

YOU asked..... WE answered!

“Where do Corn Carnival profits go?”

We answered:

Each year, our goal is make some money on Corn Carnival that can go back into community projects. Some years are better than others depending a lot on weather. A couple of years ago, we were glad we had sponsorships for events as well as some cash reserves in the bank. Many of our profit making events were rained out or attendance was low due to the unstable weather.

Because we have had great treasurers who keep great books and records, we have records of past donations into community projects. Since 2000, the Gladbrook Corn Carnival Corporation has donated \$80,377 back into area community projects. ***Yes, you read that correctly – over \$80,377 dollars.*** Not bad for a small community celebration helping to keep Gladbrook Alive and Growing!

Now for some ideas of where that money has gone to and what it has supported. Each of those years, we have supported the G-R After Prom for a total of \$775, the Library Summer Reading Program for \$450, Vacation Bible School for \$1800, and the local food pantry for \$950. Various projects were supported at the G-R School for a total of \$4900. The building of Crayon Corner Daycare/Preschool benefited from a \$4000 donation as did the Gladbrook Theater for another \$8500 when it was built. Another \$2500 was donated to the Fitness Center project. When the Iowa Park Foundation was seeking money to build another cabin at Union Grove Lake, we donated \$500. Over \$10,000 went additionally to tables, chairs, carts, and staging in the City Center building.

If you are keeping track, the list goes on. Over \$12,000 has gone to the City of Gladbrook to support more enhancements in the City Center & Museum, the Shelter House in the City Park, Trees Forever, the Ambulance Department, and the new Water Tower project. Our American Legion has seen donations to the Freedom Quilt, Freedom Rock, and Veterans Memorial Park projects of \$2100. We supported the Lincoln Quasquicentennial with a \$500 donation to their celebration activities. The Tama County K-9 Unit has been helped with over \$5700 in donations. The Tama Co Bike Trail out of Gladbrook was given \$2000 to help that project. The Gladbrook-Lincoln Youth Softball/Baseball program has received \$4000 for their summer program as well as the Boy Scouts receiving \$400 for theirs. The Gladbrook Commercial Club was helped with a \$2000 when they were working on projects for city Christmas decorations and Frisbee Golf in the City Park.

Our latest donation over the last three years has been given to the Gladbrook Fire & Ambulance Department for \$15,000 to help build the new fire/ambulance station.

Last year, we also donated to the Crayon Corner Preschool, Vacation Bible School, and helped put in a new island counter top & faucets at the Legion building. All of these community projects have been helped out by the Gladbrook Corn Carnival Corporation during the last 15 years.

With the help of our financial sponsors helping fund events such as entertainment, sweet corn, our Saturday Kid's Events, the pancake breakfast and others, we are able to make sure we can at least break even on events hosted during Corn Carnival even if we have weather issues during the celebration.

Over the past several years, we have had monetary sponsorship or support from the following businesses that are very much appreciated each year. We hope we get everyone listed here and apologize if we are missing someone. Carnival supporters are: Pioneer Seed, Crop Production Services, Heartland Coop, Van Wall Implement, Farm Credit Services, Luethje Auto and Service for the wonderful fireworks each year, SL Baumeier, Hometown Foods, Lincoln Savings Bank, Alliant Energy, Goos Implement, Great Western Bank, Anderson Funeral Home, GCI, Iowa Builders, Covenant Medical Center, Schade's Lime & Rock, Farmer's Saving Bank - Traer, Grundy County Hospital, Farmer's Savings Bank - Beaman, CNC Lumber, True Builders, Central Iowa Farm Store, Rosen's, Sash Auction, Top Notch Tree Service, Polaris (Toledo), Mid-Iowa Coop, Gladbrook Auxiliary, and Chuck/MaryLynne Bearden.