



The Edmarc Visitor

Fall 2016



By Charity's Mom and Dad

"Incompatible with life." Those are the three words which set us on an amazing and miraculous journey.

Really, the story begins a little before those words. In the fall of 2014, we were on our way into another pregnancy and couldn't have been happier. Being "seasoned parents," which was really just a nice way of saying over 35, the doctors wanted to spend a little more time discussing family histories so we could know better what to be prepared for. We scheduled the appointment in the morning, and the entire family attended, with the idea that dad would continue to work afterwards, while mom and the two children could continue on with their day. The blood work had already come back fine, and a quick interview with a genetics counselor confirmed that we were low risk for everything. We spent most of the time chatting about life while eight-year-old Andrew and two-year-old Morgan entertained the group. Finally the big moment arrived, an opportunity for the children to

see the first glimpse of their 20-week new sibling via ultrasound. The technician was quiet and focused on the business at hand while we made observations and pointed to hands, feet, and facial features. The technician finished up and we waited while she went out to get the doctor.

When the doctor arrived the atmosphere definitely changed as observations and measurements were made. No one was chatting. It was obvious; something was not quite right. We took Andrew outside to watch TV while we tried to wrap our minds around what was happening. The doctor said some words, gave a diagnosis, and then said the three



fateful words, "incompatible with life." They offered to just "take care of things" right then. Instead, we opted to go back to the genetics counselor's office where she wrote down the word "holoprosencephaly." She attempted to explain it, but I'm not sure we

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were listening. We gathered our family together, explained to our son that we didn't know what was going to happen, and went home.

The next weeks included more ultrasounds, tests, and various explanations on the difficulties facing our child. It included an appointment with a children's neurologist where we were handed a copy of the same wikipedia article we had already googled on our own. We were given the official diagnosis that our unborn baby had Alobar Holoprosencephaly (HPE).

What we knew is that Holoprosencephaly (HPE) is a condition where the brain does not fully divide into two hemispheres. It can range from mild (Lobar) to moderate (Semilobar) to severe (Alobar). Most babies diagnosed with HPE do not make it to birth. Alobar HPE usually results in a lack of nose, merged eyes, and other severe developments. And what is a doctor visit without statistics? According to the Carter Centers for Brain Research in Holoprosencephaly and Related Malformations, "It is estimated that HPE affects between 1 in 5,000-10,000 live births. Since many pregnancies with a fetus diagnosed with HPE end in miscarriage, the frequency of HPE among all pregnancies may be as high as 1 in 200-250. Current studies indicate that only 3% of all fetuses with HPE survive to delivery and the vast majority of these infants do not survive past the first six months of life."

For our family, choosing to end the pregnancy was never an option. Instead, we chose to allow God and nature to continue our unborn child's life, realizing we would most likely never have the opportunity to meet before a premature end. We discussed continuing the pregnancy with our regular OB who agreed to continue providing care for us throughout the pregnancy.

Knowing the challenges we were facing, we were referred to EDMARC for support. And at the time, we did not fully realize the amount of support we needed, or fully appreciate the gift we had just been given. EDMARC listened to our diagnosis and asked us how they could help. As we approached the ninth month of a pregnancy (that wasn't supposed to be), we asked for help writing a birthing plan and developing plans to enjoy what few precious moments we may be granted with our child.

On January 11, 2015 at 4:19 AM, Charity was born at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. The staff understood and supported our desire to keep care as simple as possible and allowed us to just hold our new daughter. Friends rushed Andrew and Morgan to the hospital so they could meet their sister and spend a few minutes with her while she was still with us. There was a general calm as we waited for the inevitable. Everyone did what was expected, everyone except Charity.

The next couple of hours were spent taking pictures and talking. And then there were questions about feeding. And suddenly hours turned to days. We took many pictures in the nursery. She had many visitors. She was baptized. Andrew read her bed time stories while Morgan proclaimed that she "loves her baby sister" and asked "can we keep her?" with an innocence only a three-year old can. We celebrated her 1 and 2 week birthdays. And before we

knew it, the staff was asking us about car seats and home plans. We suddenly found ourselves as unprepared as though we were first time parents. At just over two weeks old, Charity was discharged home where EDMARC met us, ready to provide the next stage of care, home hospice palliative care. And we learned we were not alone in our journey; instead were a part of a larger HPE family. We were welcomed into Familes For HoPE. We were part of the "O" team working to change HPE into HoPE!

The next several months were rather tumultuous and exhausting. She spent her one-month birthday in the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) where she received her first EEG. What girl does not want a medical procedure for her birthday? Over the next several months, she spent nearly every other week checking into the emergency room and transferring to in-patient care while we worked to gain control of seizures, sodium levels, body temperature, and other symptoms of HPE.

Finally in May 2015, Charity had a breakthrough in treatment. After getting her G-Tube (the tube that feeds directly into her stomach) installed and hemangioma removed, she met Danielle

Goldblatt-Burch, her miraculous dietician, who started her on a ketogenic diet. The ketogenic diet is a

centuries old therapeutic diet used primarily to treat epilepsy. It is a relatively simple principle of excluding high-carbohydrate foods such as starchy fruits and vegetables, bread, pasta, grains and sugar, while increasing the consumption of foods high in fat such as nuts, cream and butter. The most critical factor of the diet is ensuring all forms of carbs are eliminated, including absorption from creams and medications. Through the steadfast dedication of Danielle, we have all been trained in what is acceptable and what is not. Even Morgan knows that



Charity keeps company with some special 'friends'



Charity's brother, Andrew, and sister form a picture of tenderness.

"Charity is allergic to sugars and carbs." After all the variations in medications and multiple hospital stays, this single action seemed to have the greatest improvement in her life. While the seizures are still a daily occurrence, they are significantly reduced. Charity went from week long in-patient hospital stays every other week, to being hospital free for over a year!

And we have fully 'seized' this past year. Charity traveled cross country multiple times for various family events, including a family cruise to celebrate her great-grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary. The family started physical therapy to improve mobility and maintain flexibility. She even crawled with assistance a couple times with reciprocating leg movements, something neurologically "impossible" for her to do.

As we sit and write this, we reflect back on the past two years since we first learned of HPE. We are so thankful for the many wonderful people who have been brought into our lives, all of the doctors, nurses, therapists, friends, and complete strangers. We are grateful for all of the support we have received. We have grown in our faith and confidence in God, realizing that we were given the opportunity to say YES to life when others might have said no. And, perhaps the biggest thing we have learned is that, in so many ways, Charity is a very typical child. She refuses to listen to adults and do what they expect her to do.

