

TEXAS SANDFEST  
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To: County Judge, Sam Neal Jr.

From: Texas Sandfest, Port Aransas

Date: November 17, 2015

Re: Funds from 2014/2015

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The \$500 Donation given to Texas Sandfest April 2014 was used to help create our largest event in the 19 years we have been operating now on the beaches of Port Aransas. The funds were placed into our general operating fund to operate and produce the event, which now costs in excess of \$125,000 plus to produce. The event itself has huge economic impact on Port Aransas, as the event is post Spring Break and prior to the early summer Tourist season. The event is now so big with over 100,000 attendees annually in Port A for the 3 day weekend, filling every hotel, motel and condo in the area as well as the surrounding areas, being North Padre Island, Flour Bluff, Aransas Pass and Rockport areas. The impact from the event locally is huge, restaurants, entertainment venues and local business report record sales during this weekend across Port Aransas.

We also have tremendous support from our Local Chamber of Commerce to help promote the event year round for us and during the spring time daily through all their applications, social media, print and radio advertising and daily visitor interaction.

Texas Sandfest itself in Non Profit 501(c), and though we are now the largest Sand Sculpting event in the US, its mission is to raise funds for our local Port A charities, (whom for years supported Texas Sandfest financially during its early years) and provide Scholarships for local High School graduates attending college. The students themselves must volunteer to at the event to qualify to receive funds from Texas Sandfest.

This year The Board of Directors voted to award over \$100,000 to local charities and scholarships after having successful event, in spite of the weather during the weekend.

Fund Distribution 2015:

Port Aransas Food Pantry \$25,000

Port Aransas Community Theater \$25,000

Arts Center for the Island \$25,000

Keep Port Aransas Beautiful \$5000

Scholarships \$25,000

If you have any questions, please let us know.

We appreciate the support and funds.

Thanks

Texas Sandfest

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