



The Edmarc Visitor

Fall 2014

Camp M.A.G.I.C. Families Tell Their Own Stories

Fourteen families across Hampton Roads gathered at Eastover Retreat in Spring Grove, Virginia for our 23rd year of Camp M.A.G.I.C. The goal of Camp is to provide a safe environment where bereaved families have the opportunity to engage their grief, remember their loved one, share the power of hope, and connect with others on an individual and collective level. Camp also provides plenty of room for laughter, down time, and new experiences for each family. The weekend holds many traditional aspects of camp such as bonfire, s'mores, and swimming as well as traditions that are unique to camp M.A.G.I.C.

Each year families have the opportunity to decorate a quilt square in honor of their loved one. Once complete and returned to Edmarc, a wonderful volunteer donates their time and talent to create a beautiful quilt that demonstrates the collective courage of all our campers that continue life without their loved one. The M.A.G.I.C. in camp is an acronym for My Active Grieving Instills Courage. Our families walk in great courage as they share their stories and pursue their healing journey.



The O'Hearn Family

John, Christine, Sophia (3), Faith (a butterfly), plus Ama Sophie, and Grammy Alma. John is retired military and works for the Air Force while Christine has traded being a DoD Contractor to become a stay home Mom.

Our Lil' Faith was born 24 May 2013, her knowing gaze, infectious giggles, and resilient nature, inspired all who knew her. She was an angel who survived Trisomy 18 for over 10 months. As a family we fulfilled a promise to make each of her days wrapped in love, doing everything possible to give her a chance at life. Her life was a brilliant flash that made an everlasting impression of love. Lil' Faith now lives with Jesus, and we look forward to the day we will all embrace her again.



The Credle Family

We got married on October 23, 2010. A year and a half later we were both thrilled to find out that we were expecting our first child! At our 12 week prenatal appointment it was suggested that we take a new test on the market which tested for trisomies 13, 18 and 21. A week later the results came back showing negative for trisomies 13 and 21 but unclassifiable for trisomy 18. We were extremely concerned. A few weeks later an amnio proved our greatest fear- our baby, a little girl, was positive for full trisomy 18. With trisomy 18, the odds were that our daughter would be stillborn or if born alive, she would die soon after birth. We prayed that she would be born alive and that we would be able to spend some time with her and tell her how much we loved her, how much she meant to us. During this time we decided that our baby needed a very special name. We chose Tuesday Hope.



Tuesday's due date was Christmas Eve. Early morning on November 10, my water broke, six weeks too soon. We were terrified. During labor Tuesday's heart rate dropped so low that after praying to God, we turned everything over to Him and removed the fetal heart rate monitor.

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On November 11 at 10:23 PM she was born. Alive!

Tuesday was immediately whisked away to CHKD next door. At first, things looked good, well, as good as they could with T-18 in the picture. Our greatest hope was to bring our baby home with us, if



even just for a short while, under the care of Edmarc Hospice. However, that wasn't to be. Tuesday's little heart was littered with holes. She had to be put on a ventilator to breathe and we became permanent fixtures in NICU. We

were only able to hold her a handful of times, but we talked to her and sang to her often. Our daughter was the most precious thing in the world to both of us, and our hearts broke a little bit more with each passing day. It became clear that while she was fighting so hard to stay with us, her little body just couldn't do it. On Sunday, November 18th, we made the hardest decision we will ever have to make. Tuesday's vent was unplugged- she died a short time later in our arms.

We are so grateful that God allowed us to have those precious moments with our daughter, with each other. We miss her every single day.

The Reyes Family

Nathan Reyes passed on March 27, 2009 leaving behind two beautiful young ladies, Alexis and Angela Reyes. He loved to play ball with the girls and coach their softball teams. After both girls were born he had little names for each one. He always called Alexis, boop boop, he said that was the noise she made when she was little, so that name stuck. Angela was so tiny when she was born; he always called her, little littles.



