

January 31, 2023

City of Marathon
Marathon City Council
9805 Overseas Highway
Marathon, Florida 33050

Dear City Council,

On behalf of the Marathon Shrine Club, we respectfully request your approval to conduct our Annual Paper Drive on February 18, 2023. The Annual Paper Drive is a major fundraiser that typically collects between \$28,000-\$36,000.

Annually, we conduct this event in a professional and safe method at the intersections of US 1 107th and 109th Streets from 9am to 1pm with the cooperation of the Sheriff's Department and local merchants.

The sole reason for the existence of the Shriners is to support the 22 orthopedic and burn center hospitals across North America. The hospitals provide state-of-the-art pediatric care for burn and orthopedic treatment including spinal injuries, reconstructive surgery and rehabilitation, plus transportation, all at no cost to the children or parents. Our nearest hospital is in Tampa which has helped hundreds of Monroe County and South Florida children lead normal lives, providing care that is otherwise not available. In 2016, we provided care for a Marathon child in need and the treatments were a success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dylan Ayres , Co-Chair
Darrel Wallraven , Co-Chair
Christopher Van Hoose Co-Chair

Robert Britz, Chairman
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