



Press Release

3573 S. Waverly Road ~ Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 ~ vfnationalhome.org

Contact: Susan Maxwell Stevens
Public Relations Director
(517) 663-7020
[sstevens@vfnationalhome.org](mailto:ssstevens@vfnationalhome.org)

For Immediate Release
November 10, 2008

A screaming good time was had at Fall Festival

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – The ghouls, princesses and super heroes invaded the VFW National Home for Children for a fun-filled Saturday of activities on October 25. More than 150 VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members traveled from Missouri and Wisconsin to treat residents of the National Home, with only a few light hearted tricks.

Adults and children of all ages dressed up in their Halloween costumes and competed for first, second and third place prizes. The Community Center was full of pirates, fairies and kings just to name a few.

Events began 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. Pizza and caramel apples made an enjoyable fall feast. A campus hayride and Halloween dance concluded the activities.

VFW Departments of Wisconsin and Missouri host the day's activities, rotating sponsorship each year, with the Department of Wisconsin as this year's host. The National Home was honored to have many Department Officers present from both Departments led by Dept. of Missouri Commander Thomas Hartman and President Deborah Griffin, and Dept. of Wisconsin Commander Gary Erickson and President Marla Morgan.

Wisconsin Department National Home Chairmen Dave Schmid and Ladies Auxiliary Veteran and Family Support Chairman Madge Murphy along with Missouri Department National Home Chairman Jim Mueller coordinated the contribution of Halloween goodies and gifts that assisted in making the Halloween party an overwhelming success.

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.

###

Help Hope Honor



A great time was had by all at the
2008 Wisconsin Missouri Fall Festival!