I can still hear Nathan and the girls in the car singing at the top of their lungs that stupid song Sorry Ms. Jackson by Outkast over and over again. He will always be missed and loved by his family.

The McCarthy Family



Hello, we are the McCarthy Family: John, Alicia, Christopher, Ava, and Nora. We have attended Camp M.A.G.I.C. three times to remember our daughter Ava. We enjoy spending time together at Botanical Gardens, parks, and the

beach. We like playing monopoly, Legos, and listening to music. We have learned that everyone grieves in their own way, but we always support each other.

The Moody/Brooks Family



The original Moody/Brooks family was comprised of Alfonso, Regina, Bryant, Bronson, Dietrick and Daminica. Then Bryante Nicole Brooks (daughter of Bryant) entered into our lives (3/16/2007), and we welcomed her with opened arms. She has truly been a blessing in so many ways. We ask no questions why she was placed in our arms; all we know is that we need her just as much as she needs us. Sadly we have lost two family members, Alfonso (8/13/73) and Bryant (9/11/2013). It has been very difficult for us, especially for the ones that are left behind to carry on, but through our strong faith and the will to make the best out of a bad situation, we have managed to strive and grow. We are learning to become comfortable with life as it is, not as we think it should be.

The Moody/Brooks family is a very caring and fun loving family. We like family oriented activities like: attending church together, having cook-outs, going on road trips, shopping in the mall, enjoying family movie nights, going to the beach in the summer time, and playing in the snow in the winter. Christmas is our favorite time of the year; this is the time when the whole family, which includes, daughters, sons, cousins, aunts, nieces, uncles, sisters, brothers, in-laws, and neighbors, gets together and has the best time ever. This is a tradition that has been in the family since the beginning of time, and we plan to keep it going forever.

Our plans for the future are to continue to grow in our faith, be kinder toward each other, to love more and to offer help to those in need. We know that our loved ones are laughing from heaven.

The Sizemore Family

Our son, Naithan, was 11 years old when he was diagnosed with DIPG, an inoperable brain tumor located inside his brain stem. Naithan passed away, peacefully at home, after a 14 1/2 month battle with brain cancer. Naithan has an older sister, Kaycie, and a younger sister, Emmaleigh. We are a military family that has been all over this great country for the past 18 years.



Grieving is difficult, all-consuming and continuous. We have learned, as a family, to be accepting of everyone's daily moods. We



have learned that something simple and small can trigger a huge emotional upheaval, and something complex can almost numb the mind and body. We have learned to just listen to each other, to offer hugs, to



encourage each other, and to just be.

Our family is close and generally likes being outside together. We enjoy swimming, amusement parks, hiking, long drives, and walking our dog, but we are just as happy staying inside playing video games, board games, and cuddling with our three cats. We tend to get sucked into TV shows and have been known to watch all-day marathons of NCIS, Criminal Minds, or House. Not only is this our first time at Camp M.A.G.I.C., it is our first time trying any group as a family.



The Wurts Family



Kaleb Emmet
It all started when I was 24 weeks pregnant with my son; he decided the time had come and he was ready to enter the world. At 1 lb 12 oz no one knew what to expect next. This picture of me and Kaleb is from the NICU. Kaleb was 3 weeks old the first time I got to

hold him. I was excited and scared all at the same time; he'd never been out of his little box before and what if I held him wrong -- there were a lot of tubes and wires sticking out everywhere. I held him for 45 minutes; it was incredible.

When I look at this picture I see a scared, but happy-go-lucky girl. Everything was just beginning, everything was new. I still had hopes, and I had no idea what kind of roller coaster I was about to embark on. Two months later – I no longer looked like a girl. I grew up fast for my son. I had to; who else was going to stand up for him.

The picture of Kaleb and Hugh is one of my favorites. It was taken the day that Kaleb died. It really meant a lot to me to have Hugh there; he was always very supportive of us. Actually, he was my support system. Even at 2 or 3 in the morning, he always answered my phone calls and calmed me down when I needed it, gave me advice, or just listened.