20 Years of Caring, Sharing and Memories

Camp M.A.G.I.C. 2016



Camp M.A.G.I.C. kids, their families and the counselors: A portrait of happy faces

The lanterns are released

This past August, Edmarc celebrated the 20th anniversary of the annual family bereavement camp, Camp M.A.G.I.C., which stands for My Active Grieving Instills Courage. Camp M.A.G.I.C. provides a weekend for families to come together and share their memories and experiences. This year 14 families joined us on the Eastern Shore, where we returned to Camp Silver Beach during the last weekend in August.

Throughout the weekend, families took part in activities that promoted healing and connection that allowed them, in safe and comfortable time and space, to share memories and experiences they had with their loved ones. Families were also able to take part in the numerous and inviting outdoor activities Camp M.A.G.I.C. had to offer. These included the Alpine Tower, the skate park, the pool, the Zip line and a scavenger hunt.

With an amazing sunset in the background, families gathered on the beach Saturday evening to send off floating lanterns containing messages and memories of the loved ones lost. As the sun continued to set, Camp M.A.G.I.C. families came together along the shoreline to watch as their lanterns gently drifted off into the glowing skies. No camp is complete without a campfire, so we ended the day by the fire surrounded by music, family, new friends, and, of course, s'mores.

Our hope is that Camp M.A.G.I.C. will continue to be a place where families can come together and share in the laughter, smiles, anger, and tears that we all experience along grief's journey.

We are extremely thankful for our Camp M.A.G.I.C. sponsor, the Miller Oil Foundation, as well as to Brianna Christine Photography.

Without them we would not be able to provide and capture the amazing experiences that Camp M.A.G.I.C. provides.



A loving message aboard a lantern



Camp Silver Beach's Spencer Pool was splashin' good fun!



Kamden takes to the boards

FORE EDMARC, FORE KIDS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!



And the teams are Ready to Roll!

The 20th Annual Edmarc Charity Golf Classic was festive, fun and a great success!

On August 18th, our friends from the Edmarc Golf Committee coordinated the 20th Annual Edmarc Charity Golf Classic. It was a glorious day at Cypress Creek Golfers' Club in Smithfield, and spirits were high as friends and business associates gathered to raise money for our kids.

The Edmarc Golf Classic is truly special. It is different from other charity events. It is not just about the money; we have no celebrity spokesperson to rally the community. We rely on the dedication of committee members – Event Chair Jeff Boynton, Joe Ruteki, Angela Dehart, Susan Blake, Kathy O'Connor, Rick Hibbett, Asa Lowe, Dorothy Jenson, Kristen Jones, Shantel Thomas and Debbie Stitzer-Brame -- all who gave their time and effort to make the event both fun and festive for the golfers and everyone else who participated.

In past years, we have been fortunate to have an Edmarc family attend the event. This brings a real presence that puts a face to those who benefit directly from the funds raised during the tournament.

This year, Joan and Allen Hogge (co-founding family of Edmarc) shared a bit of history and focused on the importance of events like the golf tournament and what they mean to the agency. Their comments inspired everyone present.

Allen spoke of how Edmarc is there each and every day to make sure that the Edmarc patient's entire family is cared for and supported. It was evident that everyone understood the real reason for this event and why it is so important to support Edmarc.

Once again this year we had the good fortune to have our dear friends with Elizabeth River Tunnels step up as our Premier Sponsor. First Team Auto was our Partnering Sponsor.

Joining this list of our generous and deeply appreciated sponsors were: McLean Contracting Company; Cashman Equipment; LifeNet Health; Q.E.D. Systems, Inc.; Golightly; Mulligan & Morgan, PLC.; Virginia Paving Company; Dominion Enterprise; Griffin Dewatering and Joan and Allen Hogge, along with Arthur "Bud" Brame, as our Golf Cart Sponsors. Pomoco was our hole in one sponsor. Geoquip sponsored the Par 3 Contest. Eure Rentals was once again our Golf Ball Sponsor. In addition we want to say thank you to our Beverage Sponsors, Herb Haneman with Western Branch Diesel and Huey's Trailer Spotting Service. Once again, a big thank you to Old Point National Bank for sponsoring the sound system and staff for the event. We were also fortunate to have Baxter Simmons and Baxter's Sports Lounge, providers of the fabulous meal at the awards dinner.

There were some very special items generously donated for raffle and silent auction prizes and top notch prize packages were presented to the tournament's top finishers.

The day's beautiful memories were captured by our dear friend and talented photographer, Bob Harper.

When all was said and done at the end of day, \$37,000 had been raised for Edmarc and our children!! Heartfelt thanks to all the committee members, volunteers, sponsors and all who participated in this year's event that helped make it the best ever. The Edmarc Charity Golf Classic is truly "FORE OUR KIDS."



...and representing ERT...



Now up for bid at the Auction Table



Debbie gets things underway



SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME, MEANS PICNIC TIME FOR EDMARC'S FAMILIES

This year, we had another wonderful picnic at Bayville Farms on the 12th of June. Staff, volunteers, and families all enjoyed the afternoon, special thanks to our sponsor, The Kiwanis Club of Norfolk. Everyone had a chance to enjoy snow cones donated and served by Pelican Snowballs while listening to live and lively music by Amy Kaus. There were face painting, games, a bounce house, lots of good food, and water gun fun to keep everyone cool. Everyone who came out for the fun had a great time!



TEE'ING IT UP FOR THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP... EDMARC HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN AND THE MILLER OIL FOUNDATION

Each year, the night before the Miller Oil Foundation's Annual Charity Golf Tournament starts off with the Chairman's Reception at the home of Gus and Deanne Miller. This year, Edmarc was asked to be their Silent Auction Partner for the event. It was an especially lovely night as some of Hampton Roads finest came together in support of the Miller Oil Foundation's charitable causes. It included a reception complete with delectable treats and spirits along with music and entertainment by the Hurrah Players.

However, the silent auction was the event that captured the attention and desire of the evening's guests. The auction included themed packages, vacation getaways, wine from around the globe, activity outings and even a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork created by the children of Edmarc.

At the end of evening nearly \$10,000 had been raised to support the good work of both of our organizations. We can, with confidence say this was a "Hole in One" night!

Heartfelt thanks to our Miller Oil Family and to all who participated in both the Chairman's Reception and the Annual Charity Golf Classic.



