



The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
Augusta Lodge #964 A Fraternal Organization
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To Area Businesses, Clubs/Organizations and Colleagues:

My name is Mike Michaud, I am a Past Exalted Ruler of the Augusta Elks Lodge #964. My wife, Lina and I are co-chairs for the second annual "Back to School" Event, to be held at our Lodge on Saturday, August 25th, 2018. Our goal is to help children, in our local communities prepare themselves for the upcoming school year by supplying them with the tools they need to succeed. From backpacks, notebooks and school supplies, to gym clothing and healthy snacks, all children deserve the basic, necessities to kick-off the school year.

Last year the Elks National Foundation provided us with a \$1,500.00 Grant, in honor of the Elks 150th Anniversary to jumpstart our efforts. This year they have approved a \$2,000.00 Grant to allow us to continue our efforts in supporting the youth in our local communities, in need. Along with the support of numerous businesses, organizations, we outfitted just over 150 students, last year. With the help and support of Le Calumet Club's Past President, Gerard Lapierre, Roger Pomerleau (Marketplace at Augusta), Mayor Dave Rollins and his wife, Jan (Assistant Principal of Cony Middle School), Lina and I, along with a dozen of Officers and fellow Elks distributed the School Supplies. The need in our community was vastly underestimated for we had well over 400 students and families show up and within the first hour, there was little to nothing left. It was a very humbling experience to run out of the supplies with well over 250 people still lined up in our parking lot. Doing a bit of a demographic study and having a discussion with Jan Rollins, I learned that over 60% of students in the greater Augusta area live at or below poverty level.

With your help, we can make sure that every student in the Greater Augusta Area can start the school year, set for success. It may only take a backpack with the proper school materials, to give that child the confidence he or she may need, to succeed. If I may quote an old African proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child." They are our future leaders and workforce and together let's make an investment in their futures and the future of Kennebec Valley.

Please feel free to contact me at telephone number (207) 441-2838 or E-Mail: shumichaud@gmail.com, for additional information or to further discuss this event. Make checks payable to the Augusta Elks Lodge # 964 c/o Mike Michaud 27 Bunny Street Augusta, Maine 04330

We look forward to your support.

With Warm Regards,

Mike Michaud
Past Exalted Ruler

**Jump On Board With The Augusta Elks as they
“Wrap Their Arms Around The Children”
with a back to school event in our community!**



August 25th, 2018 from 10-2

Augusta Elks, 397 Civic Center Drive, Augusta Maine

Attendance is FREE!

All products and services will be donated by area businesses, individuals, clubs/organizations.

We need the following:

Backpacks, Lunch Boxes, School Supplies, T-Shirts, Hats, Gym Wear (shorts, socks) Sweatshirts, Sneakers, Healthy Snacks, etc.
Let's be creative maybe have company, club or a logo.

Want to help?

Please Contact:

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