I love the way that no matter what would happen Kaleb always seemed to find a way to surprise the doctors. Even after his first cardiac arrest he managed to find a way to see, hear, and smile. No one ever expected anything like that from him ever again. But there he was proving everyone wrong yet again.

An entire year went by with Kaleb proving people wrong left and right, and even though we never thought he would see his first birthday, he did. He may have slept through the entire day, but we made it. It was a hard road to travel, but I don't regret a single thing. Kaleb is the reason why I am the woman I am today.

My favorite poem with grief is: "To lose a child is to lose a piece of yourself" – Dr. Burton Grebin

This is my second year at Camp M.A.G.I.C. and I'm looking forward to seeing what I get out of it this time around.

The Rodriguez Family

We are the Rodriguez family. In the picture we have myself, Wanda, mother of all 5 of these kids: Cameron, Raphael, Eneidi, Mariah, and Audrianna. On March 18 we lost one of the most beautiful precious angels we could have ever known, Eneidi Ivelisse Rodriguez. She was a happy young girl who had so many people that truly and honestly loved her and continue to love her. As a family we can honestly say she was our angel on earth, our perfect lil girl that we will always love and truly miss!



The Duncan Family

September 2008, two crazy kids met at the chapel at Navy boot camp. No one would have ever guessed that a few short months later on March 21, 2009 these two kids would say their vows and begin a life long journey together.

Yes, these kids I speak of are my wonderful husband Tony and I (Dedra Duncan). We married young and naïve swearing we would never have children. But God had other plans. May 8, 2009 Anthony and I found out we were expecting. We pushed through our pregnancy and delivered our sunshine baby, Michaela Alanah Duncan on January 12, 2010.

Life progressed and as Michaela got older we decided we would try for a new little one. After six months of trying, and me deciding I loved my ship and where I was headed in the Navy, we decided that it just wasn't God's timing, and I went back on birth control. Three months later God showed us once again that all things happen on his time and February 14, 2012 we found out we were expecting our second little bundle of joy. After the initial shock and anger died down, we got super excited with the anticipation for our new little one.



Weeks progressed on in the pregnancy and we fell in love more and more every time we heard the heartbeat and received new ultrasounds. As many young families do, we opted for the genetic testing, and after the results came back with a high marker for a chromosomal disorder, we went in for a high risk ultrasound, and our lives were forever changed. At 18 weeks pregnant we found out that our little girl had cystic hygroma with hydrops and a hypo-plastic left heart, then after an amnio we found out that it was due to a severe case of Turner's Syndrome.

Against medical doctors' opinions and advice we decided even with only a 1% chance we were going to continue to carry and allow our little girl to fight, but on July 9, 2012 at a routine doctor's visit the worst thing happened, my little girl had no heartbeat to be found. On July 11, 2012 at 0932 Kaelynn Nicole Renee Duncan gained her wings at 3lbs 13.4oz 13 1/2" long.

Well time has brought on new things including on November 5, 2013 we gave birth to our Rainbow baby, Skielar Brooke Duncan. She is definitely our little blessing given to us by her big sister in heaven.

Life has not been easy, but has forever changed. We have grown as a family and learned to love and appreciate each other even more.

The Linton Family

My name is Miss Laura L. Paul, age 36, and I reside in Suffolk, Va. God blessed me with 3 beautiful children, Alayzia, Jah'Navi, and Zi'Myya. We are remembering my beloved son Jah'Navi Lavon Linton, who passed away at age 6 on December 7, 2013. Jah'Navi was fighting this deadly disease for 18 months. He was diagnosed on my 34th birthday June 19, 2012 with pontine gliomas. We always look at family photos, and talk about things he did to make us laugh to get through this grieving process. We would go to his favorite restaurant Olive Garden on numerous occasions. His weekend routine was going out to eat, Gamestop, bowling, shopping, movies, or Chuck e. Cheese, and David Buster. Jah'Navi's favorite song is "Honest" by Future. This is my family's first time attending Camp M.A.G.I.C. A day doesn't go by without thinking about Jah'Navi. We miss him so much.....