YORKTOWN ROTARY WEEKEND - A TIME FOR RELAXATION, FISHING AND FUN FOR EDMARC FAMILIES

Every year the Yorktown Rotary hosts and sponsors an incredible event for Edmarc families. Named the Yorktown Rotary Weekend, this event gives the families a chance to take a mini vacation in the Yorktown area with exciting and fun filled activities planned for the whole family over the course of the weekend.

This year, this unique weekend adventure was no exception. Once again, on Father's Day Weekend, this year June 17-19, Edmarc families set off to enjoy this very special family time.

First off for this special weekend was a meet and greet picnic on Friday evening. The families spent the weekend at the beautiful Duke of York Hotel, just steps away the beautiful York River. Saturday activities included a family fishing trip and an evening designed to give both parents and kids some special time, with a party for the latter and an adult night out to dinner for the parents at a local restaurant.

Sunday included lounging-around time at the Yorktown Riverwalk before families headed home. The entire cost of the weekend is covered by the Rotary, and is lots of fun and a memory-making treat for all in attendance.

A huge thank you to the Yorktown Rotary for once again, providing a very special weekend for our Edmarc families.



All smiles on the dock



Briana's a bead artist!

Look! I caught one!

FINE ART, HISTORIC PORTSMOUTH, AND EDMARC PROVIDE THE RECIPE FOR GOSPORT SUCCESS!

The 46th Annual Gosport Arts Festival was held, once again, over a beautiful Mother's Day weekend in Olde Town Portsmouth this past May. The festival brought in nearly 80 artists from around the country who provided a wide and exciting variety of fine art and craft media for visitors of all ages. Artists displayed glass, mixed media, oil paintings, metal works, pottery, prints, jewelry, and more. Each of the artists in the show generously donated at least one piece of work to the ever-popular silent auction. One hundred percent of the auction's proceeds went directly to Edmarc, this year raising close to \$21,000—the best year yet! We even had some of Hampton Roads finest musicians donate their time and provided the perfect background music for our patrons. The Kid's Area, which featured activities from The Virginia Air and Space Museum, crafts, games, and live animals, also raised record donations.

The Festival, including the silent auction, raised nearly \$8,000 to support the children and families of Edmarc. The show's small but highly dedicated committee saw to it that everything ran smoothly. It was a perfect weekend to enjoy the artful event, and the crowds were out in large numbers.

The Children's Museum of Virginia hosted the artists' reception on Saturday evening where the awards and ribbons were handed out. Vic Frailing served as the Show's esteemed judge. A lifelong artist and art educator, Vic has taught for 35 years at both secondary and collegiate levels. He is a photographer and painter with numerous awards for varied bodies of work. Chef Jeffrey Floyd and his culinary team from the Art Institute of Virginia Beach catered the delicious dinner.

Sincere thanks and appreciation go to the local talent who performed during the festival. The Derek Smith Trio, Vince Kornegay, Brian Sewell and Kevin Brinson, The Kings of Ukulele, Derek, Jasper & Dakota Smith and Amy Kaus provided the music that kept things hopping throughout the show.

Thanks also to the City of Portsmouth for providing, much to audience delight, stilt walkers and a comical juggler. The City also supplied a majority of the supplies to pull the event together.

This event is a key fundraiser for Edmarc and raises awareness for its mission. It would have been an impossible feat without the support of its generous sponsors and amazing volunteers!

2016 AWARDS, SPONSORS & WINNERS (in that order)

\$2,000 Best in Show | KPMG LLP

\$1,000 Award of Excellence | StratusLIVE

\$500 Award of Distinction in an Open Category | Bath Fitter

\$500 Award of Distinction for Wood | Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP

\$500 Award of Distinction for Glass | Green Olive Tree, Inc

\$500 Award of Distinction for Mixed Media | Friends of Gosport

\$500 Award of Distinction for Jewelry | Captain and Mrs. Michael R. Gluse

\$500 Award of Distinction for Ceramics | The Stanley Blaxton Foundation

\$500 Award of Distinction for Sculpture | Bayside Harley-Davidson

\$500 Award of Distinction for Photography | TowneBank

\$500 Award of Distinction for Painting | Ruth Jones and Howard Hanna William E. Wood

\$250 Ann Dearsley-Vernon Award | Damuth Trane

\$250 Patricia J. Sawyer Memorial Award | Trish's Family

Amanda Outcalt

John Furches

Joe and Jan Dumas

Douglas Richard

Joshua Solomon

Robbie Garrity

Jan Osborne

Dianne Hottenstein

Chad Clark

David Wilson

Ed Obermeyer

Colleen Williams

Kyle Dooley

The real success behind this event lies in the hands of our extraordinary and dedicated volunteers. It could not happen without them! A very special thanks to each of them. Along with them and our deeply appreciated sponsors, one truly amazing event was accomplished!

CHARGE IT!!!

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN

CHARGE YOUR DONATION TO EDMARC?

Edmarc gladly accepts donations made with a Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Diners Club card, or through the BB& T button on our website. Call our office at (757) 967-9251 and charge your donation right over the phone! We'll mail you a copy of the charge slip showing the amount of your contribution with an acknowledgement letter. Minimum donation by credit card is \$25.00. Edmarc thanks you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DESIGNATIONS!

Many, many friends, nearly 1,500 of you, designated Edmarc Hospice for Children as the recipient of your contributions in last year's workplace fund-raising campaign. That includes all United Way donors and federal employees who participated in their workplace campaign.

A reminder - the new campaign is upon us. We count on your designations and deeply appreciate your faithful support. Thank you again and again for all you do!



BAYSIDE HARLEY-DAVIDSON CELEBRATES EDMARC, AND AN ANNIVERSARY

Let's just say party goers "threw back" the biker way on Thursday June 2nd. The fun included live music, a prize for the best 80's costume, great food at great prices, and The People's Choice Ride-In Bike Show (1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies were awarded.) And it was all to benefit EDMARC Hospice for Children.

In addition, one lucky winner scored big in the free raffle to win \$1,000 worth of Harley Davidson merchandise!

The fun took up again on Saturday, August 20th to celebrate Bayside Harley Davidson's 18th Anniversary. It was a kickin' celebration, complete with live music, Peoples Choice Ride in Bike Show, great food, prizes and libations. On top of all that, these folks at Bayside Harley-Davidson gave away a brand new Harley to one lucky winner. The event helped raise awareness of Edmarc's impact in the community and raised over \$2,000 to support us in our work.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our friends at Bayside Harley-Davidson, with a special thanks to Maurice and Rodney. You all sure do know how to throw a party, and we are thankful to have been a part of it!



