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Attention: Bill McDonald Scholarship Fund

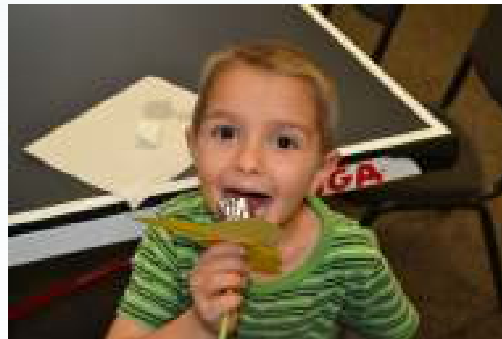
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Bill McDonald Scholarship Fund



Life. Well Crafted.

"We work so others can play"

Who was William R. "Bill" McDonald, III?

Bill was the Mayor of the City of Hickory from 1981-2001 and he guided the City through one of its most notable periods of growth. He was a kind, passionate man who loved his City and loved to challenge and develop young people. Mayor McDonald always said that "challenges are just opportunities in work clothes".

Bill's Vision:

"Bill believed every young person should have an opportunity to participate and develop leadership skills through recreation and learning activities".

-Susan McDonald

Who Benefits From Bill's Vision

The purpose of the Bill McDonald Scholarship Fund is to provide or assist children, ages 15 and under, with the cost of program fees and equipment costs within the Hickory Parks and Recreation Department. Any child that resides within the city limits of Hickory may benefit from the scholarship fund. Potential recipients must complete an application for consideration. Recipients cannot have been expelled from school or suspended from any Parks and Recreation program. To be considered for a scholarship, all deadlines associated with the application process must be met. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis as long as there are funds available. Recipients may not exceed 2 awards per calendar year. The Bill McDonald Scholarship Fund Committee will have the final decision on all awards.



Benefits of Recreational Activities

The first recipient of the Bill McDonald Scholarship Fund was Courtney Martinez, a nine year old girl from Hickory. She was awarded a scholarship to the Girls Fast Pitch Hitting and Fielding Camp held in July 2014 at Stanford Park. Courtney's mother was so happy and very thankful. "As a single mother, it is very difficult to do the "extra things" for my children. We were so grateful to have had this opportunity. Courtney had so much fun and learned a lot!"

- ◆ Improves academic performance
- ◆ Improves social skills, communication and teamwork
- ◆ Increases overall health
- ◆ Develops leadership skills
- ◆ Increases self esteem
- ◆ Creates a sense of social belonging
- ◆ Increases community pride & involvement
- ◆ Reduces crime and truancy
- ◆ Develops self-discipline and responsibility

What is an Appropriate Donation?

Any donation is appreciated and accepted. Program and equipment fees vary. The fees for programs range from \$10.00 to \$200.00 depending on the activity. The scholarship amount a child receives depends on the family's financial status and the availability of scholarship funds.



Benefits of Donating

- ◆ Enhances the quality of life for a child
- ◆ Can make a meaningful difference in our community
- ◆ Tax receipt for donation
- ◆ Feels good!

When you make a donation your generosity provides direct support to a City of Hickory child by means of covering their fees for a given activity or providing the appropriate equipment for a particular sport or activity.

