

## Did you know?

Twenty years ago, this awesome individual created a very special program for our Moose fraternity called "Tommy Moose". Tom Hatcher's career as a volunteer leader, and mentor is long an extraordinary in our Moose fraternity.

Tommy Moose was his community service project when he served on the board of Moose International as Supreme Governor in 2003-2004, and his idea was to have our Moose lodges distribute these Tommy Moose dolls to organizations that supported children when they needed comfort during a state of emotional distress. Distribute them to hospitals, first responders, and other organizations that are directly supporting this mission. His program has distributed hundreds of thousands of Tommy Moose dolls across the country thanks to kind hearted members of the Moose fraternity.

I fell in love with the program, because I understand how important this type of support can be to a child that is experiencing extreme emotional distress.

This is the true power of a great fraternal organization, it is bringing community together to do good! How one individual was able to take an idea and have it supported by a million members nationwide is incredible! This is why I love our Moose fraternity and fraternal organizations because when they work they are phenomenal social togetherness tools!

Volunteerism has been lost to the modern-day culture. Our digital society has trained human beings to forget the importance of human togetherness; however, I am proud to say that fraternal organizations like "The Moose" are working hard to keep human togetherness and supporting community as a core mission!

I'm thankful that I can call Tom Hatcher a true friend, mentor, and life inspiration! Simply, I would have never met him if it was not for The Moose.

I look forward to announcing a very special Tommy Moose partnership in the near future, it is at the heart of supporting children who are going through a stressful life transition.

Again, thank you Tom Hatcher for this wonderful program it has enriched my life and thousands of others beyond belief.

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