

A Special Thanks to a Very Special Donor

Dear Mickaboo

My name is Sean Moriarty. I am 11 years old, and I have recently read your flyer. I am donating because my family has 3 birds, 2 Goffin's Cockatoos names Peaches and Joebird, and a Blue and Gold Macaw named Casey. Joebird and Applejack were both rescues, and Joebird was from the very same Mickaboo foundation. In 2007, we will send some pictures to you. I am donating \$50.25 for your cause because I love all our birds and I hate to see birds that were abandoned like that. One moment being petted and cuddled, the next, abandoned and cold. I have one request, can you please use the money I donated to save as many birds as you can. Thank you for doing such wonderful things.

Sincerely,
Sean Moriarty

Let's take a trip in time. Back to when you were 11 years old. Close your eyes and think of what you were doing. Very few of us were able to look outside ourselves. It was selfish, sure, but part of growing up, I guess. Once I matured, I realized how what I do impacts everyone and everything around me.

Today's kids that age are texting, connected through their ears to little music pods. Football games, cheerleading, music, classmates, school. The mall. Almost every minute is self-centered- what is fun, what do I like to do, 'entertain me' thinking.

But not everyone goes through this phase.

Meet Sean Moriarty. Sean has memories, feels a sense of responsibility for the world around him. Sean is wise beyond measure. He cares. For people and animals. And Mickaboo's birds were the benefactors of his recent generosity.

We just had to share this story.

Sean is 11 years old. He knows the value of money and works when he can.

His most recent job came when a neighbor had to leave for a few days, leaving behind an older, attention-needing cat, and a huge poodle, Aries, that required food and walks three times a day. Sean accepted the responsibility and attentively met the needs of these two animals all while their owner travelled. He worked hard and earned his fee for the excellent service he provided.

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So what did he do with the money? Buy an iPod? A video game?

Sean, under his parent's guidance, divides his earned money (no, he doesn't get an allowance) into three categories- Save, Spend, and Donate. Yes, he is 11 years old. Wise beyond measure.

Sean saw our newsletter. It bothered him that other birds were not as fortunate as those in his family. Instead of just being bothered, Sean acted. He knew about Mickaboo from his own family's adoption of a beautiful, and now deeply loved, Goffin's Cockatoo name Joebird.

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During an interview, Sean was asked why he chose Mickaboo this year. "I

read your flyer about the mistreated birds, and it made me feel angry and upset. I wanted to donate to help save and take care of the birds. It made me feel nice that I could help the birds with their new home."

"What if you were on the streets or dying because you didn't have enough food or water or shelter, and people decided they would rather buy an iPhone or a Nintendo DS or a computer for themselves?" So Sean gave the money to Mickaboo. All \$50.25. A princely sum for many, but especially for an 11 year old.



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Finding Forever Homes for helpless avian animals. This is simply Mickaboo's mission.

Not everyone gets it. But one young man does.

We are honored that Sean would think of the birds at Mickaboo as the beneficiary for his philanthropy.

Every bird at Mickaboo has been helped by the unbridled generosity of others. We live to support the birds. Our volunteers work long hours, donating their personal time, and don't get a dime. Our vet bills are too astronomical to mention. And it's not someone who gives huge amounts that keeps us going. It's the warmth of a boy who donated \$50.25. He didn't have to donate. That could buy a lot of things. But he chose to help rescue, nurse, and feed birds. To help them have a better chance of finding a forever home.

When asked what he would tell others about donating to Mickaboo, Sean

easily answered: "I would tell them how it makes you feel really good to donate, because you know you are helping another person or animal. Not everyone has the same good start as you."

Wise beyond his years.

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Would you consider matching Sean's donation as the tax year ends? Every little bit is appreciated, used carefully, and makes a big impact. You may not be able to give what an 11 year old can. But anything you give will gratefully

received and cautiously spent in support of our mission. Please consider an end of the year donation to Mickaboo using any of the methods below.

***From all of us at
Mickaboo***

***Happy New Year!
And may we all live a
life like Sean.***

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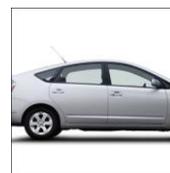
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THANK YOU! Your donation to Mickaboo enables us to continue helping the hundreds of birds in our care. Mickaboo is a 501(c)3 organization, and **your donations are 100% tax-deductible.** You will receive a receipt for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please email us at mail@mickaboo.org, and visit our website at www.mickaboo.org to read more about our birds and other ways you can help. On behalf of our growing family of rescued birds, adopters, and volunteers, **thank you.** We could not do what we do without you.

Sincerely,

Pamela Lee
Development Director
Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue

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may reduce the taxes you owe!*