Edmarc was front and center at the Bayside anniversary party!



Debbie and friends all set up to celebrate



Let's hear it for the '80's!



Members of Edmarc's amazing team of volunteers

YMCA CAMP SILVER BEACH TEENS BROUGHT IN A CARNIVAL OF FUN FOR EDMARC KIDS!

On Saturday, July 9th, teen campers from YMCA Camp Silver Beach arrived ready for festivity and fun! Over 70 campers prepared games, nail polish stations, face painting, and water balloon fun for Edmarc kids and families. The teen leadership continues to impress us year after year. The dedication these campers and counselors



put into this day really show their deeply appreciated commitment to Edmarc. Special thanks to Rhonda and Waverlee for organizing this very special event.



HONORING OUR VERY OWN CHARITY VOLMAN

Edmarc Foundation Board Member and YWCA Woman of Distinction

Charity, a trustee on Edmarc's Foundation Board, was recognized as one of this year's YWCA's Women of Distinction.

She serves as the President of Suntrust Bank, Southeast Division.



WITH A VERY SPECIAL BRAND OF STRENGTH AND CARING, THESE ARE EDMARC'S VOLUNTEER FORCES

On Monday, July 11th we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. We truly would not exist if it weren't for the many folks who give their time, effort, and love to Edmarc. We are forever grateful and extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one! Thanks for helping us reach the stars!



You'd never guess these Star Wars gremlins are really Edmarc's social worker, Abbey and her sister!

These are the volunteers who served over 50 hours last year:

Wayne Anderson, Michelle Barrett, Mary Beth Beddingfield, Dorothy Bell, John Bell, Shelley Brooks, Robert Ericson, Rachel Eves, Jane Foster, Carla Fuller, Sparrow Haynie, Pixie Jones, Laura McLaughlin, Tiana Minter, Eddie Nagle, Amy Paulson, Janet Schafer, Jim Seagraves, and Leanne Veary

Invaluable Edmarc volunteer, **Shirley Bloomer**, served over 150 hours last year!!

Below are the Edmarc volunteers who served with a special excellence in a specific area:

- Administrative Excellence: **Shirley Bloomer**
- 11th Hour: **Jim Seagraves**
- Grocery Delivery Excellence: **Ann Huff**
- Grocery Delivery Excellence: **Dee Mills**
- Helping Hand: **Ed Francis**
- Family Support Award: **Blake Boykin**
- Music Award: **Amy Kaus**
- Gosport Arts Festival Award: **Children's Museum of Virginia**
- Community Impact: **Portsmouth Fire Department**
 **Portsmouth Police Department**
 **Battalion Chief Richard Hudak**
 **Lieutenant Richard Harris**
- Santa Award: **Santa Henson and Mrs. Claus**
 **Santa Schrieber and Mrs. Claus**
 **Santa Bailey and Reindeer**
 **Santa Grimsley**
 **Santa Brown and his Elf**
 **Santa Barbaro**
 **Santa Adams**
 **Santa Smith**
 **Santa Davis**
 **Santa Mark**
- Everyday Angel: **Jane Foster and Jim and Karen Divita**
- Camp M.A.G.I.C. Award: **Lori and Chris Tufts**
- Peace by Piece Award: **Janet Schafer and Michael Heath**
- Most Reliable Peace by Piece Substitute: **Brian Boutot and Michelle Walter**
- Peace by Piece Lifetime of Service Award: **Eddie Nagle**
- Peace by Piece Therapy Dog Award: **Wayne and Mike Anderson**
- Peace by Piece Partnership & Non-Profit Partner: **Children's Harbor**
- Faith Community Award: **Monumental United Methodist Church**
- Events Extraordinaire: **Ghent Bar Tours**
- Chef Award: **Baxter Simmons, Jr.**
- Tasty Treat Award: **Mary Ellen Triplett**
- Youth Volunteer Award: **Hampton Roads Academy**
- Leadership Award: **Diana Williams**
- Volunteer of the Year: **Cyrus Heydarian, M.D.**

SHINING THE EDMARC SPOTLIGHT ON OUR
"VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"

DR. CYRUS HEYDARIAN

Not only does he volunteer his time as Edmarc's assistant medical director, he consistently goes above and beyond to serve our patients and families. He is available to them at night, on weekends, holidays... ANY time he is called upon for assistance.

Additionally, he will occasionally make "house calls" with Edmarc nurses when he is not at CHKD to just say hello and visit, which lets our families know how important they are to him.



Dr. Heydarian is not only a caring and compassionate physician, he works tirelessly to advocate on behalf of our patients and families. A well-deserved "spotlight" indeed!



Hampton Roads
Community Foundation

HERE YE...HERE YE...!

Hampton Roads Community Foundation (HRCF) Awards
Edmarc Hospice for Children a Building Excellence/
Development Capacity Building Grant

We are so excited about this new partnership with the HRCF to receive technical assistance from The Curtis Group. Edmarc was one of two organizations that received the grant. The grant is designed to help us assess our development capacity, build a sustainable development plan, help implement the plan to improve our operations, and develop our case statement. This process will take approximately 42 months.

We know the future holds great things for Edmarc and are grateful to the Hampton Roads Community Foundation for its recognition and support. Stay tuned for more updates!!!

With love, we remember

Charlotte P. (4/5/12-9/16/15)

Charlotte was a beautiful and amazing little girl who has a special place in the hearts of all who knew her. Though her time here was far too short, she touched the lives of so many. Charlotte was very rarely seen without a smile and was adored by all who had the privilege to meet her. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her parents, Josh and Kelly; her siblings, Dani, Isabella, and Bailey and other family members and friends.

Ainsley R. (12/10/03-2/23/16)

Ainsley was a remarkable little girl filled with love and determination. She loved to be dressed up by her mom, and was well known by her beautiful, long, brunette braid and collection of hair bows. From a young age, she competed in races with her dad, and was a trailblazer for other little ones with special needs to participate in races across the country through her foundation, Ainsley's Angels of America. Ainsley is remembered with so much love and will be greatly missed by her mom and dad, Kim (Rooster) and Lori; her big sister, Briley; little brother, Kamden; and countless friends and family.

Sarah Y. (2/28/16-2/28/16)

Sarah Faith was an amazingly strong and extraordinarily beautiful little girl who immediately stole the hearts of her parents, their families, and even the hospital staff. Throughout her brief time with her family, she exhibited an immense amount of courage and taught her family the true meaning of faith. Sarah Faith will be fondly remembered and loved by her parents, Jonathan and Melissa, as well as numerous friends, family, and community members.

