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SCARECROWS LEND A HAND TO THE EXETER AREA YMCA The third annual Grove Street Scarecrow Contest

October 30, 2014 (Exeter, NH) – Soon the streets will be filled with children racing from house to house, knocking on doors and asking for Halloween treats. For now, the streets are quiet and full of expectation – except the Grove Street neighborhood.

Each October, for the last three years, neighbors on Grove Street have held a contest to see who can make the most unique and creative scarecrow. Entry fees (\$20 per scarecrow) – and additional donations – go to the winner’s charity of choice. Local judges – friends of friends, really – come together to pick the winner.

The event is organized by Grove Street resident, Heidi Spencer. “It’s a fun way to get together. Everybody wins: families, a local charity and the whole community.”

A drive down Grove Street showcases the work of eight families. Some scarecrows are spooky, others are quirky and some, like the winner, are cute. This year’s winner was the Jusczyk family (Tad Jusczyk, Elizabeth DiBona and their daughter, Delphine) with “Good Things Come in Small Packages”.

Why the Y? Jusczyk replied, “We wanted to support an organization that would have a strong local impact. We believe that the new Y will be an incredible benefit to the Exeter community, and we are excited for it to open!”

DiBona echoed those sentiments, “We’re really excited to see the Y in our community. It’s a place where people of all generations can come together.” She continued, “That’s why DiBona Dental Group is matching the donations.”

A total gift of \$480 is going to benefit the Exeter Area YMCA Capital Campaign.

According to Gary Blake, Exeter Area YMCA Capital Campaign Chair, “This is such a great idea to foster community spirit and creativity. I am so grateful to receive this donation on behalf of the YMCA.”



First Place: Good Things Come in Small Packages by the Jusczyk Family (Tad Jusczyk, Elizabeth DiBona and, their daughter, Delphine).



The Third Annual Grove Street Scarecrow Contest winner’s charity of choice is the Exeter Area YMCA Capital Campaign. With “Good Things Come in Small Packages”, Tad Jusczyk presents Gary Blake, Exeter Area YMCA Capital Campaign Chair, the event’s \$480 donation.

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Second Place: Serving Curds and Whey on the Court
by the Blake Family



Third Place: Monster Match.com
by the Butler Family