

You've Got Talent  
Capital Campaign Fundraiser  
Memorial Hospital, Carthage, IL

February 2009

Dear Contestant,

Hello! We would like to invite you to participate in our "You've Got Talent" event coming up this spring. We are looking for any type of talent or maybe an act that might not be considered a "talent" but a fun, interesting way to entertain our community and raise money for our new hospital.

Please fill out the entry form with some interesting facts about what you will be doing and about yourself or your group. Then send your entry form and the \$10 entry fee to the address on the form before March 14.

Here is how the competition will work. On March 28, 2009, each contestant will have a chance to perform. There will be a jar for each contestant and the audience will cast their votes by putting money into the jar of their choice. You might think of it as a "People's Choice Award" type of voting. At the end of the competition, the money will be counted. The twenty contestants with the most money in their jars will move on to the next round on April 4 and have a chance to win \$500. The April 4 competition will have the same format, but there will only be one winner to take home the \$500 prize money. There will be judges at both performances, but the judges will have no bearing on who wins. The entry with the most money in their jar will be the winner. All proceeds from this event will go toward the Memorial Hospital Capital Campaign.

There is no age limit and groups are more than welcome to participate. We are limited on time so we ask that you limit your act/talent to seven minutes; we also ask that your act/talent be family friendly as there may be children in the audience. So bring your "fan club" to vote for you. Remind them to bring their pocketbooks or checkbooks!

There will be a sound system and a piano available to use at both talent events along with a small stage. We would like you to come early on March 28 to register. There will be an emcee to introduce all the contestants participating.

If you have any questions, please call Greta Wetzel at 309-221-7286. The Talent Event Committee would like to thank you for participating and hope this will be a fun event. What a great way to help raise some money for our community hospital. We can't wait to see your act!

Sincerely,

Greta Wetzel, Chair  
Capital Campaign Talent Event Committee