Aurora W. (3/21/16-3/21/16)

Aurora was a sweet little girl who was truly loved by all who knew of her impending arrival. Though her parents, Haylee and James, did not get to spend time with her, their love for her never waivers. They, as well as their families and friends, will always remember her with so much love.

Rayan L. (1/13/15-4/23/16)

Rayan was an incredible little boy who was adored by all who had the privilege of meeting him. He loved to spend time with his parents and his uncle (though he was more like Rayan's brother), and loved to hold and cuddle his stuffed Iago toy. His parents, Fatima and Hicham, and his uncle Yasser will always remember his bravery and strength with love.

Grayson L. (5/19/09-6/21/16)

Grayson was a spirited little boy who was truly wise beyond his years. He could beat anybody in a SpongeBob SquarePants trivia contest, and loved Thomas the Train Engine so much that he had an impressive collection of trains; he was always very happy to show his trains to anyone who might ask. He epitomized courage throughout his illness journey, and touched countless lives during his short time here with his loved ones. He will be deeply loved and remembered by his mom, Rachel; his dad, Bennie; his step-dad, Tony and his siblings, Georgia, Dalton, and Memphis as well as countless friends and family.

Christian M. (6/28/16-6/28/16)

Christian was an amazing baby boy who holds a special place in the hearts of many. Though his time here was far too short, he touched the lives of so many people. He was adored by all who had the privilege to meet him. Christian will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his parents, Tiffani and Josiah; siblings, Aleesia, Malaki, and Kingsley and numerous other family members and friends.

Jacob A. (7/7/05-8/21/16)

Jacob, "Jake," was an adventurous, witty, and athletic young man who touched the hearts and lives of countless friends, family, classmates, and teammates. Jake was a self-proclaimed thrill-seeker, who loved to ride roller coasters, play football, and perform stunts on his trampoline. Aside from his love for roller coasters, Jake loved to go to Water Country, play with K'Nex, and watch the New York Giants (especially Eli Manning who sent him a signed football!) Jake has made an incredible impact on all who were lucky enough to know him, and will be tenderly remembered by his parents, Stephanie and Dave; his sisters, Victoria and Lauren; his little brother, Nicholas and many other friends and members of his family.

ATTENTION PLEASE:

SANTAS, ELVES AND TURKEYS!! WE NEED YOU...

BECAUSE THE HOLIDAYS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Dear Community Member:

It's never too early to commit to helping a child.

A child with a life-threatening illness changes everything for a family. Think about Thanksgiving or Christmas. Then think about what it would be like to have a child in hospice care and two other healthy children. A holiday dinner may be the last thing on mom's mind, which is why every Edmarc family has a Thanksgiving and Christmas sponsor to supply a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Christmas shopping at any store is crazy, but add to it a child in a wheelchair or a homebound child and the stress can become unbearable. Families are sponsored for gifts too. It might not seem like much. Yet exhausted parents tell us that acts of kindness like this make their situations a bit more bearable.

Last year, with the help from community members in Hampton Roads, close to 380 people (81 Edmarc families) enjoyed much brighter holidays than they would have had otherwise. Edmarc knows that when a family has a sick child, every day is special, but they look forward to making the holidays just a little extra special.

This year we need your help more than ever. The number of children and families Edmarc cares for is rising. So get involved today, become a sponsor or volunteer because you will be the one who receives the greatest gift; hugs and tears of thanks!

Please consider helping in one or more of the following ways:

- **Thanksgiving dinner food baskets:** Providing the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal helps our families tremendously. *(Baskets are due by Wednesday, November 16, 2016)*
- **Deliver Thanksgiving food baskets** in the Hampton Roads area. *(Delivery: Saturday, November 19, 2016)*
- **Gifts for families:** We'll provide a "wish list" and information about the family to help with gift purchases. For the majority of our families, the Christmas gifts that donors like you provide are the only ones Edmarc's families receive. *(The deadline for unwrapped gifts is Tuesday, November 28, 2016)*
- **Support the annual holiday party** for our bereavement support group, Peace by Piece. Please consider donating decorations, drinks, paper products and other items to help make this evening a special time. *(Party will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016.)*
- **Gift wrapping:** Join with friends and co-workers and come to the North Pole, a.k.a. Edmarc's office, and wrap the gifts that have been donated. *(Gifts will be wrapped December 3rd)* Must RSVP for time slot.
 - **Note: Must be 18 years or older to participate in this event**
- **Be an elf for a day!** Join Santa and the Edmarc staff for our annual Santa Delivery and help deliver the gifts to the families who will enjoy a visit from Jolly Saint Nick himself! *(Sunday, December 11, 2016)*
 - **Note: Must be 18 years or older to participate in this event**
- **Holiday dinner food baskets:** Providing all the fixings for a meal for Christmas helps our families immensely. *(Baskets are due by Wednesday, December 14, 2016)*
- **Deliver Holiday dinner food baskets** in the Hampton Roads area. *(Delivery: Saturday, December 17, 2016)*

As you can see, there are many ways you can help make a difference in the lives of children this holiday season. We hope that you will join the fun and help make the holidays just a little easier and a lot less stressful for Edmarc's children and families.

Please contact Kristen Jones at 757.967.9251 or jonesk@edmarc.org for more information. Please return the enclosed form by mail or fax it to 757.967.9124 as soon as possible. Thanks for your support!

