



2020 Cork & Pork Festival CANCELED

PLEASE READ!

Dear Cork & Pork Sponsors,

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you we have decided to cancel the 6th Annual 2020 Cork & Pork Festival set for Saturday, July 11, 2020 in Sainte Marie. We were holding out hope that it could happen. Hoping we could give people something to look forward to; a time for socializing and fun that we all are craving AND a chance to make some money for a great cause.

So far, we have only spent a small amount of money on postage, envelopes and copies. The need to start the process is now for applying for the Dram Shop and liability insurance and get that all completed before we can even apply for the special liquor license from the State of Illinois. And, we don't have a definite answer as to when Illinois will be opening back up fully...which will be a process. So, before we spend any more money, we decided the time to cancel is now.

Over the last 5 years, the Cork & Pork Festival has been able to give back over \$118,000.00 to Jasper County groups and organizations. This is because of great sponsors like you who donate money, pork, etc. that enables us to put on a great festival, that allows us to make more money and give back more. **THANK YOU ALL!**

Some of these sponsors have let me know that regardless of whether we are able to have the event, that they wanted us to keep their donation for the cause. I have enclosed your check in with this letter and I will leave that up to you as to what you would like to do. I didn't put the checks in the bank because of all the uncertainty and because it would make it easier if they needed to be returned.

Any sponsor money that is collected for this year will go to Lincoln's Place. They are approximately \$20,000.00 away from their goal of \$175,000.00, which is the total cost of the project. Lincoln's Place will be an all-inclusive playground area at Peterson Park and is much needed in our county.

We are still hoping to have the Cork & Pork Jeep Run in memory of John Lybarger on Saturday, July 11th, IF bars can be open to host the stops. But that is something we can do more at the last minute. We will be posting updates on the Cork & Pork Festival and Sainte Marie, Illinois Facebook pages and my own personal Facebook page. If anyone would like to help with the Cork & Pork Jeep Run, please let me know...we need volunteers. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe! **WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER...**

Sincerely,

Donna M. Keller

Chairman of the Cork & Pork Festival Committee