Camp M.A.G.I.C. exist due to our dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors that made this weekend available to our families. We had a total of 15 camp counselors, photographer- Bob Harper, and Videographer - Sara Lovell that helped capture the weekend. We are also thankful for our volunteers that traveled to camp to provide rest and relaxation for our parents: massage therapist- Tanya Martinez and Diane Hayes, co-owners of Cut'n Loose- Diana Cruz and Jennifer Massey and associate Cindy Donaldson. We are in great gratitude to our sponsors that donated goods and funds for Camp M.A.G.I.C. 2014 which include: Miller Oil Foundation, Rocket Direct Communications, Inc., Hugh's Florist, and The United Way of Southampton Roads.



GOSPORT ARTS FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 43 VERY SUCCESSFUL YEARS!

The Gosport Arts Festival was established in 1971 as Norfolk's first arts festival, known as The Ghent Arts Festival. That year a group of 20 local artists participated. Organizers were thrilled with an overwhelming crowd of 200 visitors who spent Mother's Day weekend viewing art, listening to impromptu musical offerings and dining on peanut butter sandwiches.

The first 13 years saw the Ghent Arts Festival, Stockley Gardens and Mother's Day weekend become synonymous with Norfolk's celebration of spring and the arts. In 1985, after outgrowing the confines of Stockley Gardens, the festival moved to Norfolk's scenic waterfront, Town Point Park, where the event continued to grow and flourish into the city's largest two-day event.

In 1993, the name changed from the Ghent Arts Festival to the Ghent Art Show. This name change was a signal that a renewed emphasis would be placed on the artists and their artwork.

In 1995, the 25th year of this art show, the show experienced its third name change. Now called Art Exposure, the show formerly known as Ghent was larger than ever. Boasting an average of 200 artists and 60 to 75 thousand patrons, the show filled every inch of Town Point Park. Participating artists hailed from all over the United States and Canada and from as far away as Budapest, Hungary. And for the first time ever, the show received national recognition when it was named as one of the "Top 200 Fine Art Shows" in the country by Sunshine Artists Magazine, a nationally distributed trade magazine used by professional artists.

In its 29th year, it was time to take another look at the show and how focus could be more effectively placed to ensure that the event continued to grow in stature as a fine art show. It became time to move from Town Point Park where the show's organizers felt it had become "just another weekend festival in the park" - not the "fine art show" it actually was.

The committee felt that we could serve as a complement to the city's move for revitalization for the streets of downtown Norfolk. As one of Norfolk's businessmen put it, "What better way to showcase all the changes to downtown Norfolk than to open the streets and

Gosport Arts Festival



show all of Hampton Roads and the rest of the country how proud we are of our "new Downtown space." So the move was made from Town Point Park to Granby Street, Tazewell Street and the vacant footprint at MacArthur Mall.

The show was also a part of the "Waterfront Wave," a fringe festival that falls under the umbrella of the Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival where the show would receive press and pronouncement in all of the Arts Festival promotions.

In 2000, a conversation was started with Keith Toler and Sheila Pittman from the Portsmouth Convention & Visitors Bureau about moving the art show across the river to Portsmouth. They were very excited about this possibility and the art show's leaders. felt they would have great support from the City of Portsmouth as well.

And so it was, on Mother's Day weekend of 2001, the newly named Gosport Arts Festival set up shop in Historic Olde Towne Portsmouth. The name was changed to Gosport because of Gosport's historic connect with the city of Portsmouth: the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard was originally the Gosport Shipyard; the first steam ferry on the Elizabeth River was the Gosport Ferry -- the name with its historic connections fell into place.

Throughout these 43 years, the commitment to the arts has never wavered. The Gosport Arts Festival has continued to grow and to thrive, and to bring in new and wonderful artists to the Hampton Roads area.