EDMARC HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN 2016 SPONSORSHIP FORM

Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Fax _____

Please indicate with which project your group will participate:

- Thanksgiving dinner food baskets:** Providing the fixings for a meal for Thanksgiving helps our families tremendously. *(Baskets are due by Wednesday, November 16, 2016).*
 Number of families you wish to sponsor: _____ (average family size is 4-6)
 Size of Families: Small (2-3people)
 Medium (4-6people)
 Large (More than 6 people)

- Deliver Thanksgiving food baskets** in the Hampton Roads area. Saturday, November 19,2016
 Number of people delivering _____

- Gifts for families:** We'll provide a 'wish list' and the family's information so as to help with your holiday purchases. For the majority of our families, the Christmas gifts donors like you provide are the only gifts they will have for Christmas morning. *(The deadline for unwrapped gifts is Monday, November 28, 2016).*
 Number of families you wish to sponsor: ____
 Size of Families: Small (2-3people)
 Medium (4-6people)
 Large (More than 6 people)

- Support the annual Holiday Party** for our bereaved support group, Peace by Piece. Donations needed include decorations, drinks, paper products and other items to help make this evening a fun time. *(Party is Thursday, December 15, 2016)*

- Gift wrapping:** Join with co-workers or friends and come to the North Pole, a.k.a. Edmarc's office, and wrap the gifts that have been donated. **You must RSVP for gift wrap days.** This is first come, first serve and fills up fast. *(You must be 18 to participate)*
 Saturday, December 3, 2016 • Time: 10AM-12PM _____ 12PM-2PM **FULL** 2PM-4PM **FULL** 4PM-6PM _____

- Be an elf for a day!** Join Santa and the Edmarc staff for our annual **Santa Delivery** and deliver the gifts to the families who will enjoy a visit from Jolly Saint Nick himself! *(Sunday, December 11, 2016).*
***NOTE: You must be 18 years old to participate in this event**
 Town you prefer to catch the trolley (first come, first served basis): _____

- Christmas dinner food baskets:** Providing all the fixings for a meal for Christmas helps our families tremendously. *(Baskets are due by Wednesday, December 14, 2016).*
 Number of families you wish to sponsor: ____
 Size of Families: Small (2-3people)
 Medium (4-6people)
 Large (More than 6 people)

- Deliver Christmas food baskets** in the Hampton Roads area. *(Delivery: Saturday, December 17, 2016)*
 Number of People deliverine _____

Please return this form to: **Kristen Jones, Community Resource Coordinator**
 516 London Street
 Portsmouth, VA 23704
 Fax: 757.967.9124
 For more information: contact Kristen (967.9251 ext. 203)

Thank you for offering to help children in Hampton Roads. Have a happy holiday!

A WARM WELCOME TO ROBERT J. BALCOM AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE EDMARC BOARD

Dr. Balcom is a new member of the Board of Edmarc, having started his tenure in June of this year. His medical education started at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York and his residency training was at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA. After fellowship at Upstate Medical Center, from 1985 to 1993, he served as an associate Neonatologist in practice at Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital in Elmira, NY. He came to Hampton Roads in 1993 to assume directorship of the Neonatal ICU at Virginia Beach Hospital, now subsequently Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital.



In 1997, Dr. Balcom then completed an MBA at the College of William and Mary and began in an administrative role for Mednax Medical Group (formerly Pediatrix Medical Group) in 1998. He served next as chief medical officer and then as regional president for the Group from 1998 until retirement in 2015. Along with financial responsibility for the practices in his region, he was responsible for overseeing the quality of care rendered to their patients.

Dr. Balcom is active in a number of several volunteer endeavors that include in their number the Kiwanis Club, SCHOLA Cantorum as a board and singing member, KAIROS prison ministry through his church, and the Archaeological Society of Virginia. He is married to Elise and has two adult children and two grandchildren.

STEPHANIE GRAEFE HAS FOUND HER NICHE...

...and we are so glad Edmarc plays a part in it! Stephanie Graefe, RN, BSN, BA attended the University of Virginia for Nursing school after growing up in Norfolk, Va. While in Charlottesville she also completed a degree in psychology. Immediately after graduation in May of



2015, Stephanie moved back to Hampton Roads with a job in CHKD's emergency department. While there, she met Dawn Jennings who shared her experiences as a nurse with Edmarc. Stephanie had previously heard of Edmarc through her mother, who works at Sentara Norfolk General's Labor and Delivery unit, and knew this was an organization with which she wanted to become involved. This opportunity opened up early 2016 and she jumped at the chance to work with an incredible group of individuals.

Stephanie currently works full time in the CHKD ER while working one to two days each week with Edmarc. She has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the staff and families in these past few months. In her occasional free time, Stephanie enjoys going to the beach, attending country concerts, and napping with her 13-year old English Bulldog, Alfred.

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MARY T. MORGAN WINS LOCAL BAR LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD



The Virginia State Bar Conference of Local Bar Associations has bestowed the 2016 Local Bar Leader of the Year Award to Mary T. Morgan, a partner in Golightly Mulligan & Morgan PLC in Hampton Roads.

Morgan is the president of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association (NPBA) and has served in leadership roles in a number of other bar organizations including the James Kent Inn of Court, the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, the Federal Bar Association, and

the Portsmouth Bar Association.

In nominating Morgan, Judge David W. Lanetti wrote that, "Although this nomination is for a bar leader award, true bar leaders take their legal training out into the community." Lannetti noted that Morgan volunteers throughout her community in schools, churches, and the Edmarc Hospice for Children, where Morgan is chair of the board of directors.

T. Wayne Williams of Williams DeLoatche PC in Chesapeake, who is immediate past president of the NPBA, wrote that, "Mary handled almost all leadership roles in our organization and has done so with full commitment and excellence whether it be chairing the Bench Bar Committee, assisting with CLE programs, assisting with the Mock Trial program I coordinate for the Norfolk Public Schools as a teacher and judge, or chairing committees for the NPBA recommendation for judicial nominees."

Morgan is a graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law and her practice focuses in the areas of professional liability defense, bar complaint defense, and general civil litigation.

The Virginia State Bar Conference of Local Bar Associations' recognition of a Local Bar Leader of the Year identifies past and presently active leaders of local bar associations who have continued to offer important service to the bench, bar, and public. The award is a continuing monument to the dedication of local bar leaders. It also emphasizes the importance of close cooperation between the Virginia State Bar and local bar leaders.

The Conference of Local Bar Associations will present the Local Bar Leader of the Year Award during its annual meeting on Friday, June 17, 2016, in Virginia Beach during the VSB Annual Meeting.

MEET ERIN OWENS, NEW MEMBER OF THE EDMARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A warm welcome to Erin, a longtime resident of Chesapeake, VA. When she is not working as a compliance officer with TowneBank, Erin serves as a volunteer with the Urban League of Hampton Roads, She Has Wings, Inc., and Grown Baptist Church. Erin's love for serving out in her community is based on a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Erin is excited to be a part of the Edmarc Board of Directors.



TONYA MCKINNEY JOINS EDMARC FOUNDATION BOARD



Welcome to Tonya McKinney who was first introduced to Edmarc Hospice for Children in 2006, while working with the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. She was employed in the non-profit field for 19 years, and then began her second career with MassMutual Commonwealth, as a Financial Services Representative. The opportunity to serve as a foundation board

member at Edmarc, was a natural fit for Tonya.

