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**LOG-A-LOAD FOR KIDS ‘DAVE DRIVE’ RAISES FUNDS FOR CHILDREN’S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS IN HONOR OF LATE VOLUNTEER**

On July 5, Log-A-Load For Kids said a final good-bye to their most dedicated volunteers - David Miller of Hubbardsville. For years, Dave quietly encouraged people to "support the kids" at Children's Miracle Network hospitals, the benefactors of Log-A-Load's fundraising, with a gentle smile and twinkle in his eye.

In 2020, with all major fundraising events cancelled due to COVID-19, Dave took it upon himself to visit businesses and drum up donations. Following his passing, Dave's family asked friends and neighbors to remember him by supporting Log-A-Load for Kids.

Upon receiving Log-A-Load's annual appeal letter, another Dave read about the late volunteer and felt inspired. He made a very generous proposal: for every dollar Log-A-Load For Kids raises this year over \$27,000 up to \$5,000, Dave will match. That means if donations total \$32,000, Dave will make it \$37,000 for Children's Miracle Network hospitals across New York State.

"I have been a long-time supporter of Log-A-Load For Kids and the work they do for the Children's Miracle Network hospitals in New York," Said donor Dave Tregaskis. "When I read about Dave Miller, I was inspired to support in a new way. I hope my matching funds will help encourage others to contribute and raise a new record amount."

"Each year I'm surprised by someone new who steps up and makes a tremendous difference for our kids," said NYS Log-A-Load For Kids Chairman Mark Mowrey.

Log-A-Load For Kids is calling it the "Dave Drive" in honor of both Daves. The drive will continue through the rest of the year, but it kicks off with the forest industry charity's specialty - a chainsaw raffle. Today through October 31, donors can enter a virtual raffle for two professional model chainsaws: a Husqvarna 565 donated by GKS Sales of Rome and a Husqvarna 372 XP donated by C.J. Logging of Boonville.

Each entry is \$5, but Log-A-Load hopes donors will add a dollar for Dave and make it \$6. Entries can be submitted via Venmo @LogALoad-ESFFPA with your name and phone number in the subject line so you can be contacted if you win. A winner will be announced on Friday, November 5.

Donations and entries can also be sent by check to the Empire State Forest Products Association, care of Empire State Forestry Foundation (ESFF) at 47 Van Alstyne Dr. Rensselaer, NY 12144.

Log-A-Load is also raising funds by auctioning off three donated loads of firewood. Firewood donors include Gutchess Lumber in Cortland, Greene Lumber of Davenport, and Pat and Karen Regan of the Camden area. All are triaxle size loads containing at least 15 face cords of firewood and can be delivered within 50 miles of their place of origin in accordance with New York State firewood regulations. The minimum bid is \$500. Bids can be submitted to [Mark.Mowrey75@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Mowrey75@gmail.com) by October 31. Submissions should specify which load the bid is for. Winners will also be announced on November 5 and delivery provided within 45 days of payment.

For nearly 25 years, New York State Log-A-Load for Kids has participated in a nationwide program to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Serving nine hospitals across New York State, and one in Vermont, donors and volunteers have witnessed first-hand how the money raised can change the lives of children and their families. Supported by the Empire State Forest Products Association, Log-A-Load is staffed by volunteers within and outside the forest industry.

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