FINE ART, OLDE TOWN PORTSMOUTH AND EDMARC ADD UP TO A RECIPE FOR GOSPORT SUCCESS!

The 43rd Gosport Arts Festival was held over a beautiful Mother's Day weekend in Olde Towne Portsmouth. The festival brought in over 100 artists from all around the country with a wide and intriguing variety of mediums represented. There were artists displaying glass works, mixed media, oil paintings, metal works, clothing, pottery, sketches, jewelry and many, many more. Each of the wonderful artists in the show donated a piece of his or her to one of the show's most popular events, silent auction. Auction proceeds go directly to Edmarc, and this year was the best year yet raising over \$16,500!

The show, including the silent auction, raised over \$6,000 to support the mission and programs of Edmarc. The show's executive director, Shelley Brooks, co-director, Jessica Plank and a small but dedicated committee saw to it that everything ran smoothly and effectively. It was a beautiful weekend to enjoy the artful event, and the crowds were out in large numbers.

The Children's Museum hosted an artists' reception on Saturday night where artist awards for each medium and the Best in Show award were presented.

A huge and appreciative thank you to the local talent who came out to support the show. Thank you to Derek Smith, Vince Kornegay, Brian Sewell, 11 Ton, Mink and Cheef, and Amy Kaus for all you added to this very special show!

This event is a wonderful fundraiser for Edmarc and raises a lot of awareness for our mission. We send out special thanks all of our sponsors, volunteers and artists for making this show a crown jewel of Portsmouth!

The list below provides, from left to right, the award, the sponsor of that award, and the winner.

2012 GOSPORT ARTS FESTIVAL AWARD WINNERS & SPONSORS

- | \$2,000 Best in Show | KPMG, LLP | John Furches
- | \$1,000 Award of Excellence | StratusLIVE | Richard Toft
- | \$500 Award of Distinction for Painting | Jerry's Artarama | Rob Cropper
- | \$500 Award of Distinction for Photography | The Brooks Family | Stuart Kerner
- | \$500 Award of Distinction for Sculpture | Bayside Harley Davidson | Matt Cross
- | \$500 Award of Distinction for Ceramics | The Stanley Blaxton Foundation | Lee Plevney
- | \$500 Award of Distinction for Jewelry | Capt. and Mrs. Michael R. Gluse | Robert Ramaglia
- | \$500 Award of Distinction for Glass | Green Olive Tree | Joshua Solomon
- | \$500 Award of Distinction for Wood | Townebank | John Massey
- | \$500 Award of Distinction in an Open Category | Bath Fitters | Kate Negri
- | \$250 A. B. Jackson Award | Damuth Trane | Kris Taylor
- | \$250 Patricia J. Sawyer Memorial Award | Trish's family | Donald Bowers



Best in Show winner, John Furches

Gosport in action!



The Silent Auction



Award of Distinction for Glass winner, Joshua Solomon

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!

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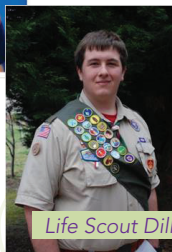
EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: SWINGS FOR EDMARC

The Eagle Project is designed to highlight a scout's leadership ability through leading a group of fellow scouts in doing a service project for their community or a non-profit organization. The project that Dillon chose was to build a wheelchair accessible covered wooden glider swing. The organization that he chose to benefit from his project was Edmarc Hospice for Children.

In 2001, his older brother, Matthew, was diagnosed with a pontine glioma, a childhood brain tumor. In 2003, Matthew passed away at the age of 10. Edmarc provided Matthew's home health care and hospice care.



Big brother
Matthew



Life Scout Dillon



Edmarc helped the family through many tough times during Matthew's illness and the grieving period after his death. When Dillon considered which organization should receive the benefit for his project, Edmarc was the first to come to mind.

