

## Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade

### PRESS RELEASE

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Executive Co-Chairs  
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"With summer coming to a close, it hardly seems like the time to think about Leprechauns & Shamrocks. However, it is the time to apply to be considered as a beneficiary to be a 2009 Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Charity. And, spring is not that far away! Our selection process has moved ahead a little from years past in an effort to improve the budgeting process for both our donors and recipients.

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 fun, education, and a good old-fashioned parade; who also, support and exemplify the idea that charity and goodwill begins at home, benefiting our community. All around Lawrence you can see the past work in our community aided by this committee, in playground equipment, in furnishing learning and activity centers, at childhood assistance agencies, through youth programs, and in the many smiles on young faces. To continue this tradition we are pleased to announce that we will be accepting applications through October 1st. Details and applications can be found on our website. <http://lawrencestpatricksdaysparade.com>

We, Mike Lohmann and Brenda Walsh, Committee Co-Chairs are excited to announce for 2009 our 22nd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are honored to co-chair this year's Parade Committee and anticipate ANOTHER GREAT PARADE with better weather and another successful fundraising campaign to benefit local children's charities! This year's activities will include the Charity Auction Saturday February 28th, the St. Patrick's Day Queen Pageant, the 'Shamrock Shuffle' 5K/Fun Run on the Levee/Johnny's, the St. Patrick's Day Poker Run from Slow Ride Tavern, a Dart Tournament at The Red Lyon, the Benefit Trivia Contest and, of course, the Parade itself on Tuesday March 17th. Since its inception, the Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has provided over \$479,000 dollars for local children's charities.

From now until 5:00 pm Wednesday October 1st, The Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will be accepting applications from area organizations that focus on the needs of children in our community. Every year we receive many quality applications. This year we will, again, consider choosing more than one recipient. All charitable groups serving children in Douglas County are encouraged to apply.

Previous beneficiaries include the Ballard Center, the Ryan Gray Playground for All Children, the LMH Pediatric Wing, THRIL, the Douglas County Infant/Toddler Coordinating Council, the Crown Casting Club, Lawrence Youth Football, The Shelter, Inc., HealthCare Access, and Douglas County Friends of Children in Foster Care." (see other past charities)

APPLICATIONS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT:

**<http://lawrencestpatricksdayparade.com>**

E-MAIL:

[info@lawrencestpatricksdayparade.com](mailto:info@lawrencestpatricksdayparade.com)

APPLICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT:

MCDONALD CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC 953 E 23rd STREET

COTTIN'S COAST TO COAST HARDWARE 1832 MASSACHUSETTS

KLWN/THE LAZER 3125 WEST 6th STREET

OR BY CALLING 749-6677

Applications may be mailed, e-mailed, faxed, or hand delivered to committee members but remember....

Deadline for receiving applications is 5:00 pm Wednesday, October 1st, 2008  
(applications must be in our hands.)

Email to: [info@lawrencestpatricksdayparade.com](mailto:info@lawrencestpatricksdayparade.com)

Fax to: 785-330-1229 or 785-843-2247

Drop completed applications off at:

Capital City Bank  
740 New Hampshire St.  
in Downtown Lawrence

Or mail applications to:

THE LAWRENCE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 1702  
LAWRENCE, KS 66044