

Dear Contestants and Parents,

The Burgoo Festival Pageants have been a long time tradition in our community for as far back as I can remember and then some more. It has always been my favorite part of the festival even after my children had long outgrown it.

These pageants for 2017 weren't on the schedule until a week ago because the committee had decided that they just didn't have enough help or funds to keep this tradition alive. I hope that I'm bringing a solution for everyone's sake.

Our Pageant Budget is \$0, and we can't go in the red for it anymore. I feel like it is extremely important for each and every contestant to compete and/or participate in our Ambassador and Humanitarian contests. If everyone can do that, we will have a fantastic pageant experience. The reality is that pageant supplies are expensive and we still want to keep the cost to enter as affordable as possible.

Awards will be ordered after the September 8th advertisement deadline. I can not take any division in the red, which is why we may combine or separate age groups accordingly. I promise to be frugal with the funds I've been trusted with, and I promise that it will go back to the kids, and in the event we have funds leftover, it will be given to the Burgoo trustees to give us a starting point next year. This can be the year that we rebuild this tradition, or it r be the last year we have it. No pressure though folks. :)

We have a very small window to get things done, but I've seen miraculous things from this town and I have faith. We've been fortunate enough to have been granted this opportunity and I truly want to make the most of it. It will take all of us to make a difference here, so I'm asking you to please jump in. If you can help in any way, I would love to hear your idea.

Do you know a company that can donate? Is there a business or organization out there that you know has scholarship funds to give away? Participation is the key ingredient here. Do you know a restaurant or business that will donate toys, coloring books, crayons, candy, scented lotions, or anything we can put in a grab bag for the kids or gifts for the judges?

Grab your friends, neighbors, church members, co-workers, classmates, and whoever else you can find. Ask them to compete with you, ask them for a good luck Ad, ask them for a donation, but please just ask. If you get a quarter, it's more than what we have right now. Anything is a step in the right direction. I do believe we can do this, together. Happy kiddos are the main goal.

Sincerely,
Kasey Briscoe

P.S. I won't stop working and trying for these kids. I hope we are able to knock this out of the park together. Those that already know me, you know I'm an honest straight shooter that is almost too honest sometimes. This may be one of those times actually. I just wanted others to be aware of just how dire this situation is, because I didn't know until I was told there wouldn't be any Pageants. I decided to be a part of a solution. Please join me.