

Alexa's Scarecrow Contest

We are quickly approaching the opening day of Steele Farms, a corn maze and u pick pumpkin patch located in rural Decatur. Many of you have been attending our fall festivities and have become familiar faces over the years, while several of you have maybe not had a chance to come and experience all of the fall fun on the farm! I want to offer you an opportunity to be a part of our farm this year and to make a difference at the same time.

As a Christian family and business, we at Steele Farms believe in giving back and blessing others from the gifts that we receive. Based on that idea, we want to honor the life and ministry of our sweet friend, Alexa Summersett, and her commitment and love for ministry organizations involving children. Alexa, had a heart of gold and a smile to light up a room. She loved serving others and loving on them! Alexa unexpectedly passed away in January of 2019, leaving a huge void in our hearts, but an incredible legacy on this earth. We want to honor Alexa by loving on and serving others in our community!

This year is the second year for Alexa's Scarecrow Fundraiser and the charity recipient is Love Abundant, a local organization that supports foster and kinship families. Here is a brief bio about the ministry of Love Abundant:

"Love Abundant is designed to create ways to support and encourage foster and kinship families in the area. A few years ago, statistics came out that 50% of foster parents quit after their first placement, but with support, this statistic decreases. At the Nazarene church in Bluffton, there is a foster care closet that is full of clothes, shoes, diapers, and supplies that are helpful to these foster families. Events such as Breakfast with Santa, Family Fun Festival, Moms Night Out, and more are ways that we are partnering with local churches and the community to answer the call to care for the orphan!"

What we are asking of your business or organization is to make and decorate a scarecrow that can be put on display at Steele Farms. This scarecrow can be a direct representation of your organization, or it could just be some type of fun fall decoration others would enjoy seeing on a front porch. We will place all of the scarecrows in a prominent location on the farm, complete with a sign bearing your organization name for all or our customers to see. Visitors to the farm will have the ability to "buy votes" and vote for their favorite scarecrow. We will keep a running total of votes and the winning organization at the end of our season will receive a \$50 gift card to a local pizza place. And the bonus is, your business/organization gets publicity while you are supporting a great cause!

If you are interested in creating a scarecrow for this cause, please follow the guidelines:

*Scarecrows **must** be attached to a T-shaped frame made of 2x4's or similar materials so that they can easily be attached to a post for display. A metal stake or post will be supplied when scarecrows are dropped off and your scarecrow **MUST** be able to be attached to the post to be displayed.

*Scarecrows may be subject to wind and rain and must be durable with all decorations securely attached.

*Scarecrows may not be made with perishable items such as fruits and vegetables in their displays. #spoiledrotten

*Scarecrows must be no taller than a person and no wider than 2 feet.

*Scarecrows will have business name or organization placed near them on signs provided by Steele Farms.

*Scarecrows will be voted on by the public who will "purchase a vote" and place in the designated box of the scarecrow of their choosing.

***Scarecrows must be of good taste and family friendly!** Steele Farms reserves the right to restrict anyone from entering if their scarecrows do not meet the above expectations. Photographs of scarecrows and their entrants may be used for publicity purposes.

*Be creative in your design! Think super heroes, movie characters, sports figures, etc! Let's see what your imagination has to offer!

SCARECROWS MUST BE PICKED UP BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 OR THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

Steele Farms Scarecrow Contest:

Please fill out this form and bring with you during one of the drop off times or a time that is arranged with Marah Steele at 260-565-3355. Thanks for your participation in this event and good luck! We are hopeful of raising significant funds in honor of Alexa to donate to Love Abundant!

Business/Organization Name: _____

Scarecrow Designer(s): _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Scarecrow Name: _____

Drops Off Location is at Steele Farms, 5525 W. 300 N. Decatur, IN.

DROP OFF TIMES:

Wednesday, September 23 from 6-7:30 pm

Thursday, September 24 from 6-7:30

Friday, September 25 from 12-2 pm

*If you are unable to make any of these drop off times, please arrange other times
for drop off by calling or emailing Marah.

Questions? Contact Marah marah@visitsteeleffarms.com 260-565-3355