

Elmwood student wants you to get aboard the SHIP and See Hope In People

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JERRY CITY -- Shipley Morlock simply wants to help the fire victims in California.

That is why he designed and is selling T-shirts.

Oh, did I mention? He is 7 years old.

Shipley is a first-grader at Elmwood Elementary. When his teacher Stephanie Weiker talked about the fires causing havoc in California, he knew he wanted to help.

But first, he needed a saying.

Thus SHIP -- See Hope In People.

"It's part of my name," he explained. "I needed it to stand for something. I wanted to come up with something for SHIP."

Get it?

Then he designed the logo.

"No one would buy a shirt with just his name," said mom Michelle Morlock.

"I just wanted to," said a shy Shipley about why he's helping people he's never met.

The T-shirts are available in nine colors, from violet and daisy yellow to sapphire blue and Irish green.

To order, go to the Screen Printed Products website (<https://screen-printed-products.myshopify.com/collections/ship-seeing-hope-in-people>).

The company was familiar with the family, having done work for Morlock Asphalt.

Tricia Jackson, art director for SPP, said Shipley "came (up) with his design. I helped him clean it up. It's taken off since then."

Shipley also has a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ShipleyMorlock/

Sizes for youth XS to 5X are available, ranging from \$10 to \$13. Shipping will be added. The next order deadline is Jan. 2.

All profits -- about \$7 per shirt -- will be sent to California.

Shipley's goal is to sell 500 shirts -- he's hit the 100 mark and is proud he sold five at a recent Elmwood basketball game.



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Shipley Morlock, 7, created the logo and slogan for his T-shirt fundraiser.

The son of Tony and Michelle Morlock, Shipley has three brothers and one sister.

His goal in life is to become a YouTube star and has posted a video about his T-shirts. It can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=v374EHyGCcg&feature

"It's a lot of funny stuff," he said about his love of YouTube.

He also has posted several videos of his skateboarding antics.

In school, his favorite subject is no longer computers -- much to the surprise of his mom -- but music, then library.

"There's a lot of dumb questions" on the computers, he said with the honesty inherent in a first-grader.

His most fun part of school? Recess.

He'll like school more when "the whole thing is recess."

SPP gave the Morlock family a deal as long as their logo appeared on the sleeve of the shirt.

Shipley's biggest fear is for families that have lost their decorations for Christmas.

He's hoping someone will use the money for a new house.