

## **Chainsaws For Charity – Team Blasts Through First Log Load!**

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As you know, NYFOA has begun a fun project whereby firewood is generated for the purposes of raising money for charity and providing a social function for NYFOA members. The project's short-term goal is to generate 100 face cords in the first year, which may net up to \$10,000 for charity.

It is my pleasure to report that NYFOA's Chainsaws for Charity (C4C) Team has completed the first log load from Wagner Hardwoods! The extended team is really doing a great job and includes ~40 volunteers and they really enjoy participating. Not bad for being launched just five months ago; I think there are more than 35 face cords already done and spoken for. That should net \$3,000 for charity, and there is another big log load on the way to the site in Avon!

Since my last note, I've had the pleasure to meet in person with our partners at the charities: Nash Bock of Ontario County Habitat for Humanity, Jim Clark of the VFW's veterans outreach effort, Jonathan Wordingham (Edward Jones, Ontario, NY) and Dr. Greg Gullo, DDS (Canandaigua), both of The Rotary Club. All these guys are great assets to our community and they are working hard to raise money with us and their respective teams.

For example, Rotarians are planning to meet with us on NOV 25 with a dump truck to haul many face cords, which are mostly pre-sold in Walworth. The Rotary will make another trip to haul more firewood to Canandaigua, all to benefit Camp Onseyawa for disabled children ([www.onseyawa.org](http://www.onseyawa.org)).

I've also had the pleasure of communicating with Tom Gerow of Wagner Hardwoods. Tom follows our progress closely and I'm extremely happy to report that Wagner will donate another log load! The generous support we're receiving from Tom and Wagner Hardwoods is extremely strong. Like all of us, Wagner really wants to make a difference all across our region and their leadership speaks loud and clear. Thanks Tom!

A BIG Thanks! to each and every one of you for making this project a ton of fun. While we may have a little lull in the action during the holiday season, we'll continue to schedule time making wood chips!

Do you love woodlands and want to help people in need? Please join us in Avon, the camaraderie and food are great. Just let Eileen ([dschaefer1@frontiernet.net](mailto:dschaefer1@frontiernet.net)) know and she will put you on the mailing list. If you would like to make a donation of cash to help with expenses, delivered logs/firewood, or equipment (we sure could use a hydraulic splitter), please send me a note ([dfaklis@frontiernet.net](mailto:dfaklis@frontiernet.net)).

There are several C4C articles at the Cornell Forest Connect Ning site. Lots of pictures and explanations of how things work, including information on the beneficiaries. Check them out!

<http://cornellforestconnect.ning.com/>

Click the Blogs tab near the top and search for C4C; there are five articles with a bunch of fun pictures.

And...we're calling all artists...we need a volunteer to paint C4C's portable "billboard." Check with your friends, art teachers, local art clubs, etc. and thanks!