Dillon's Eagle project has been placed on the grounds of Edmarc in memory of his brother, Matthew, and is for use of children at parties and other events held by Edmarc. The landscaping around the swing was also part of the project. Dillon secured donations of money, supplies and physical resources necessary to make this project a reality. It will be used to bring countless hours of enjoyment to all who swing.

Edmarc is eternally grateful to Dillon for all his hard work and always cherishing Matthew's memory.

HOW TO HELP US MAKE BACK TO SCHOOL TIME A GOOD TIME!!

Believe it or not, school is back in session throughout Hampton Roads. The kids are working hard, and we want to help them be properly prepared for the school year ahead. This is where we need your help.

Many of our families have a difficult time affording school supplies and we count on donations to assist them. Every year, each child can locate his or her school's list at an area department store. The items required vary, but most of the kids will 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 as well.

Because what each child needs can vary alot 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, but, many times, we may not have specific items in the office that a teacher has asked that the student have for the year.

Listed below you will find a guide to locations where gift cards may be purchased and how much various amounts will provide for a student in need. In addition to the list above, book bags and lunch bags are always in need, for both younger kids and our teens. Many times we do not get enough school items for Edmarc's older children. Outside the "tools for school," many of our families often need help purchasing school clothes -- gift cards to any local department stores in increments of \$25-\$100 for clothing are extremely helpful.

Any help you can offer will be deeply appreciated. Thank you in advance, and an A+, to each of our back-to-school donors!

- Walmart (\$20) -----> Large Bookbag
- 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

CLASSIC AIR'S "ONE HOUR CARES" CONTEST: EDMARC'S A WINNER!!

The votes were tallied and Edmarc got the news! We were the winners of the June Classic Air's One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning's "One Hour Cares" initiative!!

Each month non profits are nominated, One Hour then chooses three finalists. Voters can then visit the website and cast their votes for their favorite non profit organization via Facebook. Every vote an organization gets increases their chance on winning the \$1,000.00 prize.

Thanks to Dr. Campbell and the Healthcare Administration students at Medical Careers Institute, Edmarc was nominated for this special award. Thank you to everyone who voted for Edmarc, and a special thank you to our new friends at One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning!



The One Hour Care team
presents the check to Debbie



Introducing the very special guys who get the job done!

Edmarc Shines the Volunteer Spotlight on Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's Command Fitness Department

- HM1 (EXW/FMF) Carl Norman
- HM2 (EXW/FMF) Demetrius Green
- HM2 (FMF) Spencer McCartney
- HM2 (FMF) Keith Miller
- HM3 (FMF) Robert Goodman
- HM3 (FMF) Tyler Hughes
- HM3 (FMF) Shane Dixon
- HN Dustin Collamore
- HN Thomas Smetanka

This is a truly dedicated group that does not have "no" in its vocabulary when it comes to the needs of families who have sick children in Hampton Roads. The members of the group have come out time after time to help, be it on a week day or weekend, to beautify the grounds and gardens at Edmarc's administrative facility in Portsmouth, to help a family with yard work, or to ride out to Virginia Beach on a Saturday morning to help a family move.

We are so very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people to help us complete our mission at Edmarc. These volunteer efforts have touched so many, relieving the stresses of Edmarc families by lending a helping hand when and where it is needed.

So, with special thanks, we choose Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth's Command Fitness Department in this issue's Volunteer Spotlight. We at Edmarc deeply appreciate all you do!

EDMARC'S DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN NEED OF A SPONSOR

Edmarc is looking for a group to serve as sponsor for our annual Day of Remembrance, a very meaningful day for our bereaved families. This special event is scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2014 at Edmarc. Sponsors are asked to supply invitations, name cards, candles for our remembrance service, help with printing and preparing programs, and hosting a reception after the service.

If you would like to serve Edmarc in this crucial way, or have questions about this especially meaningful event, please contact Jeane' Liburd, Bereavement Program Director, at 967-9251.



