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Team McAloon Spearheads Fundraiser for Local Charity

Bourbonnais, IL. – With elections right around the corner, most candidates are working hard to raise the money necessary to fund their campaign. However, Team McAloon, in an unprecedented move, has decided to use a planned fundraiser to raise money for MOMS (Men & Women Of Military Service). On November 10 at 5 p.m., Team McAloon is hosting a dinner fundraiser to help further the mission of MOMS. The fundraiser will be held at the Bon Vivant Country Club in Bourbonnais and will include a Silent Auction to kick off the event. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased by visiting friendsformcaloon.org or by calling 815-933-1500.

MOMS is a public charity that was started in 2002 when Debbie Trippiedi began sending cookies in care packages to her son who was stationed overseas. When her son began giving her requests from other soldiers for more cookies, Debbie was saddened by the number of soldiers who did not receive care packages from home. It was then that OPERATION: MOM'S COOKIES began and eventually evolved into MOMS. Today, MOMS sends out over 35,000 cookies a year during Christmas, Valentines, Easter and Halloween and their "Box of Home" includes individual, hand assembled Care Packs ranging from Holiday Snack Bags, hygiene and writing packs, letters and messages to the troops from schools and members of communities and an AAFES Military Global 300 Unit Phone Card. They currently have 130 volunteers on an ongoing, rotating basis spread throughout Northern Illinois.

David McAloon's team joins Kankakee County Republican Chairman and retired Air Force Major, Darrel Smith, to present to you this charitable fundraising event. When asked about his involvement with this fundraiser, Smith stated, "As an Air Force Veteran, I know what it means to the morale of the troops, especially over the holidays, and I'm proud to stand behind MOMS efforts in supporting the troops."

"I realize the value and the impact MOMS Cookies has on the morale of thousands of our soldiers stationed overseas and will do what I can to support and encourage their effort", said McAloon. David McAloon is a supporter of MOMS and is committed to seeing their work continue.

For more information on this event and McAloon's position on other issues, contact info@friendsformcaloon.org or visit our website at www.friendsformcaloon.org.

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