Her focus within the national non-profit field included patient services, program development, fundraising and donor procurement. Tonya's prior experience, compassion and willingness to serve complement the direction and future of Edmarc.

A resident of Virginia Beach, she has two adult children and two miniature dachshunds. In her spare time, she enjoys going to the beach, biking, cooking and running.

Tonya's strongest desire is to live in a world where the words "children" and "hospice" no longer exist in the same sentence.

TAKE ACTION: These are the ways you can help Edmarc!

- Like Edmarc on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/EDMARC516>
- Help us expand our reach on social media. Share our posts!
- Do you shop at Kroger? Register your Kroger Plus Card online and designate Edmarc! You will raise money for our organization while you shop. <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>
- Designate Edmarc as your Rite Aid KidsCents charity at www.kidscents.com with your Rite Aid Wellness card member number. Then all you have to do is shop and round up!
- Edmarc is a certified United Way Agency. Designate Edmarc during your company's United Way campaign.
- Want to volunteer at Edmarc? Email volunteer@edmarc.org for more information!
- Is your family or company hosting a party? Think about raising money for your favorite charity, Edmarc, in lieu of gifts!



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- American Indoor Karting for tickets
- Mrs. Cindy Amick for silent auction items
- Wayne Anderson for Camp M.A.G.I.C. supplies
- Apostles Lutheran Church for quilts
- Applebee's for gift certificates for the silent auction
- Ms. Karen Archbell for holiday supplies
- Arengee for the website update for the Gosport Arts Festival website
- Atlantic Communications for communication for the Gosport Arts Festival
- Audio, Light and Music for discounted sound equipment for Gosport
- Auto Bell for gift certificates for the silent auction
- Mr. Nathan Avery a glass bowl for the silent auction
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- Ms. Jan Barco for an Under the Sea platter for the silent auction
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- Baxter's Sports Lounge for dinner and table linens for the golf tournament

- BB&T Poquoson Branch for food items
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- Beach Movie Bistro for guest passes for the silent auction
- John and Dorothy Bell for refreshments for the Artists' Reception and water for Gosport Arts Festival
- Big Ugly Brewing for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Big Woody's for a gift certificate for the silent auction
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- Ms. Julia Dressler for items for the silent auction
- Carole Duckett for games and movies
- Taylor Duke for a hunting package for the silent auction
- Joseph Dumas for a wrought iron piece for the silent auction
- Dunkin Donuts for providing breakfast for volunteers
- Patty Dwyer for school supplies
- Eastside Pizza for food items
- Elite Island Resorts Caribbean VIP trips for the silent auction
- Elizabeth River Crossing OpCo, LLC for goody bag items for the golf tournament
- Eure Rentals for providing golf balls for the golf tournament

- Ms. Cindy Evans for a silent auction item
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- Farm Fresh for Valentine balloons
- Breeanna Feauto for a silent auction item
- Feld Entertainment for event tickets
- First Team Toyota Automotive for divot tools for the golf tournament goodie bags
- Joni and Katherine Fitzgerald for holiday items
- FM Restaurant for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- FM99/106.9The Fox/1230AM for serving as Media Sponsor for the Gosport Arts Festival
- Angela Foushee for holiday items
- Ed Francis for a cast glass piece for the silent auction
- Ms. Stephanie Frantz for food items
- Ms. Gretchen A Freedman for toys
- Freemason Abbey for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Mr. John Furches for a Williamsburg set for the silent auction
- Future Program-I.C. Norcom High School for Valentine's Day goody bags
- Garden Bros. Circus for event tickets
- Robbie Garrity for a print for the silent auction
- Ms. Tori-Ann E Garvey for Camp M.A.G.I.C. supplies
- Ms. Kathrine Gentile for holiday supplies
- Gershwin's for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Ghent Bar Tours for artist tote bag items
- Michael Gillespie for a yard statue for the silent auction
- Girl Scout Troop # 1094 for food items
- Girl Scout Troop 1443 for food items
- Terry and Linda Gleason for a print for the silent auction
- GLOW League for toys
- Golden Horseshoe Golf Club for green fees for the silent auction
- Golightly, Mulligan & Morgan PLC for promotional items for the golf tournament
- Joe Goodwin for being the clown in the Children's Area at the Gosport Arts Festival
- Gosport Tavern for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Grafton Supercuts for hair products
- Helen Grathwohl for clothing, toys, and craft items
- Misty Graves for prints for the silent auction



