

Greetings, my charity for this year is the Lansing Old Newsboys. This 100-year-old organization provides shoes, boots and now socks, to the less fortunate children in the Mid-Michigan area. Annually, we sell a "spoof newspaper". This paper is chuck full of articles that take a lighter side approach to current events. These events could be local, state or nationwide. 100 % of these proceeds benefit the children, with no admin expenses.

For the past several years, the Lansing Old Newsboys has helped more than 7,000 kids in Mid-Michigan. The recipients are completely anonymous. If a child is part of the food service program at their local school, then they are eligible to receive a shoe voucher. These vouchers, with a \$55.00 value, are redeemable at Meijer and Shoe Carnival.

In November each year, we participate in the Lansing Silver Bell in the City electric light parade. This parade, with more than 100 floats, gives local merchants, schools and civic organizations a chance to show off and promote their worthy cause. The Lansing Old Newsboys has a float, loaded with children from local school districts. At this parade, we have Grandparents, Parents, Aunts & Uncles of students come up to us and tell us they received shoes over 30, 40 & 50 years ago from the Lansing Old Newsboys. It is humbling.



My logo is a combination of the two (2) 100-year-old organizations working. The Lansing Old Newsboys is all about helping children and the Fraternal Order of Eagles is all about "People Helping People". So, when you purchase a polo. T-shirts, coins or pins, please remember that you are helping to provide one more pair of shoes, boots and socks to those that simply cannot afford.

In closing, it is privilege to serve as your 2026-2027, Michigan State Aerie President. If you would like to host a charity event or donate, feel free to contact me at alott1@comcast.net or contact State Secretary Dave Ross.

Thank you for reading my article and I will see you on the Eagle Trail.