

2023 Miss Merry Christmas & Little St. Nick Contest

A holiday tradition, the Miss Merry Christmas and Little St. Nick contest encourages charitable giving and helps raise funds for local charities and family-oriented events throughout the year. Children are able to get involved, learn the importance of giving, and give back to their community! Each candidate will have a donation can at Hy-Vee and Bomgaars from November 1 through November 24 at 12 pm. A donation in the name of the children will be made to their charitable organization of choice: Chariton Public Library Foundation, Lucas County Food Bank, or the Chariton Dog Park. The girl and boy who raise the most money will be crowned during Dazzle Fest at the Larry J. Clark Memorial Gazebo on Saturday, November 25 at 5:45 pm!

Little St. Nick Candidates

Miss Merry Christmas Candidates



Trey Lacey

Age 8, 3rd grade

Parents JT & Cali Lacey

Raising funds for Chariton Dog Park

"I want to help dogs that are in need and so they can play with friends. I chose the dog park because sometimes dogs get injured and need a safe place to play."



Henry Snuggs

Age 7, 2nd grade

Parents Katie Wilson & Buddy Snuggs

Raising funds for Lucas Co. Food Bank

"You never know who is having a hard time and who needs the help. I feel like the food bank helps more people in our community as a whole. Anything can happen to any one of us at any time and to know that this resource is out there for our community is wonderful."



Daniel Topov

Age 8, 3rd grade

Parents Petr & Ilona Topov

Raising funds for Chariton Public Library

"I love reading and want the library to have even more awesome books!"



Peter Topov

Age 11, 5th grade

Parents Petr & Ilona Topov

Raising funds for Chariton Dog Park

"I love dogs and want every dog to have an owner and park to play."



Lincoln Vahnenko

Age 7, 2nd grade

Parents Dimitriy & Elizabeth Vahnenko

Raising funds for Lucas Co. Food Bank

"I chose the food bank because I like to eat so I think everyone else should be able to, and I thought it would be fun to participate in."



Zintara Brown

Age 8, 3rd grade

Parents Christina & Johnny Brown

Raising funds for Chariton Dog Park

"I want to be Miss Merry Christmas because it carries laughter and joy and the spirit of Christmas. I chose the dog park because it allows the dogs to get their energy out and have fun with their owner."



Lillie Edwards

Age 9, 4th grade

Parents Miranda Edwards & Mark Gillman

Raising funds for Chariton Dog Park

"I love animals and I think raising money for them is awesome! I like doing this because we get to help our town come together just a little bit more!"

Donation cans will be at Hy-Vee & Bomgaars from November 1st through November 24th at 12 pm!



Ava McDonough

Age 10, 5th grade

Parents Joe & Deana McDonough

Raising funds for Lucas Co. Food Bank

"I want to support our community."



Sophia Parkhutik

Age 7, 2nd grade

Parents Alex & Jennifer Parkhutik

Raising funds for Chariton Dog Park

"I love dogs and I love Christmas and being involved with things around town!"



Alexa Rasmus

Age 10, 5th grade

Parents Jenn & Brady Rasmus

Raising funds for Chariton Dog Park

"I am an animal lover! We live close to the dog park and I want to make it an even better place for dogs to play!"



Layton Grace Smith

Age 11, 5th grade

Parents Clint & Amanda Smith

Raising funds for Lucas Co. Food Bank

"No child should be without food and shelter. If I could do anything, it would be to inspire people to donate food and money so that families can provide meals and memories for their children."



Madison Tubbs

Age 10, 5th grade

Parents Carl Tubbs & Lynn Marshall

Raising funds for Chariton Dog Park

"The Chariton Dog Park is a very good place to take dogs to, and I would like to see things being kept up so we can continue to use it."



Abigail Wesley

Age 7, 2nd grade

Parents Shelby Wesley, Savannah Marcus & Essense Wesley

Raising funds for Chariton Dog Park

"I picked the Chariton Dog Park because I love dogs and really like watching the dogs play in the park."



Kaylie Wesley

Age 8, 3rd grade

Parents Shelby Wesley, Savannah Marcus & Essense Wesley

Raising funds for Chariton Public Library

"I picked the library because I love to read and have found that I really enjoy reading chapter books. I want to participate in the contest because the money is going towards something good."