



# Southern Illinois Jeep Association

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Turner Athletic Association  
211 E. Cherry Street  
Columbia, IL 62236

Gentlemen,

Our club is hosting a charity fundraiser dance in November this year and would like to request the participation of the Turner Organization in the form of the donation of Turner Hall for the event.

The Southern Illinois Jeep Association is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and has organized a growing charity event each year, the Adopt-a-Family program.

The Adopt-a-Family program benefits local Monroe County needy families at a time of year when financial difficulties hit families the hardest, the Christmas season. More detail about this program is on the following page.

We are planning to hold this event either the first or second Saturday in November this year. Hopefully, it is at a time of year when the hall is not in strong demand but is early enough for us to plan the budget for the Adopt-a-Family program prior to the 2004 holiday season.

The dance will be open to the general public and the generosity of the Turner Athletic Association will be duly noted and reported in articles publicizing the event. We would also request that the VFW bar concession be open for the duration of the event (7 PM to Midnight) and would expect you would realize quite a bit of profit from the bar.

We thank you in advance for your prompt review of our request. Please contact Doug Guilliams at (618) 939-9801 with your response or any questions you may have about the request.

Additional information included:

- Page 2: More detail about the event and the Adopt-a-Family Program
- Page 3: Information about our club
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We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Respectfully,

Doug Guilliams



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## Our Request for Your Help

The Southern Illinois Jeep Association is requesting the donation of the use of the VFW Hall in Waterloo for the purpose of raising money for our Adopt-a-Family Charity program.

The function will be a dance with either a disc jockey or a live band.

The preferable dates for this function would be November 6th or November 13th, 2004.  
We would anticipate a 7PM to Midnight schedule (subject to your suggestions)

Any receipts, profits from the bar concession would stay with the Metzger-Crook  
VFW Post 6504.

100% of the profits we receive for this event will go straight to our charitable activities.

## Adopt-a-Family Program

By far, the Adopt-a-Family Program is our biggest charity effort each year  
and is growing every year.

We work closely with Tana Trice at Human Support Services in Waterloo to help  
us identify families that are in need during the Christmas holiday season.

Feel free to contact her at 939-4444 for a reference about our  
charitable efforts.

We contact the family to ascertain their specific needs and the needs of  
their children. Then we put together a complete Holiday package for their family  
that includes food, cold weather clothing and much needed gifts for the whole family.

This charitable effort provides local Monroe County families help at a time of year  
when difficult financial times hit families the hardest and often the most emotionally.

In 2003 we were able to create Christmas packages for 8 local families.

There are copies of articles attached about our efforts in 2002 and 2003. The articles are  
copies of articles from the St Louis Suburban journals.



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## ABOUT OUR CLUB AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Our organization is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation formed for the purpose of providing social, recreational and educational activities for its members and their families. We participate in and support many civic activities for the betterment of the community and its residents.

Our club has membership all across Southern Illinois and Missouri. We raise money throughout the year to support our charitable activities.

Our charitable activities are not limited to the holiday season. Our club also provided support for area rescue / recovery efforts and also sent volunteers to assist in mapping accessible areas of National Forests in Missouri and Illinois. Those efforts are helping to keep areas of the National Forests open for public use.

We also accept requests often during the year for other miscellaneous charities. So far in 2004 we have held events that have been of benefit to the American Heart Association and Adopt-a-Pet (Benld, IL)

A copy of local articles about our charitable efforts is follows.



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## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS / OFFICERS

President: Robert Kirk  
315 W. Mulberry Street  
Columbia, IL

Robert is retired from Chrysler and devotes much of his time to organizing the activities of the Southern Illinois Jeep Association

Vice-Pres: Chris Unser  
304 Falcon Pointe  
Valmeyer, IL 62295

Chris is a Deputy Sheriff for Monroe County Illinois.

Secretary: Marcy Kroeger  
200 Minton Street  
Carlinville, IL

Marcy is an employee of the Department of Insurance for the State of Illinois

Treasurer: Carolyn Sickmeier  
608 South Rapp  
Columbia, IL

Carolyn is an office administrator for Spirtas in St. Louis

Charity Coordinator: Karen Kirk  
315 W. Mulberry Street  
Columbia, IL

Karen is a nurse at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She is also the director of the Columbia Chorale.

Dance / Benefit Organizer: Doug Guilliams  
506 N. Market Street  
Waterloo, IL

Doug is a former Country Companies agent (15 years) and still operates a business in Waterloo. He is also a member of the Waterloo Municipal Band and the Budlight Brigade / Budlighters bands.