

The Money Tree

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I remember as a child, when my friends got something new or wanted me to go with them to a movie, I would ask my mother for some money and you would have thought I asked for the moon!!!!

My mom would turn and look at me with that look! And then say, “Young lady do you think money grows on trees?” Or the best one was, “Sure, just wait a minute and I’ll go out back and pick a couple of twenty’s off the money tree.”

I had thoughts of coming back with a smart answer but knew if I did I would have ended up in the next county!! I can see by some of your faces and reactions that you might have encountered the same experience. As I grew into adulthood I found my mother’s words to be so true. In life, I realized the importance of communication. We need to properly communicate the very real needs of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. It is our responsibility to support these two beacons of our fraternity. Sometimes it may mean giving up a night out, one less refreshment or special treat to be able to fulfill our obligations.

One way we can help without spending any extra cash is by taking advantage of the programs offered to this fraternity by Moose Charities.

They have supplied us with the proverbial “money tree.” *(slide 1)*

Current examples are:

1. “GoodSearch.com”. *(slide 2)*

By using this search engine on your computer instead of yahoo or google, GoodSearch will pay Moose Charities one penny for each inquiry.

2. “Goodshop.com” *(slide 3)*

A percentage of up to 30 % of your purchase will also go to Moose Charities.

3. General Mill’s “Boxtops for Education” *(slide 4)*

Immediate cash is sent to Moose Charities when you clip the ten-cent coupons from many General Mills products.

4. Target “Take Charge of Education” *(slide 5)*

Every time you use your TARGET Redcard, Target will donate 1% of your purchase to Mooseheart schools. There are only 125 moose members enrolled in this program nationwide.

5. “Recycle for Mooseheart” *(slide 6)*

This is a no brainer for all. You simply collect ink cartridges, laptop computers, cell phones including all accessories, children’s electronic games, and digital cameras from yourself, family, and local businesses. Box them up and slap a pre-paid mailing label on the box (available free of charge from the Moose Charities website), drop it off at a FedEx store, or they will even come and pick it up from your home or office. A check is immediately mailed to Moose Charities for our Mooseheart schools.

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6. Campbell's "Labels for Education" (*slide 7*)

By simply clipping the bar codes from Campbell's soup and Pepperidge Farm products we can earn either 1 or 5 points. Think about it, if every member of this fraternity would just save one Campbell's soup label bar code we could receive a new van to transport our children!

7. Food Lion "Shop and Share" (*slide 8*)

Simply register your MVP card - Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to Mooseheart Schools.

8. "My Coke Rewards" (*slide 9*)

Save the points from coke products and donate them to Mooseheart to obtain sports equipment, textbooks, school supplies and other rewards for our Mooseheart schools.

9. Tyson "Project A+" (*slide 10*)

Simply clip and save the bar code from Tyson Project A+ labels and earn 24 cents for each one.

10. Terra-Cycle (*slide 11*)

Terra-Cycle is a new addition to our recycle program. Trash collecting earns Mooseheart \$0.02 each for items such as empty Capri Sun drink packets, Lays Chip bags, discarded candy and cookie wrappers, and many other snack and household item containers. The "Team Captain" mails collected items with a free UPS shipping label and then a check is sent to Mooseheart. Terra-Cycle will in turn make backpacks, pencil cases, and other school supplies with the recycled items.

Just think, all of these items would have been thrown away and they would end up in a landfill. This way we are doing our civic duty to keep America clean, green, and helping our children at Mooseheart. We are in a way picking from the "money tree" (*slide 12*) and giving to our children.

Please visit the Moose Charities website on a regular basis as we are constantly finding new programs to help Mooseheart.