



February 12, 2015

Dr. Kent Mutchler
Superintendent of Schools
Geneva C.U.S.D. 304 – Administrative Offices
227 N. Fourth Street
Geneva, IL 60134

Dear Dr. Mutchler,

I am writing to respectfully request that you once again consider granting Geneva Women's Club (GWC) a three-year waiver of the Geneva High School rental fee as it relates to our annual Holiday Arts and Craft Show.

As you know, the event is held each November and provides GWC with the majority of funding for our philanthropic efforts, many of which directly benefit students in School District 304. For example, at the start of the school year we provide school supplies for many children and snacks and drinks for the High School's Fueling Station. At the holidays, our members work with school counselors and social workers to make sure that district families in need have presents to open. Our biggest direct support comes in the form of the substantial college scholarships we provide to graduating seniors who demonstrate a heart for giving to their community. Approximately 35 percent of our organization's philanthropic budget benefits district students. The remainder is distributed among seven core charities, providing assistance to some of these same children and their families in other critical ways: CASA, Fox Valley Hospice, Lazarus House, Living Well Cancer Resource Center, Mutual Ground Shelter, Tri-City Family Services and Tri-City Health Partnership.

Our craft show succeeds and grows each year thanks to the loyalty of our crafters, the hard work of our volunteers and the enthusiastic participation of the entire community. While we strive each year to find new ways to generate income from the event, we also work equally hard to limit our expenditures whenever possible. The district's decision to waive our craft show rental fee has been extremely beneficial and helped us to continue to maximize the amount of funding that goes back into the community. Our members would be so grateful to see that support continue for another three years.

Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me directly or GWC's president elect, Amy Klein (aarmstrongklein@gmail.com).

Best regards,

Suzanne Spry
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