

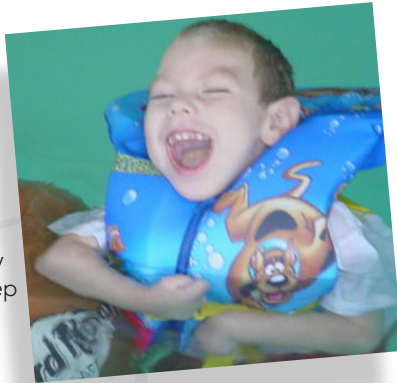


# The Edmarc Visitor

Fall 2011

## NOAH'S JOURNEY *By Noah's Mom, Cynthia*

I woke up in a cold sweat. Something was wrong. The nurse had taken Noah to the nursery at the change of shift. It was three hours later. Why hadn't they brought him back? My husband Keith said, and I agreed, that they probably saw we were asleep and kept him in the nursery. I tried not to think about it. Not two minutes later, the pediatrician and a nurse walked into my hospital room. Noah had had his first seizure. He was two days old and we were due to be discharged the next morning. Needless to say, I went home and Noah stayed in the hospital for eight more days.



We thought, in the beginning, as did the medical staff involved with Noah, that his seizures were benign. We were told nothing was found of any importance and that Noah would 'outgrow' the seizures. That did not turn out to be the case. At five months old, Noah was diagnosed with "Infantile Spasms." This is the name for a type of seizure disorder that meant chaos was occurring in Noah's brain. Some of the treatments we tried were horrible for Noah and us. He would cry 24 hours a day. The only comfort came from rocking him in the Lazy Boy chair. We LIVED in that Lazy Boy for months. Nothing is worse than seeing your child seize and cry continuously like something was hurting him. No parent is ever prepared for the turmoil and stress of seeing their child suffer.

Much of Noah's life has been in and out of the hospitals. At age four, his seizure disorder transitioned into Lennox Gastaut Syndrome or LGS, which means multiple seizure types with resistance to medications. He has also added several other diagnoses along the way. He had to have surgery on his back and hip due to his cerebral palsy. He had a surgery to implant a vagal nerve stimulator to help with seizures. He has also had multiple pneumonias and other respiratory illnesses.

Our biggest goal, as Noah's parents, has been to give him every experience we could

give him. No one in the medical field has ever been able to tell us why Noah is the way he is. Noah is 11 years old now and, I must say, it's not really important to us anymore. He is the way he is and it is our job to make sure he experiences everything in life just like any other child.

Noah has been non-verbal for much of his life; however, there is no denying the excitement on his face when he's doing something he enjoys. He has also just begun working with a communication device. This is a special computer programmed so that Noah can share everything from how he's feeling to what movie he wants to watch to what he wants to do. Noah has always loved swimming, baseball games, music, movies, and Disney World. Make a Wish sent Noah to Disney World in 2007. That trip could never be duplicated. He had a blast and we added memories to all of our lives. That has been our motto throughout Noah's life, to "Make memories."

How have we been able to do things with Noah when you think about everything involved in his care? It was easy, and still is at times, to become wound up in the monotony of responsibilities that include doctor's appointments, therapy appointments, IEP meetings at school, insurance claims and hearings. We could never accomplish even the daily routine without our circle of support. Our family, friends, nursing agency, church, and Edmarc allow us the opportunity to stay afloat.

We have been with Edmarc for about four and a half years, I think. We were connected to Edmarc through a friend whose son also receives services. The nurses, social workers, volunteers, and everyone else at Edmarc have been responsible for helping us make more memories with Noah. We have been able to shorten hospital stays, or prevent them all together, by having the nurses from Edmarc assist us with Noah's care. They take some of the stress away from

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**Upcoming Events ~**  
Annual Day of Remembrance  
Sunday, November 13, 2011

Edmarc Holiday Party  
December 9, 2011  
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Annual Edmarc Santa Run  
Sunday, December 11, 2011

Annual Fundraising Breakfast  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
Marriott City Center

