

# HARBOR SPRINGS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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### **HARBOR AREA GINGERBREAD CONTEST TO BENEFIT CHARITIES**

The Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce has added a new, philanthropic twist to its already successful Gingerbread Contest.

As in years past, the contest is open to everyone in the area, children and adults of all ages. This year, however, each entry will have the opportunity to raise monetary donations for the charity or non-profit group of their choice. The success of the donations will likely be based on the success of the entry.

Upon entering, creators will be asked to choose a charity or organization to benefit from the success of their entry. For example, a group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students could choose to create an entry that will raise money for their upcoming trip. Once on display, there will be a collections box with that entry to accept donations for the trip. "Anyone can and is encouraged to enter, and they may select any non-profit group or cause. We're very excited about the interest and participation so far in the project," said Jody Ewbank, of the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. "We're elated at how involved everyone in the community is. There's a lot of excitement."

Categories for entries include Adult Individual, Adult Group, Teen Individual (Grades 9-12), Teen Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Individual (Grade 8 and below), and Youth Group (Grade 8 and below). Entry forms, official rules, and a regulation base board (2x2 ft.) can be picked up at Stafford's Pier Restaurant beginning Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. All entries must be delivered to the Pier Restaurant on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Community participation has been very successful. Area businesses have been extremely generous in making prize donations. Local contractors and suppliers donating the contest's regulation base boards include DWS Builders, Inc., Wentworth Builders, The Cottage Company, Evening Star Joinery, Preston Feather, and Snow Country Painting.

Entries will be on display for public viewing and donations December 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. A panel of professional judges will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for each category on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The entry raising the most in public donations will receive the *People's Choice Award* and will be given a financial match from the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce up to \$500.

For additional information on participating in this year's contest or to make a prize donation, please contact Jody Ewbank at jodye@staffords.com or 231.526.6201. Additional information on the contest is also available at [harborspringschamber.com](http://harborspringschamber.com).

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