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Honorable Mayor Esteves and City Council,

The Milpitas Kiwanis have sponsored several hundred children at the annual Mervyn's Child Spree here in Milpitas. Every summer for the past several years and now each December, Mervyn's holds a Child Spree event. About 100 elementary children from the Milpitas Unified School District start off the school year with $100 of new clothes and backpacks filled with school supplies. Last year, Mervyn's requested that the Milpitas Kiwanis not only supply and help fund the children for a before school clothes shopping spree at the end of July, but also conduct a December clothes shopping spree. For the first time 25 Milpitas children shopped early on a Saturday morning at Mervyn's one or two weeks before Christmas. The Kiwanis asked the Milpitas Food Pantry to supply the 25 elementary children.

This last July, the Milpitas Kiwanis sponsored 95 MUSD children to a $100 clothes shopping spree at Mervyn's. The children were also supplied new back packs filled with appropriate grade level school supplies. For most of the children involved, this is the first time they have been able to shop and pick out new clothes. The children's parents supply clothing needs and sizes to the volunteer chaperones. The chaperones assist the children in picking out their new clothes, while the parents wait out side of Mervyn's. While waiting, the parents are entertained by the South Bay School of Music and are treated to coffee and breakfast pastries. This would not happen without the generosity of the Milpitas community. This December, the Kiwanis will again be partnering with the Milpitas Food Bank and Mervyn's to outfit about 35 needy Milpitas youngsters with $100 of new, needed clothing.

Annually the City Council has sponsored 15 children at the Child Spree event by donating $1,500 to the Milpitas Kiwanis. The Kiwanis are asking the City council again fund 15 children this year, with a gift of $1,500 to the Milpitas Kiwanis. This continues to be a great event for all involved and shows the generosity, compassion and caring that Milpitas has for our children. The Milpitas Kiwanis are currently working with Mervyn's to set up this December's Child Spree. When a date is set, Mayor Esteves and the City Council will all be invited to help chaperone.

Thank you for you generosity and caring!

Sincerely,

Michael Mendizabal
Milpitas Kiwanis President

**Mary Lavelle**

**From:** Jose Esteves
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2007 5:03 PM
**To:** 'Christopher Chan'
**Cc:** Mary Lavelle
**Subject:** RE: Milpitas Student Robotics Team at Milpitas High School

Thank you and congratulations.

I would request that this be agendized for the next council meeting....I am recommending the same amount as last year.

-----Original Message-----
**From:** Christopher Chan [mailto:cmylchan@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 02, 2007 10:42 PM
**To:** Jose Esteves
**Subject:** Milpitas Student Robotics Team at Milpitas High School

Dear Mayor Esteves,

I am Christopher Chan, President of the Milpitas Student Robotics Team (also known as Milpitas Xtreme Robotics). Last year, regrettably, we were unable to raise enough funds to participate in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology) robotics competition, but the city's generous donation allowed us to purchase VEX robotics kits (the ones that you saw at Solectron) with which we held our own inter-club competition. This year's fundraising is going much better than last. I am happy to report that we have $4000 of the $6000 that we need to participate in FIRST and we have some new companies that have expressed interest in us. Even with these new sponsors, we cannot go without the help of the city. So, we would like to come before the city again to ask for sponsorship of our club for $1500. Thank you for your time and support! If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Sincerely,
-Christopher Chan