## Volunteer Spotlight

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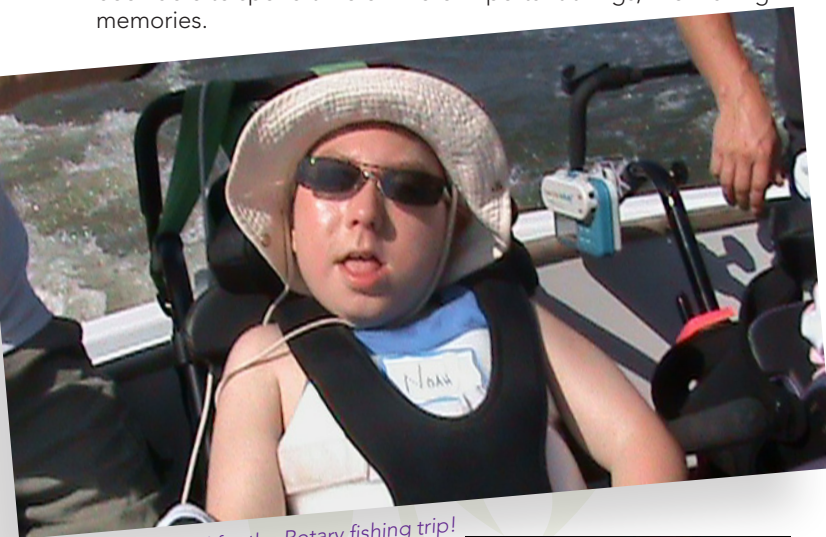
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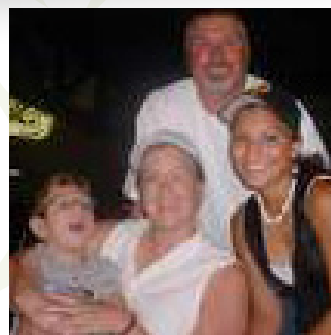
us by helping to evaluate Noah and act as liaisons between us and Noah's doctors. The social workers, volunteer coordinator, and other volunteers at Edmarc have been crucial to us. They have handled things that we either didn't know how to handle or just couldn't find the time to handle, from providing Christmas presents to helping with transportation. They are always there and appreciated.

We have also been able to connect with more families with children with 'different abilities' similar to Noah's. Last summer, we went on a fishing trip sponsored by the Yorktown Rotary Club. On this trip, we were treated like royalty and also got to socialize with other families. We had the opportunity to have fun, put worries and illness aside for a weekend, and enjoy ourselves.

We will always be thankful for the help and support Edmarc has provided to us. Through all their help and support, we have been able to spend time on more important things, like making memories.



On board for the Rotary fishing trip!



Noah, with Mom, Dad and Sis



Happiness is being home after a long hospital stay.

## Back to school time

Area schools are in full operation as we speak, and our Edmarc kids are still in need of supplies. Many of our families have a difficult time affording school supplies, and we count on donations to assist them. The items required vary, but most of the kids need the following: book bags, lunch boxes, pencil boxes, pencils, pens, highlighters, erasers, crayons, markers, rulers, scissors, notebooks and paper, folders and binders and arts and crafts supplies. Many of our older children need scientific calculators for math.

Because the supplies each child needs vary so much from school to school, and across grade levels, one of the best ways to contribute is to purchase gift cards specifically for school supplies. Many donors are reluctant to do this; however, there are many times we may not have specifically what a teacher has asked for in the office. Gift cards are immensely helpful as solutions to that problem.

Listed below you will find a guide for locations where gift cards may be purchased, and how much various amounts may provide for a student in need. Book bags and lunch bags are always needed, but often it's the younger kids people have in mind. Frequently, we do not get enough school items for our older children, the teens. They have their lists, too! Also, many of our families very often need help with the purchase of school clothes as well as with the purchase of supplies; gift cards for any local department store, in increments of \$25-\$100 for clothing, are also very welcome. Any assistance you may offer will be greatly appreciated!!

Below is a list of the items and where they may be found. With many thanks for your continuing generosity!

Kmart (\$20)	Large Book bag
Walmart (\$25)	Paper, Binders, Folders, Pens/Pencils, Markers, Arts & Crafts
Target (\$50)	Book Bag, Lunch Box, Paper/Notebooks, Pencils/Pens
Office Max (\$50-\$100)	Scientific/Graphing Specialty Calculator
Best Buy (\$50-\$100)	Scientific/Graphing Specialty Calculator

## A time and place of safety and sharing for grieving parents

On May 17th, 2011, Edmarc's bereaved parents came together for a time of fellowship and sharing a wonderfully delicious dinner. Comfort food was generously provided by Baron's Pub in Olde Towne Portsmouth.