A special kiss for a very special Carson

ANNUAL BAYVILLE FARMS PICNIC WAS LOTS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

On Sunday, June 22nd, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk sponsored our Annual Picnic held at Bayville Farms in Virginia Beach. The weather was picture perfect and we had an AMAZING turnout of Edmarc families, staff, and volunteers. The kids had a blast getting their faces painted, eating all the delicious food offered up, dancing to live music, playing in the bounce house, and enjoying a super variety of games to play. Thanks to everyone who made this event such a special one!



Victoria and friends...three glorious works of art!

And the prettiest smile goes to...Dy'Ann!



Lovely Za'Myiah and her brother, the Tiger

YMCA CAMP SILVERBEACH BROUGHT A DAY FULL OF FUN AND GAMES TO EDMARC

On July 12th, YMCA Camp Silverbeach turned Edmarc into a Carnival for a Day! The magic bus pulled up and 50 youth volunteers and camp counselors poured out with arms filled with the days' activities. There were games, prizes, nail painting, a craft corner, and a photo booth to capture the day.

Edmarc families had a wonderful time, and when all was said, done and devoured, all that remained of the 35 pizzas served were 100 smiling faces.

Camp Silverbeach was a HUGE success! Heartfelt thanks to all who helped make this an event our families will be talking about for many months to come.



Kai proudly wearing the source of his Super Powers



Benjamin's all tuckered out from a long day of fun.



A sparkling trio of happy campers



Angel's quite happy with the results, thank you!



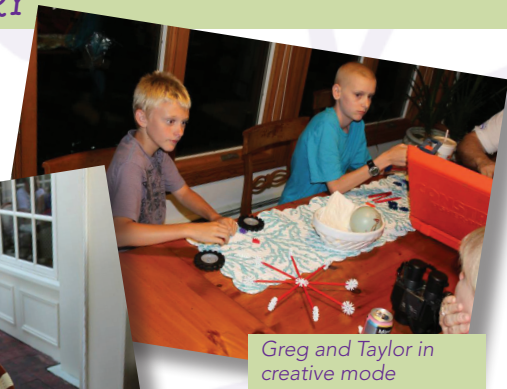
The volunteers had a great time, too!

A WONDERFUL WEEKEND FOR EDMARC FAMILIES, WITH ALL KINDS OF THANKS TO YORKTOWN ROTARY

Every year the Yorktown Rotary hosts and sponsors a very special event for Edmarc families known as the Yorktown Rotary Weekend. This event allows the families a chance to attend a mini vacation in the beautiful Williamsburg/Yorktown area with exciting and fun filled activities planned over the course of the weekend.

This year was no exception. On Father's Day Weekend, June 13-15, Edmarc families set off to enjoy this very special time. The families spent the weekend at the beautiful Duke of York Hotel, right on the water, and the weekend kicked off with a meet and greet picnic on Friday evening. Saturday activities included 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 to dinner for the parents at a local restaurant. Sunday included some lounging time at the pool before families headed home.

The entire cost of the weekend was once again generously covered by the Rotary, and is truly a treat for all in attendance. Everyone had a blast! A huge thank you to the Yorktown Rotary, for providing yet another wonderful, memory-making weekend for our Edmarc families!



Greg and Taylor in creative mode



Suzanne and Jimmy enjoy their night out.



Taylor and Greg hang out on the dock



Ahoy there! All hands accounted for and ready for take-off!

With love, we remember

Mason F. - (8/26/12-3/01/14) – Mason was an incredibly strong fighter who fought so very hard. Mason touched the hearts of all those who had the privilege to know him. Mason will be forever remembered by his parents, Levar and Jessica; sister, Kennedy and numerous other family and friends.

Brielle H. - (3/08/14-3/08/14) - Brielle was a beautiful baby girl who touched so many in her short time here on earth. Although baby Brielle's time here was far too short, she was deeply loved by her family. Left to cherish her sweet memory are her beloved mother Mallory along with numerous family members and friends.

