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Peter Wood Memorial FUN Raiser Winner donates \$500 winnings to library

EASTON (JULY 18, 2022) – The second annual Peter Wood FUN Raiser winner Paul Zelinski, Proprietor of Lowes Wharf Marina, has recently donated his \$500 winnings to the Talbot County Free Library.

His generous donation in addition to the funds raised from tickets sold for a total of \$1,000 will be going towards the Talbot County Free Library’s popular collection of VOX Books in the children’s library at the Easton Branch. VOX Books combine picture books, chapter books, and non-fiction titles with audio recordings that capture children’s attention and make learning and literacy development fun.

This FUN Raiser is a tribute to Peter Wood, a library volunteer who was passionate about the library and everything that it offered to the community. Peter died Aug. 9, 2020, at the age of 22. Roo Wood, Father of Peter Wood and Memorial FUN Raiser Coordinator, said the motivation behind the FUN Raiser was his family’s continued support of the VOX Book Nook at the library.

“I just felt the need to keep this program moving forward. Our children need encouragement now more than ever. The gift of reading is a lifelong learning experience,” said Roo Wood. “These books help those young minds start their reading journey in a unique, self-paced, and welcoming way. Those who knew him best were brought a great deal of joy during this campaign as they shared fond stories and memories about Peter. There are still many kind and thoughtful people in this world.”

In total, 100 tickets for a 50/50 raffle were sold for \$10 a piece during the FUN Raiser. It was made possible in a matter of weeks thanks to the generosity of Peter Wood’s friends and family members.

Last year, the first FUN Raiser generated over \$11,000 to jumpstart the program. The VOX book collection and displays were dedicated in memory of Peter Wood in a heartwarming dedication ceremony on July 14, 2021 at the Easton branch.

“Thank you to all who made donations for Peter’s cause, especially to Paul Zelinski and his Lowes Wharf family, the winners of the most recent drawing,” said Roo Wood. “Zelinski quickly donated his 50/50 winnings back to the TCFL. My hope is that we can maintain this type of support for the Mid Shore.”

To contribute to the VOX Book Nook, checks are made payable to the Talbot County Free Library Foundation Inc., (memo) Honoree Peter Wood – Easton, MD – Library Project. The mailing address is at 100 W. Dover St. Easton, MD 21601. Earl Wood can also be reached at 410-822-3555 with any questions. Donations are also tax deductible.

About Talbot County Free Library

It is the mission of the Talbot County Free Library to enrich and renew the lives of the people it serves. There are two locations: The main library in Easton is located at 100 W. Dover St., and the St. Michael branch is at 106 Fremont St. The Maryland Room in the Easton branch holds a voluminous collection of genealogical resources and historical documents. Services at both locations include the circulation of books, DVDs, digital devices, free Wi-Fi, public computers, exhibits, and programs for both children and adults. For more information, please visit www.tcfl.org. Be sure to like the library on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @Talbotcountyfreelibrary.