

Hot Dog Day proceeds benefit eight area charities

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ALFRED Hot Dog Day and spring in Alfred go hand in hand. For more than three decades, the popular weekend event has been a source of fun and entertainment for countless college students and local residents. Organized jointly by Alfred University and Alfred State College, Hot Dog Day also serves the community by providing support to area charitable organizations. Each year, money raised during the Hot Dog Day weekend from the sale of hot dogs, tickets for carnival games and rides, and fees paid by craft and concession vendors is donated to charities in Allegany County. This year's event, held April 25-27, raised \$5,720. At a luncheon on the AU campus Wednesday, organizers presented eight organizations with donations of \$715. Patricia Debertolis, director of the Powell Campus Center at Alfred University, said approximately 70 AU students worked as volunteers over Hot Dog Day weekend. More than 50 Alfred State College students volunteered their time, said Bill Harclerod, coordinator for campus programming at Alfred State. Hundreds more showed their support by participating in the Hot Dog Day parade, the Mud Olympics and other events. Debertolis explained that a student executive board, made up of students from Alfred University and Alfred State College, chooses the beneficiaries of Hot Dog Day proceeds. "The students use the criteria of service to the Alfred community and involvement in our county," she said. Recipients this year were A.E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Co., Alfred; Alfred-Almond Little League; Alfred Station Fire Department; Allegany ARC; American Red Cross of Allegany County; Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity; Literacy Volunteers of Allegany County; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.