

VFW National Home for Children

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Annual Fall Festival Summons Plenty of Fun to the National Home

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – Ghosts, princesses, and monsters swept through the campus of the VFW National Home for Children on October 24, frightening visitors, enjoying food and games, and conjuring up some playful trickery.

The annual fall festival brought out a gym full of creative costumes. More than 150 VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members traveled from Missouri and Wisconsin for a fun-filled day of fright and activities. The Community Center was full of pirates, fairies and kings just to name a few and as part of an annual tradition, adults and children of all ages dressed up in their Halloween costumes and competed for first, second and third place prizes.

The day's events kicked off with campus tours, including stops at the Wisconsin and Missouri houses, Guest Lodge/Chapel, Nursery and Museum. Many attendees, as first-time visitors to the National Home, were touched and impacted by the community atmosphere on the 629-acre campus.

During the day, guests and residents enjoyed a variety of carnival games and prizes in the Community Center before enjoying a fall feast of pizza and sloppy joes.

A hayride through the beautiful fall foliage of the National Home's campus gave the residents and guests some time to digest their dinner before grooving to tunes at the Halloween themed family dance.

The annual fall festival is hosted by the VFW Departments of Missouri and Wisconsin. Each year the departments rotate sponsorship of the festival, with this year being the Dept. of Missouri's turn. The National Home would like to thank Dept. of Missouri Party Coordinator and past Commander-in-Chief Jim Mueller, National Home Chairman Kevin Speis and VFSC Deborah Griffin for their efforts in planning this year's events, as well as the many department officers and members from both states that made the long trip to help ensure a special and memorable Halloween for the children.

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has provided Help, Hope and Honor for the children and families of our nation's military and veterans. For more information please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit www.vfnationalhome.org

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