



RUSHMORE LIONS CLUB
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Rapid City Common Council
300 South Sixth Street
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Re: Rushmore Lions Club Raffle Request

Greetings:

I write on behalf of the Rapid City Rushmore Lions Club requesting your approval of the Club's intent to conduct a raffle of one or more prints which have been donated to the Club. The prints are of scenes within the Black Hills. We have received six prints, three from a local artist and three from a foreign artist. The raffle tickets will be \$2.00 each. The raffle will be conducted primarily during the months of November and December, 2007 during the Craft Fairs at the Civic Center, however, we would ask for permission to conduct raffles through the end of April, 2008, which coincides with Club's year end.

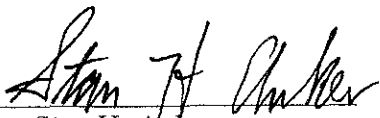
The money raised from the raffle of the three prints from the local artist will go to help fund the "Greg Rudel Fine Arts Scholarship Fund" which is a regular ongoing charitable function of the Club. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate an inclination to study the arts at an institution of higher learning. The Club, through its scholarship committee, awards from three to five scholarships per year to graduating seniors from the high schools located in Rapid City.

The money raised from the prints donated by the foreign artist will go to Campaign SightFirst II which is a project of Lions Clubs International. The Campaign is expected to raise US\$150 million worldwide. The purpose is to fight the major causes of preventable and reversible blindness. The Lions clubs are recognized worldwide for their service to people who are blind and visually impaired, which began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions in 1925 to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness".

It is respectfully requested that the raffle request be approved to help raise money for the above referred to scholarships and sight related charity.

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By:


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Its: Second Vice-President