Gathering this group of bereaved Edmarc and community families together provides comfort, safety, and support in an otherwise unsafe world. Parents are consistently told "You'll get over it." or "You're young, you can have another child." or "It's time to move on." This group knows that these words are not helpful. Grief never ends, and children cannot be replaced.

What Edmarc's support groups offer is a commonality of experience and understanding of what it means to experience a child's death, whether expected or unexpected. Our hope is that these support groups and opportunities for socialization at special dinners are helpful to grieving parents.

Heartfelt thanks to Tyler and the crew at Baron's Pub for their support and generosity to Edmarc's bereavement program, especially to our parents' groups. It's always a tasteful experience!

## With love, we remember

**Michael N. (8/30/10-4/1/11)** Michael was a tough, strong, and happy boy. He offered such joy and love to his whole family. He loved playing with Daddy on Daddy's days off, and welcomed Mom home with squeals and laughter. He was a welcomed addition to his family and extended family, loved and cherished by all. Though his life was much too short, he is forever loved by his parents, Mike and Meredith; grandparents; uncles; aunts, and cousins.

**Kendall G. (1/3/90-5/1/11)** Kendall was a beautiful, charming and beloved girl. Despite her challenges, she always communicated love and warmth to everyone she met. Her favorites included Barney and spending time with her family. Kendall absolutely loved Christmas and her eyes lit up at the sight of Santa Claus. She always loved to hear the carolers sing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "Jingle Bells." She laughed and smiled so much throughout her life. Kendall was just all smiles all the time. She had an inimitable zest for life and will be held dear forever in the hearts of her parents, Theresa and Jimmy; her sisters, Rachel and Jenny and numerous family and friends.

**Bradley W. (6/16/10-6/3/11)** Bradley was an amazing little boy who brightened the lives of his family and all who had the privilege to know him. Bradley fought a long and difficult battle with his illness, enduring several surgical procedures with courage and strength. He was truly a blessing and was adored by all those around him. Bradley is lovingly remembered by his parents, Elizabeth and Christopher; his big brothers, Nicholas and Douglas and many other family members and friends.

**Rashid R. Jr. (9/13/94-7/11/11)** Rashid was an extremely energetic and talented young man who blessed the lives of his family and friends. Rashid, a funny and bright young man, always brought a smile to your face. He loved playing sports and had a passion for making music. He was an extremely talented rapper who called himself Don Chepe. Rashid continually produced, promoted and wrote his own music. He is deeply loved and missed by his parents, Alexa Arias and Rashid, Sr.; sisters Destini, and Jamya and a host of other family members and friends.

**Cayden Christopher M. (7/20/11-7/20/11)** Cayden was a very sweet little baby boy who brightened the lives of his family. Though his time here was far too short, he was a blessing every minute of his stay. Cayden will be remembered lovingly by his parents, Shavonne and Paul; his big sister, Ziah and his big brother, Shakur.

**Kayson E. (4/20/99-7/24/11)** Kayson was a wise and brave young man who fought a very courageous battle with his cancer, never letting it dampen his spirit. He enjoyed playing baseball and soccer and spending time with his family and friends. Kayson had a huge heart, a smile that could brighten anyone's day; he truly lived life to its fullest. Kayson was an incredible amazing person who is lovingly remembered by his mother and step father, Sharon and John; his father, Shane and his siblings, Emily and Cody, along with many other family members and friends.

**Holly N. S. (3/13/94-07/27/11)** Holly was a beautiful, strong, and courageous young lady who touched the lives of everyone she met. Her strength and gentle smile inspired all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She was an honor student and participated in numerous sports and extracurricular activities. Holly is lovingly remembered by her mother and stepfather, Anne and Brian; her father and stepmother, Michael and Jackie; siblings, Connor, Olivia, Samantha, Vincent, Jack and Matt, as well as numerous other family and friends.

**Bradley P. (9/30/10-8/8/11)** Bradley was a sweet little boy who blessed the lives of his parents as well as the rest of us who had the gift of knowing him. Bradley fought a courageous battle with his cancer and truly brightened the lives of all those around him. Bradley always gave the biggest and brightest smile to each one in his presence. His time here was far too short. Bradley is deeply loved and missed by his parents, Christy and Aaron, and a host of other family and friends.

