

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are writing you this letter on behalf of Yukon High School inviting you to take part in our newest tradition known as MILL Week. MILL (Millers Improving Local Lives) is the new face and name our community's philanthropy week that takes place at the high school. Previously known as WISH Week, our goal was to bring back a sense of community and outreach to the great city of Yukon.

It is our mission to bring together "Yukon's BEST" to help someone in need. MILL Week is a week to promote community growth and prosperity. No better thing in town best represents this quite like our famous flour mill. Though not still in working order, the mill represents the hard working, dedicated community members that helped put Yukon, Oklahoma on the map. These ideals are something that our students take seriously and continually search for ways to better not only the lives of the person next to them, but the lives of our town as a whole. In order to meet our mission and provide the services we deem fit for our recipient, we rely heavily on the generosity of the individuals and businesses of Yukon and surrounding areas for support. Without the assistance of community-minded individuals just like you, we wouldn't be able to serve those in our community each year.

This year we have been blessed to be introduced to Antonius Acre and his family. An eighth grader at Yukon Middle School, Antonius comes from a long line of Yukon graduates. His older brother, Alex, is a graduate of Yukon High School and was a member of the Pride of Yukon marching band. He has an older sister, Angel, who is currently a junior at YHS and is also in the marching band. Antonius, who is described by many as wise and witty, sarcastic and a bit of a fireball—to us, is above all things BRAVE. He has been asked to be more brave than any 14 year old kid should ever be asked to. Antonius has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a rare disease that causes severe atrophy of the muscles and multiple health issues. Most recently, due to the muscles in his back not being able to support the vertical nature of his spine, Antonius underwent spinal fusion surgery—in hopes of relieving severe back pain and improving normal respiration and digestion. Due to the severity of his condition, Antonius is confined to a motorized wheelchair. Although when he is around you will see him zipping and zagging in his chair, his time out in the community has been limited since his surgery. Being that the family does not currently own a lift van that accommodates transporting Antonius in his chair, he can no longer be out and about like he used to. Previously the family had lifted him in and out of a manual wheelchair in their regular car, however, after his surgery, this is no longer possible. He loves school, he loves his friends, and we all want to see him be a kid again!

It is our goal, with your help, to create a greater quality of life for both Antonius and his family. We ask that you make a commitment to support our annual appeal by making any type of donation. As the family has stated, anything and everything helps—and beyond donations they are just excited to see their boy be in the spotlight and raise awareness for this cause. We hope that you know that your generosity can and will make a difference in our community. Thank you for being "Yukon's BEST!"

Sincerely,
MILL Week Staff

Donations:

- Any and all donations can either be picked up by a MILL Week representative or mailed to the following address:

**Yukon High School
Attn: MILL Week
1777 S. Yukon Parkway
Yukon, OK, 73099**

- Checks can be made payable to “Yukon MILL Week”
- Any and all receipts will be tendered for any taxable deductions and any additional receipts can be requested
- We have enclosed a donor envelope for your convenience
- If you have any questions, concerns, rants, or raves, you can contact:

**Jamie Tate
MILL Week Director
Jamie.tate@yukonps.com
(405)-919-8377**