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- Sweet support

Farmington Hills-based Sweet Dreamzzz Inc. recently received a donation of \$3,831 from the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of REALTORSÆ (WWOCAR). Nancy Maxwell, executive director of Sweet Dreamzzz, made the announcement.

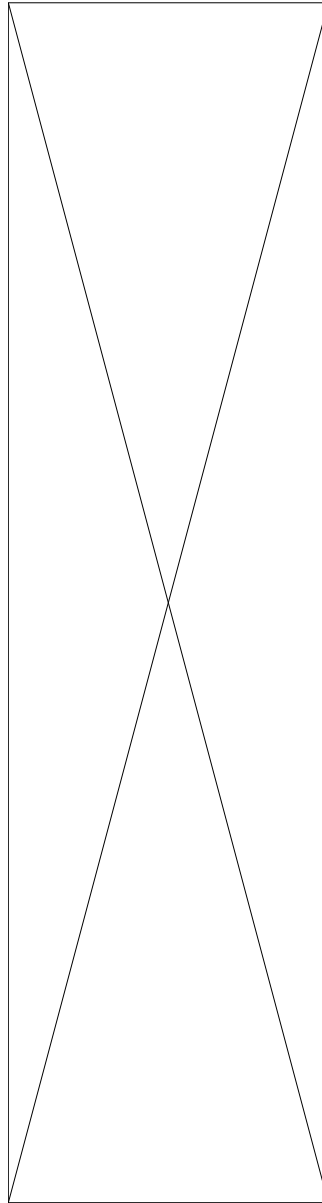
The donation was raised at the WWOCAR annual bowling fund-raiser on May 6, 2009 at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia. The nearly \$4,000 raised will be used to educate elementary school aged children in southeast Michigan on the importance of sleep through the R.E.M. (Rest. Educate. Motivate.) Sleep Program, and to provide the at-risk children with bedtime essentials.

“We are honored to be the recipient of this year's WWOCAR fund-raiser,” said Maxwell. “Through local contributors like WWOCAR, we are able to continue to carry out the Sweet Dreamzzz mission and will be able to help thousands of children achieve a warm and healthy night's rest this year.”

Sweet Dreamzzz, a non-profit organization, administers the R.E.M. Sleep Program with the belief that well-rested children are better prepared for classroom learning. The program is twofold, bringing both warmth and comfort to the children as well as vital information they need to ensure a good night's rest.

The R.E.M. Sleep Program starts with a 30-minute interactive program for the children that educates them on the importance of sleep and good sleep hygiene habits. After the presentation, each child receives a sleep kit consisting of a sleeping bag, a backpack filled with a nightshirt, socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, stuffed animal, a R.E.M. activity book, and crayons.

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Several metro-Detroit schools are scheduled for the R.E.M. Sleep Program in the fall of 2009, including Lincoln Elementary in Westland. To date, Sweet Dreamzzz has been able to serve more than 25,000 children.

For information on volunteering or organizing collections for Sweet Dreamzzz, call the office at (248) 478-3242 or visit www.sweetdreamzzzdetroit.org.