**Samuel H. (3/20/07-8/11/11)** Samuael was a bright-eyed, playful boy with a wonderful smile. He had the beautiful features typical of his Ethiopian heritage. His sensitive heart and precious way of expressing his needs and wants quickly went to the heart of all who knew him. Samuael is loved and missed by his parents Robert and Jennifer, and his siblings, Daniel and Madelyn.

## Edmarc welcomes new members in the Foundation board room

**Benedict P. Burbic, President Newport News Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 794**

We know him as Ben and like every other fire fighter; he has a special spot in his heart for children. His contributions to the youth of our community go far beyond the ball field. For decades the IAFF has taken up the fight for "Jerry's Kids" and MDA. Local 794 is no stranger to that cause having raised tens of thousands of dollars for Hampton Roads MDA. Many Newport News fire fighters hold out their boots and ask others to fill them for "Jerry's Kids." With the economy on a downward slide, many families are in need. Ben has spearheaded numerous fundraisers to benefit both MDA and most recently Edmarc Hospice for Children. For the past two years, Ben has been seen highlighting his Celtic heritage by sporting a kilt and other traditional attire while collecting for MDA and Edmarc. Ben knows both organizations deal with children and families at their most difficult times and just wants to help. The way he plans to do this is by helping to raise awareness on the Virginia Peninsula while building a leadership team to aid in the agency's fundraising efforts. At past fundraising events, Ben, dressed in his green kilt, has been heard saying, "Have you ever seen a bigger leprechaun?" as he holds out his fire helmet looking for some "gold." In his spare time, Ben enjoys spending time on the water and finds relaxation with a fishing pole in hand. He is never idle because, as he says, "There is always much to be done."

**Steve Frazier, Director of Caris Employee Services, Dominion Capital Partners**

Prior to his work in employee benefits, where he focused on employee engagement and retention, he was the pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Norfolk for 16 years. An active member of the Hampton Roads chapter of SHRM, the Tidewater Association of Service Contractors (TASC) and Hampton Roads Compensation and Benefits Association, Steve holds a BA in history from Eastern Washington University, a masters from San Francisco Seminary and a Doctorate in Ministry from Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ. Steve and his wife Nancy live in Chesapeake and have a blended family: Claire, Barron and Kelsey. An avid reader, Steve is also a published poet and, in his spare time, reupholsters antique furniture.

We welcome these two busy, generous and dedicated men to the Edmarc Foundation Board.



## National Alliance for Grieving Children's Conference offers invaluable support

The National Alliance for Grieving Children (NAGC) promotes awareness of the needs of children and teens who are grieving a death, and provides education and resources for anyone who wants to support them. Anne Chisman Abraham, MSW, Edmarc's Bereavement Program Director, is a member of this alliance. Anne attended the NAGC conference in Boston this past July 13th through the 16th, and returned with lots of new ideas and tools to add to her toolkit of skills in working with grieving children and teens. Among the conference highlights were workshops highlighting successful play activities that encourage children to talk about their grief, workshops on suicide and prevention, and workshops about self care for caregivers working with grieving children and teens.

This NAGC conference is an annual event, and always a great networking opportunity for participants to 'recharge' themselves, validate their work, sharpen their skills, and be reminded of what a blessing it is to be doing this important grief work with this population of tomorrow's leaders. Our goal as NAGC members, and in Edmarc's bereavement program, is to create a pathway that will allow grieving children to do their important grief work so that they may step out into the future as healthy adults.

If you would like to support Edmarc's bereavement program through Peace by Piece, our children and teens grief support group, or by supporting our annual bereavement camp, Camp M.A.G.I.C., please designate these programs in the memo portion of your check. Thank you in advance for allowing us, with your generous contributions, to continue this important grief work with children and teens in the Hampton Roads community.

## Welcome Jeanette.

Hello everyone! My name is Jeanette Santos Boze. I am a new patient care coordinator here at Edmarc. I have been a Registered Nurse for seven years, working almost all of those years on the Hematology and Oncology unit at CHKD. I moved here from New York City in 2005 and have since been a happily active member of the Virginia Beach community. My husband Ryan and I have three young children: a two and a half year old son, Milo, and one year old boy and girl twins, Felix and Eliza. I am honored to become a part of the Edmarc family and I so look forward to meeting you all!

## Charge it

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!

