



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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THANKS FOR HELPING US “FILL THE BOOT” 2009 a Record Year for Donations

Every year over Memorial Day weekend, North Metro Professional Fire Fighters Local 2203 teams up with North Metro Fire Rescue District to ask the citizens and patrons of the Fire District to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through the annual “Fill the Boot” campaign.

During these four days, fire fighters see hundreds of people in Broomfield and Northglenn. As folks pass by in their vehicles, we get an opportunity to have a brief conversation as they reach for spare change and dollar bills to support the dozens of children in our community with Muscular Dystrophy. North Metro spends hours collecting because we know how much these children need our help. And, we are so honored to serve a community that realizes how important these children are too!

After a phenomenal year in 2008, we didn’t know if we could surpass it, especially with the economy still in recovery. When the final boots were emptied, we were in complete amazement. The generosity of our residents and patrons reached a new high – \$50,767 was raised for MDA.

Fighting Muscular Dystrophy can be costly! One minute of research costs \$82. The rising cost of medical care, medicine and medical equipment are at an all time high and affect a family’s income greatly. Consider this: a basic wheel chair can cost around \$2,000 and a motorized unit is typically over \$20,000. The money our citizens gave will go a long way in providing programs, services, and care for families impacted by Muscular Dystrophy.

North Metro would like to extend a special thank you to every person who donated to the 2009 “Fill the Boot” campaign. We are grateful for each contribution to the cause and very proud to be the emergency service providers for such a caring community.

Sincerely,

John Daugherty
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