

July 28, 2021

To our dedicated supporters,

This month we said a final good-bye to one of our most dedicated volunteers - David Miller of Hubbardsville.

If you didn't know David, he was the 2012 National Landowner Champion in the Game of Logging. Once he was done with competitions he turned his attention to Log-A-Load. For at least seven years Dave stood by our booth at the Woodsman's Field Days and gently encouraged folks to "support the kids". He had an endearing smile and twinkle in his eye that was hard to say no to.

In 2020 when we had no major event, Dave took it upon himself to travel Central NY and request donations from businesses as well as logging and farm suppliers and he individually raised over a thousand dollars for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Following his passing, his family has asked friends and neighbors to remember Dave by supporting Log-A-Load for Kids.

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 ten hospitals across two states, we have witnessed first hand how the money we raise can change the lives of children and their families.

Last year, you folks made a statement, and thanks to **YOUR** contributions we raised over \$27,000. This is an amazing feat, especially as Log-A-Load and our industry as a whole grappled with unprecedented change. Shifting a charitable effort that thrives off personal connection was difficult in an almost entirely virtual year. We relied on your imagination, generosity, and tenacity and we are thrilled to say that you showed up in a big way.

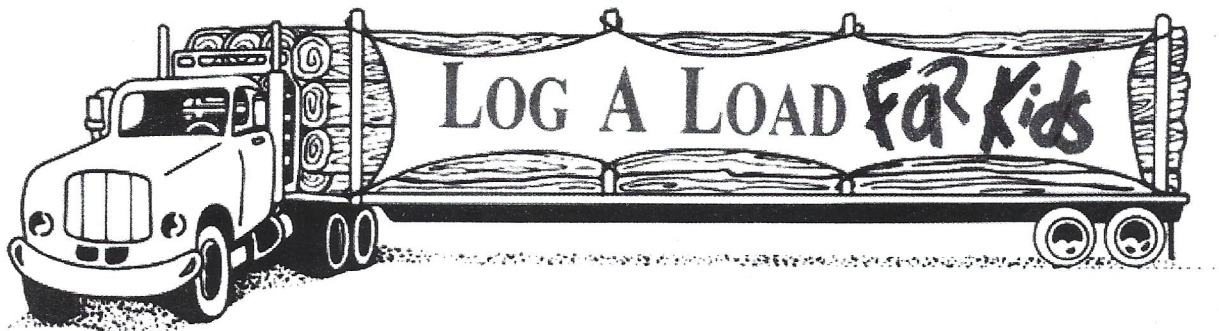
Our major annual fundraising event has once again been cancelled this year, so we're renewing the grassroots approach and relying on your enthusiasm to help us raise funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in every corner of New York State. The last year has shown us that there are many ways to fundraise. You can raffle off chainsaws, logging and forestry equipment, artisan goods, or children's toys. Auction off loads of firewood or host family-friendly competitions at your business or online. One generous young volunteer even turned her birthday party into a fundraiser. The possibilities are endless, and we're not asking you to do this alone.

We will assist with publicity for your chosen events. If you want to donate an item but don't want to manage a raffle, we will do that for you. Have an idea but need help making it happen? We are here for you. Over the years your donations have helped create miracles for countless local children and their families, some of whom are part of our forest industry family. We greatly appreciate your time, energy, and generosity. Please contact us so we can assist you in helping our kids, and we'll be in touch again soon with more opportunities for getting involved.

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**2021 Log a Load for Kids
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