## The Art of Success was on display at this year's Gosport Arts Festival

The 41st Annual Gosport Arts Festival was yet another successful venture for Edmarc! On Mother's Day weekend, 2011, over 100 artists set up shop on High Street in Olde Towne Portsmouth. The weather could not have been better and the crowds were fantastic. The festival stretches from Crawford Street to Dinwiddie Street with artisans displaying beautiful and widely varied works of art. This year, these included pottery, oils, acrylics, glass and many other unique mediums. Many mothers were extremely happy to receive their Mother's Day gift from this one-of-a-kind show.

The Silent Auction was also a huge success again this year. It was so successful due to the generous donations from artists and local businesses that we had to increase the tent size! Auction items included various works of art, bicycles from the mid 1900's, and even residential services to be provided by the ODU Wrestlers. The Silent Auction raised over \$4,000 for the families and children of Edmarc.

The 2011 show also featured many new bands, an improved Kids Area and a fantastic Artist Reception. Also new to the show this year was an on-site framer. Over all, over \$10,000 was raised to support the mission of Edmarc.

Special thanks to the Gosport Arts Festival committee volunteers for all their hard work in planning and executing such a successful show. Thank you also to the many volunteers who came out to help with set up, taking drinks and snacks to the artists, working in the different areas and making the overall show a success. Another special thanks goes out to the ODU Wrestlers for working the entire weekend!

## Vroom, vroom ... beep-beep, splash!

Thinking of selling your old car, truck, boat or RV? Why not donate it to Edmarc Hospice for Children? We have a Car Donation Program available. Your donation is tax deductible and free towing is available. For more information, please call Edmarc at 967-9251. Why not choose this easy way to help yourself dispose of a vehicle you no longer need, and help our children and families in the process? Thanks for thinking of us!

**A CAR HAS BEEN DONATED TO EDMARC BY: Caroline Luzzatto**

## Thank you for your designations

Many, many friends, over 1500 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 right around the corner. We count on your designations and appreciate your faithful support. Thank you again and again for all you do!

Just in case you need Edmarc's designation numbers, they are:

**United Way of the Virginia Peninsula Federation 21611**  
**United Way Combined Federal Campaign 21611**  
**United Way of the Virginia Peninsula 7044**  
**United Way Combined Virginia Campaign 5011**  
**United Way of Southampton Roads 5020**

## Cast of characters graced Spring Fling 2011

The annual Spring Fling was held on a beautiful day in April for the families and children of Edmarc. The Easter Bunny made a special appearance, bounding about handing out Easter eggs, posing for pictures and spending time with all of the families. And there was, much to everyone's delight, a HUGE Easter egg hunt, with over 2000 eggs hidden throughout the grounds of Edmarc. Everyone went home with a dozen or more eggs full of candy and other surprises. Even Wags, Edmarc's mascot, made a special appearance to lend the Easter Bunny and the families a helping hand.

Many volunteers contributed to the event to make sure it was a fun and exciting day for everyone involved. Volunteers Regina and Jada Wright provided beautiful face painting for adults and children alike. Nansemond River High School's VOICE Club and Landstown High School's Interact Club provided games and helped the kids on their quest for Easter eggs. Thanks to KPMG, plenty of pizza, desserts and drinks were available after all that hard work as they hunted for eggs and played!

Our special thanks and appreciation go to KPMG for sponsoring this favorite family event!



Wags brings lots of laughter and hugs for Elric and his sister, Kat.



No silver bells, no cockle shells, but Easter eggs everywhere.



A tiger carefully inspects his stripes.



Marco and his family with The Bunny himself!

## Congratulations

- Greg and Tamika on the birth of Tamory on 7/23/11.
- Anthony and Ashley on the birth Eleanor on 8/6/11.

## Happy Goodbyes

We at Edmarc rejoice that four of our children, Hayleigh P., Amaya S., Jaiden T., and Garret H. are stable, doing well and currently not in need of our services. We also say goodbye to Qarim H. as he moved out of state.



### The courage to grieve – the soul of Camp M.A.G.I.C.

Camp M.A.G.I.C. (My Active Grieving Instills Courage) was a raging success the weekend of August 13-14th, 2011 in Surry, Virginia. Thanks to 14 Edmarc volunteers, the supportive folks at Eastover Retreat, nine willing Edmarc families, and mostly beautiful weather, we had a great time!

