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| **Karen Duran**  Creator-Host Duran’s Down Home Days 10532 Rt 97  Waterford, Pa 16441  814 490 2179  www.duransdownhomedays.com  **kmduran@earthlink.net** |  | To Whom it may concern:  Duran’s Down-Home Days has been an annual event since 2012. This year, we will be hosting in the center of Waterford at the 2 parks. It is always free admission to the public. We are an approved 501c nonprofit entity.  This event supports one of 3 small non-profits each year. We rely upon community sponsors, volunteers, donations of goods and participation to aid us in our support of the chosen charity each year. None of our staff gets paid and we do not host for profit. We can continue to grow with your help.  We have local vendors, music, food & fun as well as our two featured competitions: Cast Iron Chef Challenge and Upcycle Contest with $2500 in prize money and trophies awarded. We raise money in many ways & offer down-home activities during our 2-day fundraiser. Our event has grown attendance from a few hundred to a few thousand in 9 years.  The following are the non-profits that benefited & the amounts they received:  2012-Kanzius Cancer Research $2200  2013-Kanzius Cancer Research $4000  2014-Kanzius Cancer Research $2500  2016-Erie Community Foundation $1487\*year it snowed\*  2017-Pa Veteran’s Foundation $5200  2018- Make A Wish Foundation $7700  2019-NW Pa K-9 Search & Rescue $6500  2022- New Blossoms New Life Foundation $7100  2023-Paula S Cousins Ovarian & Endometrial Cancer  Foundation $2500  2024- NW Pa K-9 Search & Rescue $4,000  Warm Regards, Karen Duran & Volunteer Staff |
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