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RE: Operation 4-HEROES Project – Sponsor Request

Dear 4-H Supporter

Solano County 4-H youth and the Army National Guard have partnered to develop the Operation 4-HEROES project. For this project, we plan to develop a park and recreational space in the Army National Guard Armory in Fairfield. The project will be called the Lawson Fallen Soldier Memorial Park. It will be dedicated to those that have served our country, and their families. Enclosed is a brochure which includes an overview of the project. The plans call for spaces suitable for ceremonies, reflection, exercise, barbeques and a community garden.

To date, we have gained support in the areas of surveying (Peter Lynch) and plan design (Peter Larimer, MTW Architectural Design). We have also received three grants including one that funded the construction of six large redwood planter boxes for the victory garden. The local Master Gardeners will be helping with planting. We have also received numerous monetary donations ranging from a few dollars up to $5,000 donation from Jelly Belly.

Many area businesses have made donations of labor and material needed to complete the project. Key among these are materials for the Memorial Grotto (Alamillo Rebar, Jeffco Painting, Martin's Metal, Napa Stone, and Valley Iron), materials for erosion control and drainage (White Cap Construction and Pacific Corrugated Pipe), irrigation (Bay Valley Plastics), electrical (Reyff Electric) and landscaping (Ferriera Landscaping, Pacific Landscapes, Rock Source, & others), and many more. Bryan Braker Funeral Home and Insight Designs are making memorial plaques and other signage for the project. The Army National Guard is providing earthwork. A complete list is attached.

Construction began with a ground breaking ceremony on May 5, 2012. We hope to complete construction by fall 2013. We are still looking for sponsors from local businesses to help complete this important project to honor our local heroes. Items we still need include: concrete material and labor, decomposed granite, earthwork, exercise station equipment, formwork labor, masonry labor and materials, and other related items.

All sponsors will be honored in packages as follows:

Honorable Mention Level Sponsor - Under $1500 dollars Sponsor gets honorable mention in 4-H newsletter and certificate of appreciation.

Bronze Level Sponsor - $1500 to $2500 Sponsor will be listed on the Bronze Level Plaque and will receive honorable mention in 4-H newsletter and Certificate of Appreciation.

Silver Level Sponsor - $2500 to $5000 Sponsor will be listed on a Silver Level Plaque and will receive honorable mention in 4-H newsletter, Certificate of Appreciation and mention in all press releases.

Gold Level Sponsor - $5000 to $10,000 Sponsor will be listed on a Gold Level Plaque and will receive honorable mention in 4-H newsletter, Certificate of Appreciation, mention in all press releases and invitation to the opening ceremony as a special guest.

Platinum Level Sponsor - $10,000 and above Sponsor will be listed on a Platinum Level Plaque, and will receive honorable mention in 4-H newsletter, Certificate of Appreciation, mention in all press releases, invitation to the opening ceremony as a special guest, and a place in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Please take a few moments to consider how your company can help. All gifts are tax deductible as prescribed by law. Sponsor plaque(s) will be inset into project 4-HEROES stonework at the park.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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