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The Rapid City Council
300 Sixth St
Rapid City SD 57701

Dear City Council Members:

Its that time of year again...planning for the 15th Annual Great Black Hills Duck Race. The Children's Miracle Network would once again like to conduct the Annual Great Black Hills Duck Race, on Sunday, August 1, 2004. The "drop of the flock" into Rapid Creek will again take place between Baken Park and West Main Street McDonald's. The rubber duck race will end at the 7th Street Bridge at Memorial Park.

As in the past, we would like to request the use of Memorial Park for the exceedingly popular "Kid's Carnival." Volunteer's will be selling our very popular Duck Race souvenir items; it should be a Quackin' good time! I have been in communication with Lon at the City Parks Department regarding all aspects for this event. Lon is a very informative and professional person.

The basic concept for this race remains the same. The event consists of people through out the Black Hills adopting rubber ducks for \$5 a duck. Once an individual has adopted a duck, they are assigned a number corresponding to the duck. We hope to adopt a new record of ducks this year, with all proceeds to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

The day of the race, the ducks will be dumped off the bridge by a front-end loader, where they will race to the finish line at Memorial Park. The individuals or businesses with the winning ducks will receive the first place prize of \$10,000 and many other prizes totaling over \$27,000. Certified public accountants will be at the finish line to announce the winning ducks. The racecourse will be roped off at the start and finish lines and volunteers will line the course route to assist with crowd control.

Children's Miracle Network uses the funds raised to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment and other programs in the children's areas in Rapid City Regional Hospital's System of Care. Children's Miracle Network representatives and volunteers, along with participating sponsors will conduct the Great Black Hills Duck Race.

I hereby certify that the proceeds from this raffle will not inure to the benefit of any individual other than for compensation for services rendered. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 719-1305. The 15th Annual Great Black Hills Duck Race is sure to be an even bigger and better summer event this year! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Angie Kliewer
Director of Fund Raising Services