



Dear Local Business Owner,

I am writing to ask for your support of the Carousel of Happiness.

A young Marine in the Vietnam war listened to a music box... The song it played, Chopin's Tristesse, made the teen picture the peaceful image of a carousel, full of laughter, spinning in a mountain meadow. He was injured in the war, and lost two fellow soldiers on the same day of his injury. Decades later, having never forgotten that image of a carousel that carried him through the firefights, he began on a journey to create it. He purchased the old abandoned frame of a 1910 Looft carousel and began carving (entirely self-taught), then fundraising, for his dream to become a reality.

Scott Harrison spent 26 years in total carving the carousel animals, and has been carving additional decorative animals to add to the building for the last 14 years, each one with a special story and unique character. We fundraise for the ability to give free and discounted rides to various groups, and to maintain the historical preservation and functionality of our 1910 carousel mechanism as well as our 1913 Wurlitzer band organ. We've seen over 1 million riders since opening in 2010, and believe we are succeeding in ***our mission to inspire happiness, wellbeing, and service to others through stories and experiences.***

We are hosting our annual gala, Animals After Dark, on Veteran's Day, Tuesday November 11, 2025. We are requesting auction item donations for the event, which sees approximately 50 attendees. It is a great opportunity to get your products and business name in front of our donor crowd. We can accept goods of any value. Lesser-valued goods will be combined into themed gift baskets, and higher value items will be auctioned alone.

We are also seeking business sponsors for the event, at the levels of \$250, \$500, and \$1,000. If you'd like to make a cash donation to be a sponsor, we will promote your business through our various channels, and give you lots of Thanks!!! If you'd like to donate an auction item with a value of \$250 or higher, we are happy to discuss a trade for sponsorship of the event.

Thank you for considering a donation to our Animals After Dark Event! You can learn more about the Carousel and our Annual Gala on our website. Please reach out to our director, Melody, if you have any questions!

Sincerely, The Carousel of Happiness Board of Directors