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Dear Rosebud Lions Club,

Allow me to introduce myself! My name is Hayley Rosenau and I have been living in Rosebud for nine whole years and proudly call it home. I work and volunteer in many different areas in town whether in be bartending, serving, scooping ice cream, cleaning bnb's, baking and working in the theatre. I am a member of the local Lions Club and am the treasurer for Rosebud Community Enhancement Society. I am also currently a fourth year student at Rosebud School of the Arts majoring in Acting. I took my first year of Theatre Foundations back in 2016 and took some time off and focussed on other schooling. I returned to RSA in 2022 with a renewed energy and passion for all things theatre and live performance.

As a fourth year student, one of the requirements of the program is to produce and act in what we call a Final Project. As a producer, my job includes but is not limited to: building a budget, choosing a play and purchasing licensing rights, curating an artistic and creative team, building and sending out contracts, schedules and updates, as well as fundraising and marketing. As an actor, my job includes memorizing lines, learning my blocking and transitions, attending every rehearsal, embodying a character and telling the story as truthfully and authentically as I can. It is a large undertaking but I am excited to finally be at this point in my schooling after nearly a decade.

I've chosen the play *'Night, Mother* by Marsha Norman which received a Pulitzer Prize in 1983 and was originally produced on Broadway in New York City. The cast is compiled of two women playing a mother/daughter duo. The play focuses primarily on mental health, suicide, mother/daughter relationships and bodily autonomy. At first glance, this show sounds like a doozy, and while it does have challenging content and focusses on uncomfortable topics and situations, I think it is an important story to tell and for people to hear. I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to do this. The show will be at the Akokiniskway Gallery right here in Rosebud and will take place October 8-11, 2025. Showtimes will be confirmed soon.

Why am I telling you all of this? Well, as I said before, producing shows is not a cheap or easy thing to do. I am currently fundraising by doing bottle drives and bake sales and will likely be hosting some community events with a fellow classmate this summer. That said, I am also hoping that you as a club would be willing to financially sponsor my Final Project. As a sponsor, you would be featured in my program and pre show chat, as well as advertised at live events and on social media. I completely understand if you are unable to, but would be incredibly grateful for any amount.

I have also attached a menu of the baking I am offering. If there isn't anything that tickles your fancy, have no fear, I will be changing the menu up at the end of the month. My fundraising efforts will be continuing from now until the show opens in October.

Thank you so much for considering. I am so grateful to have this club in my life and am honoured to serve my community with you folks.

All the best,

Hayley Rosenau