



Dear Valued Community Supporter,

On behalf of the Ottawa Chautauqua Festival Committee, thank you for your continued support of one of Franklin County's most cherished traditions—our Independence Day fireworks show.

Each year, families from across our region gather under the night sky in Ottawa, united by patriotism and small-town pride, to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Last year's display was one of our biggest and brightest yet—thanks in large part to the generous contributions of individuals and businesses like you. Thousands came together in a safe, festive environment to celebrate not just our country's independence, but the spirit of Franklin County itself.

However, as with many community events, we continue to face growing challenges. The cost of putting on a professional fireworks show has risen steadily—nearly 20% each year—due to inflation, supply chain disruptions, rising fuel prices, and labor costs. These pressures make it harder each year to deliver the kind of spectacular, meaningful celebration our community deserves.

We're grateful for the continued support from the City of Ottawa and Franklin County, but in order to fully fund the show, we're seeking an additional \$2,000 in private donations from individuals and businesses across the community. Your contribution—large or small—will help ensure that we don't have to shorten the show or reduce its impact.

Donations are tax-deductible through The Chamber Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We're proud to live in a place where neighbors come together to create something special. Thank you for helping us keep this celebration alive for all to enjoy. Please make checks payable to:

Ottawa Chamber Foundation-Fireworks
109 E. 2nd St, PO Box 580
Ottawa, KS 66067

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryland Miller".

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