

## **St. Patrick's Day Parade Charity Application Announcement Press Release September 7, 2010**

With summer coming to a close and being half way to St. Patrick's Day it is the time to apply to be considered as a beneficiary of the 2011 Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade.

From now until 5:00 pm Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, The Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will be accepting applications from area organizations that focus on the needs of young people in our community.

Each year we receive many quality applications. So, once more, we will be considering more than one recipient. All charitable groups serving youth in Lawrence and Douglas County are encouraged to apply.

We are excited about beginning our 24<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day Parade season. We anticipate another great parade and another successful fundraising campaign! Since its founding in 1988, the Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has provided more than one-half million dollars for local charities.

Many fundraising activities are planned for this year. Which will include the Annual Charity Benefit Auction on Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup>, the Shamrock Shuffle 5K/Fun Run on the Levee March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Luck-of-the-Irish Motorcycle Run, Trivia Night, and more.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> starting at South Park in Downtown Lawrence.

The Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is an all-volunteer organization of friends and neighbors who celebrate the legend and spirit of St. Patrick through hard work, fun, education, and a good old-fashioned parade that supports and benefits our community.

All around Lawrence you can see the work in our community aided by this committee, in playground equipment, in furnishing for learning and activity centers, at childhood assistance agencies, through youth programs, and in the many smiles on young faces. We want to continue this tradition and we look forward to working with the community to make it happen. Details and applications can be found on our website.

<http://lawrencestpatricksdaysparade.com>

Some previous beneficiaries include the Boys and Girls Club, the Ballard Center, the Ryan Gray Playground for All Children, the LMH Pediatric Wing, community safe centers, Crown Casting Club, Lawrence Youth Football, the Shelter, Inc., Douglas County CASA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and HealthCare Access.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT:

<http://lawrencestpatricksdaysparade.com>

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