

Former Racinian donates \$2,000 for fireworks

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RACINE -

A former Racinian working in Washington, D.C., donated a substantial sum to help run this year's Fourth of July daytime festivities.

Paul Miller, 38, recently donated \$2,000 to The Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce's Fourth Fest effort, a sizable amount when compared to existing donors.

"That's on par with other corporate donations in town," said Al Volmut, a Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce (RAMAC) board member. "That's really stepping up to the plate."

Miller was born and raised in Racine, and remembers watching Racine's annual Independence Day parade roll south on Main Street through Downtown.

With his donation, Miller hopes families in town can enjoy the festivities in a similar manner to when he was younger.

"It's another opportunity to give back and enjoy the weekend," Miller said.

Miller owns the Fairfax, Va., based lobbying firm Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC.

Among his other charitable efforts, Miller is also the founder of the Hoops for Hope, a charity event where members of congress compete against lobbyists to raise money for children's charities in the Washington, D.C., area.