at Holiday Train Event

- (1) Designated Parking Spot at Event

- Logo on Thank You Ad in the Cottage Grove Journal

- Name on 2023 Donor Wall Plaque at FIN Food Shelf

- Logo on FIN Website

- Thank you on Holiday Train – Cottage Grove Stop Facebook Page

- Logo on Banner at Event

**Silver Spike Sponsor ($1000+)**

- Opportunity to present check on Van Meter Truck Stage at Holiday Train Event

- Name on Thank You Ad in the Cottage Grove Journal

- Logo on FIN Website

- Name on 2023 Donor Wall Plaque at FIN Food Shelf

- Thank you on Holiday Train – Cottage Grove Stop Facebook Page

- Name on Banner at Event

**Bronze Spike Sponsor ($500+)**

- Opportunity to present check on Van Meter Truck Stage at Holiday Train Event

- Name on Thank You Ad in the Cottage Grove Journal

- Name on FIN Website

- Name on 2023 Donor Wall Plaque at FIN Food Shelf

- Thank you on Holiday Train – Cottage Grove Stop Facebook Page

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**Little Engine That Could Sponsor - contributes in-kind support with pre-stop fundraising or volunteers or logistics**

- Name on Thank You Ad in the Cottage Grove Journal

- Name on FIN Website

- Thank you on Holiday Train Facebook Page

**How to be a Sponsor** - Send a check to the Friends in Need Food Shelf, P.O. Box 6, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. Please note “Holiday Train” in the memo line. Questions or to pledge a donation, please contact the Holiday Train Committee Chair, Randy Bachman: rfbachman@merchantsbank.com

**How to Participate in the Pre-Stop Fundraisers and Other Opportunities** – details available on our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/pg/CottageGroveHolidayTrain](http://www.facebook.com/pg/CottageGroveHolidayTrain) or contact the Holiday Train Committee Co-Chairs.

**All cash and personal care item donations collected at our “Stop” go directly to our local Friends in Need Food Shelf; serving the residents of Cottage Grove, Grey Cloud Island, Newport and St. Paul Park.**