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LIONS DONATION HELPS BURNSVILLE HOTELS PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED

On June 29, 2022, the Burnsville Fire Department delivered portable cribs to seven Burnsville hotels as part of a generous donation from the Burnsville/Savage Lions Club.

“Proactive community risk reduction is one of our top priorities,” said BJ Jungmann, Burnsville Fire Chief. “We all benefit when our community comes together to find solutions to prevent tragedy and we believe that these donations will provide a safe sleeping option when needed.”

Burnsville Fire has responded to a couple tragic incidents in hotels related to co-sleeping arrangements and hope that these donations help provide a safer option to families. The Burnsville-Savage Lions donated the cost of 30 portable cribs to Burnsville Fire.

Burnsville offers a career fire and ambulance service in its Fire Department and is dedicated to preserving life, safety and property. In addition to fire suppression and emergency medical and ambulance care, they are active in public education, protective inspections and safety awareness with a constant eye on finding solutions before tragedy strikes.

“On the rare occasion of a townhouse or apartment complex fire, families come to us for a place to stay,” explained Best Western General Manager Michael Goodman. “We have a certain number of options available but during those unexpected times, this donation will provide a nice amenity for families and we are thankful for the community support.”

Fire crews, along with Amie Burrill and Skip Nienhaus from Experience Burnsville, Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, City Manager Gregg Lindberg and Fire Chief BJ Jungmann, delivered 22 cribs to local hotels on June 29. Burnsville Fire has an additional eight cribs available as the need arises or they encounter an unforeseen situation. The seven hotels that expressed a need for the portable cribs include AmericInn Burnsville, Best Western Premier, Burnsville Inn & Suites, Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, LivINN Hotel and Prime Rate Hotel. Amie Burrill, Executive Director at Experience Burnsville, connected with Burnsville lodging establishments to determine need.

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“We are so very grateful for our partnership with the Burnsville/Savage Lions for this donation and their continuous commitment to our community in so many ways,” said Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth Kautz. “From our skate park and inclusive playground to helping with safety efforts such as this, they help make our community great.”



Cutline:

Best Western management accepted a donation of six portable cribs delivered by Mayor Kautz, City Manager Lindberg, Burnsville Fire Chief Jungmann, Fire staff and Amie Burrill from Experience Burnsville.

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