

NATIONAL CAPITAL POND

Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International

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2021 HOLIDAY CHAIRMAN REPORT

Our most anticipated event of the year, our December Holiday Fundraiser Party, had to be canceled due to the pandemic. We were all incredibly sad about that decision but decided to put our heads together to try to come up with some alternative ideas to not only add some fun and excitement into the season, but to also do what is near and dear to all our hearts – that is to help our chosen charities.

We ended up deciding on three separate activities dubbed The Blue Goose Reindeer Games. These included a 50/50 Raffle and Fabulous Prizes for Charity, a Toy Drive Collection, and a Day of Service at The Maryland Food Bank.

First, we are happy to report that our 50/50 and Fabulous Prize Raffle was a HUGE success! **Between sold raffle tickets of \$9,450 and direct donations of \$1,934, a total of \$11,384 was raised! After fees and expenses for the raffle, we will donate \$3,000 each to both of our selected charities, For the Kids and Camp Inclusion, and also pay the 50/50 winner \$4,725.** Wow, we are so humbled by the generosity of those who helped us get to those numbers. In addition to giving away half the pot of money, we were able to give away 21 fabulous prizes valued at \$100 each and donated by 21 of our super generous Blue Goose supporters! THANK YOU to all these amazing companies for your dedication and support in our effort:

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Second, we are happy to report that we collected THREE TRUCKLOADS of toys to donate to St. Vincent's and The Children's National Medical Center! THANK YOU to those who donated and to all who assisted us with donation drop off locations and distribution of all the toys to the charities, we could not have done it without you.

Third, THANK YOU to the 18 generous friends and members who volunteered for our Day of Service at The Maryland Food Bank! Unfortunately, the inclement weather the night before forced the food bank to cancel of all volunteers for our day. While super disappointing, we are planning to rally the troops for a redo– stay tuned for that notification to save the date to join the fun!

On that note, we hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous 2021. We certainly look forward to gathering together again in person soon to celebrate the new year and also our wonderful friendships!

Yours in service,

The National Capital Pond Holiday Committee

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Respectfully,

Patrick F. Bergin

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