

2023 ANNUAL REPORT LODI FIRE FOUNDATION

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MESSAGE FROM OUR

BOARD CHAIR



As I begin my fourth year of service on the Lodi Fire Foundation, I am surprised at how quickly it seems that time has passed. I'm also impressed by the successes that our "small but mighty" board have been able to achieve in furthering the Lodi Fire Foundation's mission of providing financial assistance to the Lodi Fire Department in helping keep our community safe.

To list just a few of these successes: this past year the Lodi Fire Foundation was able to fund the acquisition of a Lucas device for each apparatus. The Lucas device is a mechanical chest compression device used during CPR. This helps reduce back, neck and arm fatigue of the rescuer. We were able to finish funding and install an extractor at all four fire stations. The extractors are a specialized cleaning machine used in the removal of carcinogenic toxins from the firefighter's clothing and turnout gear following a fire.

New workout equipment was purchased for Station 4, and a new Yoga program was instituted department wide. We were able to fund new rescue belts for every firefighter, which can be used in ladder or escape rescue scenarios. We also funded the creation of a beautiful Lodi Fire retiree board that has a nameplate of every retired Lodi firefighter. This board is currently located at Station 1.

None of these projects are possible without the generous support of our community, and I want to personally express my sincere "Thank You" to everyone who has supported us in our mission. Whether your support came from participating in our drive-thru taco fundraiser at First Baptist Church, to purchasing a tee-shirt or glass from us at the Downtown Farmer's Market, or ordering a meal from Rick's Pizza or Woodbridge Crossing during one of their community support evenings, every little bit helps, and we are grateful.



Each year we have two primary fundraisers: the annual golf tournament in the Spring at Woodbridge Golf and Country Club, and the annual Christmas Festival at Hutchins Street Square. If you haven't attended either of these events, please consider doing so. I'm sure you'll have a great time. If you're not able to attend but are interested in a sponsorship opportunity, we're happy to help there as well.

Finally, I'd like to thank our board members for their time, their energy, their generosity, and their efforts. A special thanks to Suzanne Lopes and Melissa Williams, both of whom recently resigned from the board. I appreciate your years of service and your commitment to the Lodi Fire Foundation. And a special welcome to Charlotte Copeland and Hobie Day, our two newest board members. We're excited to have you join our team!

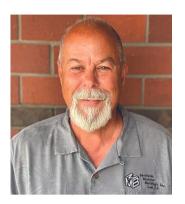
We have several great projects on the horizon, so stay tuned. I am confident our list of successes will only get longer with each passing year. Thank you to our firefighters and thank you to all of you for helping us fulfill our mission of providing financial assistance to the Lodi Fire Department in helping keep our community safe.

SINCERELY, JEREMY LENSER | BOARD CHAIR

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2024 **NEW MEMBERS**



Hobie Day



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Completed CAMPAIGNS



EXTRACTOR PROGRAM

Firefighters risk their lives for the safety of the community. The Lodi Fire Foundation supports keeping them safe on and off the job. An extractor is a sophisticated machine that cleans the firefighter's protective gear of cancer-causing toxins and particulates. Cancer is one of the leading causes of death for firefighters. Through community support, the foundation has been able to provide an extractor for every Lodi Fire Station ensuring the safety of our first responders and community.



ISIMULATE MONITOR FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

When the Fire Department is dispatched to a life-threatening emergency, response must be second nature. This constant state of readiness requires consistent training in Advanced Life Support measures. The iSimulate monitor is a valuable part of the training that is utilized by staff training to become paramedics. This equipment aids in the Fire Department's future goal of providing Advanced Life Support Services.



ESCAPE BELTS

An escape belt is an integral part of every firefighting effort. The belt allows a firefighter to change position or bailout of a rapidly moving fire that could compromise their safety. It is worn on the waist of the pants or over a coat. Without this lifesaving device, the firefighter could have limited means to escape a burning building. Every Lodi firefighter is now outfitted with this critical equipment.



LUCAS DEVICE

The Lodi Fire Foundation funded a Lucas Device for Truck 2051, and now all frontline apparatus are equipped with this amazing piece of lifesaving equipment. The Lucas Device is used on patients in cardiac arrest who require CPR. It performs chest compressions, which frees up emergency personnel on the scene and allows them to perform other life-saving procedures on the patient more efficiently.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

AT WOODBRIDGE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

In 2023, we hosted our 2nd Annual golf tournament presented by RPM Company held at Woodbridge Golf & Country Club with a special dedication in memory of Michael McKenzie. Michael was a loyal companion of the Lodi Fire Department and lived for volunteering on the department's Santa Truck. Over 130 community members joined us to play a fourperson best ball scramble on a beautiful spring day. After the round finished, players enjoyed lunch catered by Woodbridge Golf & Country Club and margaritas served by Tia Linda's Margaritas. Participants enjoyed the chance to win over 40 silent auction items generously donated by our community partners. Proceeds from this event funded critical safety equipment; including extractors and a Lucas Device. A plaque was also placed on the Santa truck memorializing Michael McKenzie's dedication to the Lodi Fire Department. We hope that you will join us again this year in 2024!









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*CHRISTMAS ** FESTIVAL



On December 9th, 2023, Lodi Fire Foundation hosted its third annual Christmas Festival. This event is strongly supported by the community and, in turn, is the Fire Department's opportunity to give back to their community. Admission to the event is free. Hundreds of people attended, and there was something for everyone. Games for children, silent auctions, delicious food, music provided by Love & Honey, Sparky the Fire Foundation Mascot, Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Grinch and last but not least, the famous Santa Firetruck. One of the highlights of the event was the bicycle giveaway. With the help of the Fire Foundation and our community partners, over 100 bicycles were distributed to the children attending the event. Over \$49,000 was raised in all, 100% of which will help purchase new equipment to meet unfunded Fire Department needs. Save the date for 2024: Saturday, December 7th. See you there!











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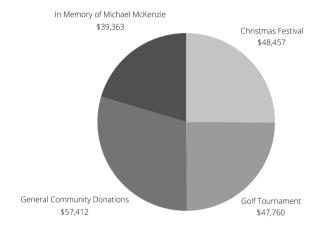
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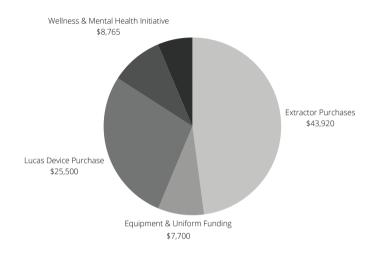
2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In 2023, we hosted many events and raised funds to financially support the Lodi Fire Department for safety equipment and health and wellness. Check out the chart below to see where your generous contributions went! We appreciate your consideration and your effort to support The Lodi Fire Foundation.

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS



SUMMARY OF PROJECTS FUNDED





3RD ANNUAL off Tournament

Join us on May 6th, 2024 for our 3rd
Annual Golf Tournament at Woodbridge
Golf & Country Club sponsored by
California Urgent Care.

The proceeds of this event will be used to support a variety of unfunded needs of the Lodi Fire Department.

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Donors may make cash gifts throughout the year. These are received in person, by mail and online. Gifts may be restricted for a specific purpose or unrestricted to use where needed.

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Lodi Fire Foundation receives donations of supplies, equipment and services from individuals and local companies supporting events and programs.

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