

RAPID CITY JAYCEES

P.O. BOX 3140, RAPID CITY, SD 57709

October 27, 2008

Rapid City Council Members:

This letter is a request to allow the Rapid City Jaycees to sponsor a 50/50 raffle to raise money for the Toys for Tots distribution we do on December 20, 2008.

The mission for the Toys for Tots program is to collect newly, unwrapped toys during October through December each year and distribute the toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community and surrounding areas in Western South Dakota. The program also wishes to play an active role in the development of one of our most valuable resources – our children. The Toys for Tots Foundation is a not for profit organization.

The Toys for Tots event is one of the main charitable events the Rapid City Jaycees holds during the year. In the last few years we have distributed toys to approximately 5,000 and 6,000 kids each year. This year we are asking for more help from the community because our monetary donations are down 85%.

After brainstorming possible fundraising events and speaking with many members of the community, the group decided to do a 50/50 raffle. In addition, the Leadership of Rapid City class of 2008 is willing to assist us in selling tickets as one of their service projects.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from the date of your approval until the date of the drawing on November 22, 2008.

Thank you for considering this request.

Please call Michelle Peterson at 605-393-5415 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Michelle Peterson
Rapid City Jaycee member and Toys for Tots committee member