

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND {AEF}

SUGGESTION: Units and departments help the national Auxiliary Emergency Fund exceed its total donations from the previous year.

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Rain Barrel AEF Fundraiser: what is a rain barrel?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise Run off and be diverted to storm drains, streams and rivers. It is composed of a 55 gallon drum {plastic or wooden}, a vinyl hose, PVC couplings, and a screen grate to keep debris and insects out, and other common items. A rain barrel is relatively simple and inexpensive to construct and can sit conveniently under a residential gutter downspout.

Rain barrels can be built or bought by units, districts, or departments and decorated uniquely. These barrels can then be auctioned off as a fundraiser for AEF.

The goal is to have an event with a significant number of people who can and/or will bid on the barrels in order to raise funds for AEF.

IN A SMALL TOWN:

Have some help with this fundraiser by asking other organization to join. Make it a competition between the different organization. Then have different category like "BEST" rain barrel, "Most UNIQUE" rain barrel, "MOST PATRIOTIC" rain barrel, etc. Who will win, only the barrels will tell? The people can put money into which every barrel is their favorite. Take unit president of each organization and the AEF sister in charge of the fund to count the money in each barrel. Which barrel has the most money, is the winner. Let the competition begin. Have the community know how they can help and where the money goes. Remember you never know when or where the next disaster will happen. But can you HELP!!!

Don't forget your "CAMERA" and take those "PICTURES". Yes, and write those reports right away. I would love to hear from each of my Auxiliary Sister. Special when you help me

Write up my reports to National. I would also like to see SOUTH DAKOTA get some awards. For we sure have passed up on some great opportunities and awards. I know, it takes time even harder to remember them all believe me! But stop and look at those pictures, you will say Remember WHEN... And laugh tells your pants fall off. HAH! HAH! HAH! So you see those Reports are important and even more those deadlines.

AUXILIARY SISTER now with a NEW YEAR lets go have some FUN!!! Make it fun and enjoy what you did! I WILL, Will YOU!!!

"BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE"

LORENE MOELLER
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN