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News Release: Spectacular Reaches Nearly Two-Thirds of Fundraising Goal in Week Two

Storm Lake, Iowa (June 16, 2021) – After a full two weeks of collecting donations, the 2021 Star Spangled Spectacular, with a theme of “Salute to Hometown Heroes,” has reached \$19,000 toward a goal of \$30,000.

Josh Newhouse, fundraising co-chair for the Star Spangled Spectacular, says many donors increased their donations over last year, and several first-time donors sent in their contributions this past week. “We also received donations from donors we have not heard from in many years,” says Newhouse. “Every donation helps us meet our goal.”

Fundraising co-chair Matt Brostad noted that online donations continue to increase. “We hope that continues to be popular, as we still have a lot of money to raise,” he says.

For those interested in making a donation, checks can be made out to Star Spangled Spectacular and sent to Josh Newhouse, Fundraising Chair, PO Box 457, Storm Lake, IA 50588. Online donations may be made at www.starspangledspectacular.net/donations.

Donors and categories through June 15, 2021, include:

- **Liberty Bell Ringers (\$350 and up):** Dairy Queen, Storm Lake United, and James Spooner.
- **Patriots (\$150-\$349):** Bill and Lana Crilly, Casey's General Stores, Dr. Fotene Gennatos, Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes, Hamilton Law Firm, P.C., Jim and Terry Foell, Loren Movall, Rick and Carol Peterson, State Farm- Stacey Eddie, and Steve and Diane Hamilton.
- **Skyrockets (\$100-\$149):** Mary Beth Andrews and Mick Polich, Automotive Service Center, Ted Brown, Tom and Sharon Daniels, Howard Hatlelid, ISG, Inc., Robert and Ranae Knapton, Marlin and Sherry Lode/Randy and Pat Merrill-In Memory of Don and Lois Biggins, Gary and Cheryl Petersen, Reding's Gravel and Excavating Co., Inc., Richard and Jene Robinson, Tom and Sue Smith, Dr. A. A. and Norma Stepan, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Sports Rehab & Professional Therapy, Steve and Terry Brashears, Doris Fritcher, Malarky's Bar and Grill, and Rust's Menswear and Tuxedos- Mike and Pam Rust.
- **Firecrackers (\$50 to \$99):** Brad and Jorja Gibbins, Brian and Betsy Lenzmeier, Buena Vista Abstract & Title Company, Butch and Nancy Sadusky, Chris and Stacey Cole, Cory and Alicia Gatzemeyer, David and Pamela Patton, Duane and Maryann Miller, Eloise Prichard, Hoffman Flower & Candle Shop, Jeff and Jordan Jorgensen, Juli Kwikkel, Larry and Bonnie Phillips, Mark and Christine Young, Meylor Chiropractic, Nat and Margo Kitzrow, North Lake Truck Repair, Pat Cowan, Roger and Judy Anderson, Rosene, Pickhinke, Peters & Co. P.C., Sliefert Funeral Home,



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Smokin Hereford BBQ, Stuart and Lori Gamber, Terry and Margaret Stull, The Touch Above Hair Design, and Thompson & Associates.

- **Sparklers (up to \$49):** Barbara Aiona, Bill Smith, Brad and Sonni Raveling, Bruce and Helen Vander Kooi, Bruce and Pam Milbrandt, Cheryl Lustgraaf, Dave Anderson, Dorothy Franzmeier, Ed and Mary Kay Larsen, James and Fern Bjorklund, Janet Halder, Jerry Kahl/Jerry's Tree Service, Jon and Patti McKenna, Knights of Columbus Council #2326, Mary Hartman, Mary Lanphere, Mike and Feryle Berkland, Mrs. Clara Porsch, Pat Richard, Phyllis Caradine, Roger and Kathy Pomrenke, Scott and Kathy Schwaller, and Vivian Kaufman.

About the Star Spangled Spectacular

A favorite Northwest Iowa tradition, Storm Lake's annual Star Spangled Spectacular celebrates Independence Day along the City's beautiful shores. The family-friendly event is held July 3-4 and welcomes fresh entertainment and returning favorites such as The Big Parade, food and shopping vendors, a classic Car Cruise, the Ride-Run, fireworks, a Patriotic Ceremony, a Kiddie Parade, and more. Visit www.starspangledspectacular.net.

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