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The Rapid City Council
300 Sixth St.
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear City Council Members:

We are planning the 17th Annual Great Black Hills Duck Race. This year it will be on a Sunday, July 30. We have been working with Lon Van Deusen at the City Parks Department to secure the race area. As in the past, we are requesting the use of Memorial Park for the popular kid's fun events on that day.

Our "Drop the Flock" will be done from a front-end loader on the bridge between Baken Park and West Main Street McDonalds. Duckies race to the 7th Street Bridge in Memorial Park. The racecourse will be roped off at the start and finish lines while volunteers along the course will assist with crowd control. Certified Public Accountants will be at the finish line to announce the winning ducks.

Our event allows any person from across the Black Hills to buy rubber ducks at \$5 a duck. All proceeds will benefit Children's Miracle Network (CMN). 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. Last year we had prizes totaling more than \$27,000 and a Grand Prize of \$5,000.

CMN uses the proceeds to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment and for other programs at the children areas in Rapid City Regional Hospital.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Vince Vidal as the new Project Coordinator at the Rapid City Regional Hospital. Vince will coordinate all activities involved with the Duck Race.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call me at 719-1305 or Vince at 719-4756. Once again, on behalf of the smallest patients at Rapid City Regional Hospital, thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts.

For the kids,

Angie Kliewer
Fund Raising Services Director
Children's Miracle Network Director

Vince Vidal
Project Coordinator