A grief Camp may not sound like much fun to most people. Camp M.A.G.I.C., in the midst of grief work, allows the families to play and grieve together. Families share stories about their loved ones, make quilt squares in their memory, play musical chairs with grief questions when you are "out," string beads with names of loved ones on bracelets and necklaces, swim in the pool, play Minute-to-Win-It games, have a s'mores campfire, and participate in a Sunday memorial service. Family participants feel more normalized in their grief experience, and lasting friendships are formed over these two Camp days.

Huge thanks to all of the families who were brave enough to come to Camp M.A.G.I.C. and share their grief with other adults, children and teens. More huge thanks to the best volunteers in the world, who come to Camp with their whole hearts.

For more information about Camp M.A.G.I.C., or any of Edmarc's bereavement groups, please contact Anne Chisman Abraham, MSW, at Edmarc, 967-9251.



And it's Chris...and Chris!



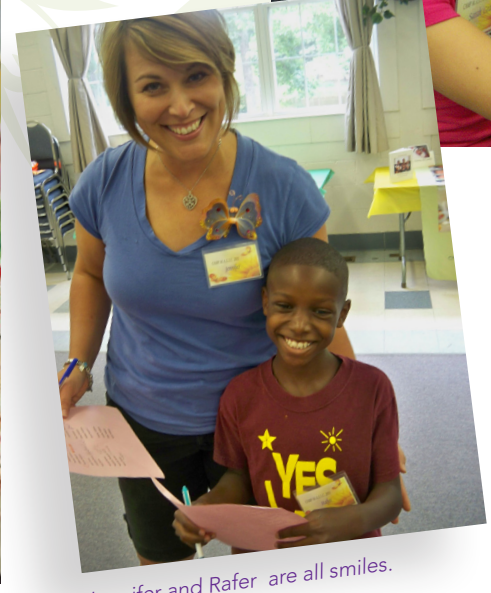
Here we are – the whole bunch of us!



Sarah Grace : Artist



Tiana and Valerie in front of the Memory Quilt



Jennifer and Rafer are all smiles.

### Edmarc annual family picnic successful once again

This year the annual Edmarc Family Picnic was held on the Peninsula at the Virginia Living Museum. The picnic was once again generously hosted by the Oyster Point Rotary. Guests included a vast number of Edmarc families, staff, board members, and large numbers of volunteers. A great time was had by all!

The Oyster Point Rotary grilled up lots of delicious food, including picnic basics in the form of burgers and hotdogs, and everyone brought side dishes and desserts to share. And these goodies were only the beginning of the fun.... Clowns and face painters, also provided by the Oyster Point Rotary, worked their special magic. The kids displayed some amazing painted artwork on their precious faces by the day's end.

The Virginia Living Museum generously sent out a demonstrator so the kids could see some of the museum's animals up close. These included a snake, a hawk and several other critters. The demonstrator did a fantastic job answering questions and providing intriguing facts about the different animals.

The American Cruisers came out to offer rides to the kids - and even the adults! Many took a ride around the parking lot on the back of those huge motorcycles. Smiles, laughter and the occasional scream were heard all around!

To beat the heat, the families were able to tour the Virginia Living Museum to see all of its wonderful exhibits. Thank you to the Oyster Point Rotary for hosting an event filled with fun, adventure, and special memories for all who came.



Rotary 'chefs' cookin' up the good stuff!



Amaya and her Grandma



Brooke and Noah with a 'turtle' named Lynette.



Elric and Kat enjoy a cool moment.



Sam and his brother, Michael, share the view



Who's that?? Spider Man!!



Owen and his Mom, Marina, prove two halves make a whole lot of fun!



Ready to take to the road



## Yorktown Rotary weekend

### A fine fish tail from the Yorktown Rotary Weekend

Every summer the Yorktown Rotary sponsors a spectacular event for several of our families called the Yorktown Rotary Weekend. This event makes it possible for the families to enjoy a short vacation in the Yorktown area where exciting and fun filled activities have been planned for them.

This year's trip was no exception. On Father's Day Weekend, June 17-19, several of our Edmarc families headed out to attend this very special event, hosted and sponsored by the Yorktown Rotary.

The families spent the weekend at the beautiful Duke of York Hotel, right on the water. The weekend kicked off with a special meet and greet picnic on Friday evening. Saturday activities included a day out on a Rotary member's boat for a family fishing trip and an evening designed to give both parents and kids some special time, with a pizza party for the latter and an adult night out for the parents for dinner at a local restaurant. Sunday included some lounging time at the pool before the families headed home.

