

The Helmkamp Cares Foundation has had a great start to making 2022 another impactful year of charitable giving. After performing a company-wide survey on employee giving preferences last month, results indicated that the top causes for the company to support should continue to be in the areas of children, veterans, and fighting major diseases. The Helmkamp Cares employee committee prioritizes all employee feedback and these types of organizations as requests for donations are received, as well as in the selection process for our Maximum Impact Donation\* recipients at the end of the year.

*\*If there is a specific organization you feel should be considered, please contact Jen at (618) 251-7085 or [jjackson@helmkamp.com](mailto:jjackson@helmkamp.com).*

## HELMKAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Helmkamp Scholarship Fund was renewed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year in partnership with Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

Our annual donor gift of \$5,000 was used as scholarship support for two (2) full-time students majoring in Construction Management at SIUE.

Congratulations to the selected students – Kyle Wesolowski and Nora Akere – who qualified according to the criteria set by the fund and received \$2,500 each.



## COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS

Being a good neighbor sometimes means lending a hand at what we're good at, which is what Helmkamp team members, Rick Miller and Matt McGuire, recently did for Riverbend Family Ministries.

Riverbend Family Ministries now houses nine (9) local non-profit agencies that help the children and families in the Riverbend area. They outgrew the former space they were in and purchased a building across the street from their current location in Wood River, IL. This migration relied heavily on state grants, volunteer work for cleanup, buildout, and moving the nine charities into the new space.

A huge thank you to Rick & Matt for spending a full week fixing walls, doors, putting in cabinetry, etc. so all charities that operate under the RFM roof can continue to do great work!

## SURPRISE “DUCKING” AT HELMKAMP

Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation holds an annual fundraiser called the Duck Pluckers Ball that allows them to purchase a new ambulance. The ambulances that service our local community and are funded by this event can be identified by the camouflage doors on the back of the vehicle.

Helmkamp is proud to support our first responders by helping with this initiative and have again sponsored this event in 2022. Alton Memorial’s team made a fun, surprise stop by the Helmkamp office to thank our team!



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## KIDSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Helmkamp Construction participates in the annual industry fundraiser for St. Louis Children’s Hospital called Kidstruction Week, where employees have the option to donate \$1 per hour they work that week (or any amount they wish) to help kids. **Helmkamp matches with a donation for the first \$1,000 donated by its employees!** Kudos to our employees who continue to beat our total contribution to this cause year-over-year!



Kidstruction is going on now through the end of August. New this year is the ability to make your donation online, although you can still select a week to payroll deduct your donation. For questions about participating in Kidstruction, please contact Beth at (618) 251-7066 or [babernathy@helmkamp.com](mailto:babernathy@helmkamp.com).

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## WIN-WIN!... TELL US WHAT CHARITY TO DONATE TO & WIN A GIFT CARD!

Helmkamp Construction offers to donate \$250 to each employee’s favorite charity on their behalf every year. **Don’t let this benefit go unused!** If you have a favorite charity or would rather support a co-worker’s favorite charity, reach out to Jen at (618) 251-7085 or [jjackson@helmkamp.com](mailto:jjackson@helmkamp.com) with where to donate \$250 in your name.

All who choose to use their \$250 charitable benefit **BEFORE SEPT. 1<sup>ST</sup>** will be entered into an employee drawing for a \$50 gift card to a local restaurant.



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## ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE HELMKAMP CARES FOUNDATION (SO FAR) IN 2022...

- Alton Boys & Girls Club
- Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation
- American Cancer Society
- Captain Jake Ringering Memorial
- Catholic Charities
- Community Hope Center
- 5 A’s Animal Shelter
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Lutheran Family and Children’s Services
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Memorial Hospital Foundation
- MS Society
- National Children’s Cancer Society
- OSF St. Anthony’s Foundation
- Riverbend Family Ministries
- Riverbend Head Start & Family Services
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis
- Village of East Alton Back-to-School Giveaway

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Thank you to all for what you do for Helmkamp – **and our community** – every day. We look forward to a strong finish to the year!