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## **AK-SAR-BEN CORONATION BALL ANNOUNCES PRINCESS HONOREES**

*July 28, 2008, Omaha, Nebraska* – The Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation Ball Committee has announced the names of the Princesses of the Royal Court for the 2008 Coronation Ball titled *Jewels of the Heartland* scheduled for Saturday, October 11 at the Qwest Center Omaha. A tradition of the Heartland since 1895, the mission of the Coronation Ball is to promote, recognize and celebrate volunteerism, philanthropy, and civic pride. All proceeds raised benefit the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Scholarship Fund.

The Royal Court is comprised of Princesses, Countesses, Escorts, Heartland Escorts, Standard Bearers and Pages from the region and reigned by a King and Queen who remain a mystery until the actual coronation ceremony. A Princess is a young woman between the ages of 21 and 24 whose family has actively contributed to the Omaha community.

The 2008 Princesses of Ak-Sar-Ben are:

Emily Ann Bartlett, daughter of Rita and Stephen Bartlett, Sr.; Sarah Jane Brower, daughter of Deborah and Sam Brower; Allison Grace Conley, daughter of Deborah Conley and John Conley; Anne Laraine Duda, daughter of Gayle and Clare Duda; Laura Elizabeth Fraser, daughter of Deborah and John Fraser; Jillian Jennings Goodman, daughter of Kathleen Bradley and Sanford Goodman; Alyssa Michele Grewcock, daughter of Michele and Douglas Grewcock; Patricia Caroline Hawkins, daughter of Marianne and Frederick Hawkins, Jr., Emily Marien Kemp, daughter of Julie and Michael Kemp; Kiley Ann Kiser, daughter of Keven and Gary Kiser; Sara Rose Kroeger, daughter of Janet and Dr. Michael Kroeger; Hannah Maureen Langdon, daughter of Mary Jo and Dr. Robert Langdon; Talia Marisa Mangiameli, daughter of Debbie and John Mangiameli; Alyse Marie Morgan, daughter of Annie and P. J. Morgan; Lauren Elizabeth Peeler, daughter of Melissa and Donald Peeler; Katelyn Marie Pirnie, daughter of Lori and Mitchell Pirnie;

Stephanie Ann Pohlman, daughter of Jane and Craig Pohlman; Laura Nicole Schmadeke, daughter of Debbie and Gregg Schmadeke; Mary Elizabeth Schuring, daughter of Elizabeth and Douglas Schuring; Kierstin Renee Sensor, daughter of Cindy and Wayne Sensor; Kelly Lynn Slattery, daughter of Deborah and Daniel Slattery; Kaitlin Marie Stemm, daughter of Cindy and Brian Leiferman and Kathryn and Dr. Richard Stemm; Sarah Marie Stormberg, daughter of Diane and Dr. Scott Stormberg; Emily Joan Strawhecker, daughter of Kathleen and Kurt Strawhecker; Ellen Michelle Stryker, daughter of Linda and George Stryker; Jessica Lynne Warren, daughter of Aileen and Thomas Warren, Sr.

The annual Coronation Ball is organized through the year-long dedication of nineteen volunteers led by Women's Ball Committee Chairman, Ann Hergenrader. "Our committee and all the families of the court are outstanding examples of the spirit of volunteerism in our region," Hergenrader said.

The Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation Ball is one of several recognition programs the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation offers as part of their mission "to build a more prosperous Heartland, where communities can flourish and every child can succeed."

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