The entire cost of the weekend is covered by the Rotary, and is truly a treat for the fortunate families. All those on hand had a blast. A huge "THANK YOU!" to the Yorktown Rotary for, once again, giving Edmarc families a very memorable weekend!!



Fish, ahoy!



Blake and Cameron with the Rotary crew



... and away we go!



Kayson takes the helm



Sharon shares a moment with a star of the day.

## Attention please: Santas, elves and turkeys needed.

The holidays will be here before you know it.

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

There are many ways in which you may help Edmarc Hospice for Children during Thanksgiving and Christmas. We hope that your family, business, congregation or office will consider adopting one or more families this holiday season, or make a donation to help children with life-threatening illnesses.

Last year, with the help from community members in Hampton Roads, close to 250 people (75 Edmarc families) enjoyed much brighter holidays than they would have otherwise had. This year, we will once again help more than 75 Edmarc families!

Please consider helping in the following ways:

- Thanksgiving dinner food baskets: Providing the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal helps our families tremendously. (Baskets are due by Thursday, November 17.)
- Deliver Thanksgiving food baskets in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, November 19)
- 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 Friday, December 2.)
- Sponsor 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.)
- 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 3 and 10) Must RSVP for time slot.
- Be an elf for a day! Join Santa and the Edmarc staff for our annual Trolley Event and help deliver the gifts to the families who will enjoy a visit from Jolly Saint Nick himself! (Sunday, December 11.) — Note: Must be 18 years or older to participate in this event
- Christmas dinner food baskets: Providing all the fixings for a meal for Christmas helps our families immensely. (Baskets are due by Thursday, December 15.)
- Deliver Christmas dinner food baskets in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, December 17)

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 call Jessica Plank at 757.967.9251 ext. 203 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 2011 SPONSORSHIP FORM

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate with which project your group will participate:

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- 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. Saturday, December 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, December 10th \_\_\_\_\_
- Be an elf for a day! Join Santa and the Edmarc staff for our annual Trolley Event and deliver the gifts to the families who will enjoy a visit from Jolly Saint Nick himself! (Sunday, December 11th). 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 Thursday, December 15th). Number of families you wish to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Families: Small (2-3 people) \_\_\_\_\_ Medium (4-6 people) \_\_\_\_\_ Large (More than 6 people) \_\_\_\_\_
- Deliver Christmas food baskets in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, December 17th )

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- Hedge Trimmer
- Lawn Edger
- A Volunteer Electrician
- A Volunteer Plumber
- Gas cards
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, Office Max and grocery store gift cards
- Peace by Piece Program Supplies – homemade desserts, bottled water, juice boxes, letter beads
- Sips for sibs- Juice boxes for kids/support group meetings
- Individual bottled water
- Tickets to Tides/Admirals games and other local activities- including Virginia Living Museum, Marine Science Museum, Nauticus, The Virginia Zoo, Movie Theatre and Blockbuster Video
- Picnic items: paper products (plates, cups, napkins)
- Gift certificates to an arts and crafts store, or \$25- \$50 for scrap-books 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.)
- Relaxation tapes for kids
- Gifts in kind for parents-gift certificates for haircuts, pedicures, manicures and massages
- Paper products- paper towels, toilet tissue and facial tissue
- Copier paper- 11"x17"
- Epson Printer Cartridges (#'s TO444, TO443, TO442, TO441)
- 30-gallon clear storage containers
- Baby Footprint Kits with Picture Frame (can be purchased from the Discovery Store)
- Household cleaning supplies, (i.e. Mr. Clean, Windex, Clorox Clean-Up)
- Canned goods, non-perishable food items
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Purel hand sanitizer
- Kodak photo paper-high gloss and matte finish
- Large storage units with drawers to house medical supplies (approximately 16", can be cardboard, metal or plastic)
- Touch & Feel Books
- Gently used or new laptop computer for homebound children
- Computer educational games
- Baby monitors
- "AAA" Batteries
- Disposable Cameras
- New bedding supplies- bed pillows, mattress pads, sheets-fitted/flat in all sizes, blankets
- New large, plushy stuffed animals to help prop children up in bed
- Stepping Stone Kits (10)
- Memory boxes
- Cans of spray paint for memory boxes- pink, blue, green and red
- Large laminator sheets
- Clay Hand Print Kits (can be purchased at Wal-Mart for \$15.00)
- Diapers- Infant and Toddler Sizes
- AA batteries

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