- Great Wolf Lodge for passes and a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Greenbrier Country Club greens fees and carts for the silent auction
- Melissa Gretsinger for holiday items
- GSCCC Troop 332 for food items
- Guad's for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Mr. Matthew Haddaway for a silent auction piece
- Linda Haley for blankets, pillows, crayons, coloring books and markers
- Hampton Roads Produce Distributor for food items
- Mr. Tim Hanley for medical supplies
- Mrs. Lia Harmon for a pendant and earrings set for the silent auction
- Cynthia F. Harrison for an item for the silent auction
- Hartung Gallery and Art Supplies for framing the Gosport Commemorative Posters
- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harvey for furniture
- Jasmine A. Haywood for holiday supplies
- Alicia Headley for holiday supplies
- Hell's Point Golf Club for greens fees for golf the tournament
- Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Henson for holiday items, art kits and toys
- Heron Ridge Golf Club for greens fees for the golf tournament
- Patricia Higgins for toys
- Katherine A. Hildebrandt for a necklace and earrings set for the silent auction
- Dee Holland-Brock for photography for the silent auction
- Ms. Wanda Hollberg for a necklace for silent the auction
- Holy Communion Lutheran Church for kids' goody bags, and holiday and school supplies
- Holy Neck Christian Church for wish list items
- Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, Tidewater Puddle for promotional items for the golf tournament
- Sally Hornaman for food items
- Ms. Dianne Hottenstein for items for the silent auction
- Indian Creek Productions for use of AV equipment for a fundraiser
- Isle of Wight Academy for pools full of toys
- Jackson Memorial Baptist Church for knitted hats and blankets
- Jad Photography for providing a complimentary photography session for the silent auction
- Preston James Birthday for providing Wish List items
- Ms. Shawn A. Jefferson for providing holiday supplies
- Bobby Jenkins for a Children's Area display
- Jerry's Artarama for tote bags for the Gosport Arts Festival
- John's Drive-In for a gift certificate and swag for the silent auction
- Phil Johnson for holiday supplies
- Mrs. Pixie Jones for goodies for the silent auction
- Ruth Jones for providing items for the artists' tote bags
- Amy Kaus for performing at the Gosport Arts Festival
- Kempsville Golf Course for green fees for the golf tournament
- Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Kerner for a photo for the silent auction
- Pamela Kinchlow for a copper bracelet for the silent auction
- Wesley and Nancy King for holiday items and board meeting dinners
- Kiskiack Golf Club for greens fees for the silent auction
- Kiwanis Club of Churchland for paper products
- Kiwanis Club of Norfolk Inc. for food items
- Knights of Templar for a Knighting ceremony for our kids at Spring Fling
- Mr. Vince Kornegay for providing music at the Gosport Arts Festival
- KPMG LLP for providing Spring Fling supplies
- Kroger Market Place for supplies for volunteer day
- Ms. Cyndie Krohn for a piece for the silent auction
- Larry Krussel for a photograph for the silent auction
- LaBella for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Lamberts Point for greens fees for the golf tournament
- Landstown High School for holiday supplies
- Mr. John Mero Larcombe for a toy, a bench, cushions, and a hammock
- Julie A. Larkin for a vase for the silent auction
- Kristina Lauren for furniture
- Shiroko Lifer for pottery for the silent auction
- Susan and Neal Lineberry for providing pillows
- Weihong Liu for a painting for the silent auction
- Lobscouser Restaurant for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Lockside Bar & Grill for a gift certificate for silent auction
- Long Board's for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Patty Lovell for holiday supplies
- Lucky Oyster for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Ms. Dana Luther for providing Owl Rescue in the Children's Area of Gosport
- Paula Jo Lynch for a sun catcher for the silent auction
- Mannino's for a silent auction gift certificate
- Jessamyn Manzeralla for a necklace for the silent auction
- Marriott-Norfolk Waterside for a gift card and 2 nights stay with breakfast
- Mr. Chad Marshall for holiday supplies
- Loretta Marshall for holiday supplies
- Massage Envy for massage certificates and coupons for the silent auction
- Massimo Zanetti Beverage USA for a basket for the silent auction
- Ms. Virginia May for Camp M.A.G.I.C. supplies
- Molly McDonald for toys
- Ms. Tonya McKinney for stamps, lawn decorations, and books.
- McQuivey Family for food items
- Medical Careers Institute Nursing Students for a gift card
- Danny Meek for providing equipment for the Gosport Arts Festival
- Dan Merila for a wooden puzzle box for the silent auction
- Mettle Events for a gift card, movies and a hand print kit
- Monumental United Methodist Church for providing 2 tickets to an Enchanted Evening production
- Christine Murray food items and paper products
- Mystic Silver & Glass Design for earrings for the silent auction
- Nansemond River High School for food items
- Ms. Beth Netts for holiday supplies
- Bryan and Tracy Niles for books
- No Frill Bar and Grill for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Norfolk Academy Clubs for holiday supplies
- Norfolk County Feed & Seed for donated mulch
- Norfolk Tides Baseball Club game tickets for the silent auction
- K. Bruce and B.J. Nuckols for toys
- Ed Obermeyer for a print for the silent auction
- Oceanview Golf Course for greens fees for the golf tournament
- O'Doodle Doo's Donuts for providing donuts for the Gosport Arts Festival
- Janet Jenkins Ogren for a photo on canvas for the silent auction
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- Olde Towne Family Chiropractic for gift certificates for the silent auction
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- Orzo Studio for a gift certificate for Intro to Pottery for the silent auction
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- Amanda Outcalt for a piece for the silent auction
- Panera Bread for providing breakfast items for volunteers
- Paradise Ocean Club for a gift pass for the silent auction and passes for goody bags
- Paramount Builders for holiday basket items
- Mr. and Mrs. David Parker for bedding and a toy
- Mr. John Payton for a kaleidoscope for the silent auction
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- Ivan Pesic for a print for the silent auction
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- Portsmouth Police Department Criminal Investigations for holiday supplies
- Portsmouth Service League for creating a play therapy room for Edmarc
- Michael Prieto for a barrel lazy susan for the silent auction

- Prince Books for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Professional Printing Center for printing the Gosport Arts Festival program
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- Q.E.D. Systems for items for the golf tournament
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- Mr. Robert Ramaglia for a silver pendant for the silent auction
- Red Drum Tap House for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- Kristen Redden for a toy
- Reddy Ice for providing ice for the golf tournament
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- Katie Riddick for providing face painting for the Gosport Arts Festival
- Mrs. Sarah Riek for Camp M.A.G.I.C. supplies
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- The Butcher's Son for a gift certificate for the silent auction
- The Coffee Shoppe for treats for the artists' tote bags
- The Commodore Movie Theater for passes for the silent auction
- The Cove for items for the artists' tote bags.
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- Yorkminster Presbyterian Church – Women's Circle for gift cards, toys, and food items
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- Mr. James Kenn Young III for a segmented bowl for the silent auction

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Fall Wish List—

- Volunteer baker to make homemade treats for our children/teens grief support group
- Volunteer plumber and electrician
- Gas cards, gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Office Max and grocery store gift cards
- Peace by Piece Program Supplies : homemade desserts, bottled water, juice boxes, letter beads
- Individual bottled water
- Tickets to Tides/Admirals games and other local activities including Virginia Living Museum, Marine Science Museum, Nauticus, The Virginia Zoo and Movie Theatre
- Gift certificates to an arts and crafts store, or \$25- \$50 for scrapbooks for families to make memory albums
- Michael's gift cards to make memory boxes
- 10-ride bus passes from HRT
- "Thinking of you" small gifts for moms and dads (travel-sized hand creams, bubble bath, body spray etc.)
- Gifts in kind for parents: gift certificates for haircuts, pedicures, manicures and massages
- Paper products: paper towels, toilet tissue and facial tissue
- 30-gallon clear storage containers
- Baby Footprint and Handprint Kits with Picture Frame
- Household cleaning supplies, (i.e. Mr. Clean, Windex, Clorox Clean-Up)
- Non-perishable food items
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Large storage units with drawers to house medical supplies (approximately 16", can be cardboard, metal or plastic)
- Gently used or new laptop computer for homebound children
- Baby monitors
- New bedding supplies (dark colors): bed pillows, mattress pads, sheets-fitted/flat in all sizes, blankets
- New large, plush, cushiony stuffed animals to help prop children up in bed
- Humidifier
- Wicker baskets, variety of sizes
- Hand puppets
- Dress-up/play clothes for Child Life Therapy

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