John "Jack" K. (3/06/14-3/08/14) - Jack was a very special baby boy who touched the lives of so many. Though his time here was far too short, he is adored by all who had the privilege to meet him. Little Jack will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his parents, Meg & Scott, and numerous other family and friends.

Andrew C. (12/29/11-3/11/14) - Andrew was an amazing little man who fought a long and courageous battle with his illness. Though Andrew was unable to say what he felt with his words, he said mounds with his face and most of all his heart. He loved spending time with his parents and family. He will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his parents, Laurie & Ryan, and numerous other family and friends.

Eneidi R. (1/22/00-3/18/14) - Eneidi is a very special young lady who had such an adventurous spirit. She loved to spend time with her family. Eneidi would laugh and smile no matter what the day brought her way. She had such a light about her that it brightened every room she entered. Eneidi fought so long and hard against her illness, and rarely let it stop her from enjoying herself. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by her mother, Wanda, her brothers, Cameron & Raphael, her sisters, Mariah & Audrianna, her Grandparents, Eneida & Joseph, and numerous other family and friends.

Faith O. (5/24/13-3/28/14) – Faith was a courageous little girl who touched the hearts of everyone. Faith had strength, perseverance, the ability to overcome incredible circumstances and physical challenges, and a smile that could melt the hearts of everyone in her sweet company. Faith will be lovingly remembered by her parents, John and Christine; her sister, Sophia and a host of other family members and friends.

Sariah W. (1/24/11-4/09/14) - There are few words that can describe how amazing Sariah was. Sariah was a very strong and courageous little girl who never complained about a thing. Sariah lived her life so full of love and happiness. She embraced every day and made sure she had fun. She brought so much joy to all those around her and taught many of us some very valuable lessons. It was an honor to all who had the privilege to know her and spend time with her. Sariah will be lovingly remembered by her parents, Ebony & Michael, and numerous other family and friends.

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!

Kiesha S. (12/04/95-5/06/14) - Kiesha 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. Kiesha loved dancing, listening to music and spending time with her family and friends. Kiesha will be remembered always by her parents, Marcia and Joseph; her siblings, Dwayne, Karon, Daquane and Kieira, and a host of other family members and friends.

Djuan "DJ" S. (1/14/00-5/25/14) - Djuan who preferred to be called "DJ" was a strong, courageous young man who fought hard against his disease. He was both an inspiration and a blessing to all those around him. DJ loved playing video games, sports, and hanging out with friends. He will be loved and remembered always by his mother, Felicia. He will also remain in the hearts of his siblings, Angela, Audrey, Randyll, Donald, Timothy, Vincent, Tracy, and Lynwood and a host of other family members and friends.

Kayleigh N. (8/27/12-6/09/14) - Kayleigh was a fighter in every sense of the word. A precious little girl, she brought so much joy to all those around her. Kayleigh fought a long and difficult battle with cancer, but she never complained and never stopped smiling. Kayleigh taught so many what is truly important in life. Her smile and her laughter were contagious. She loved spending time with her family, especially her big sister. Left to cherish her sweet memory is her parents, Annie & Quentin, her big sister, Ashleigh, and numerous family and friends.

Kinsley G. (2/02/14-7/24/14) - Kinsley was a very sweet baby girl who brightened and touched the lives of her family and all those around her. Though her time here was far too short, she was loved immensely by her family. Left to cherish her sweet memory is her parents, Peter & Amanda, and numerous family and friends.

Brandon G. (5/26/01-8/01/14) - Brandon was an inspiration to all who had the pleasure to know him. He was a strong, determined young man who never complained. Brandon captured those around him with a bright smile and loving heart. This young man displayed courage and wisdom far beyond his years, a true fighter. Brandon will be lovingly remembered by his parents, Tina & Ray, two sisters, Raena & Chloe, and numerous other family and friends.

Mackenzie Eileen M. (8/24/14-8/24/14) - Mackenzie was a beautiful baby girl who touched so many hearts in her short time here on earth. Little Mackenzie was deeply loved and adored by her family. Left to cherish her sweet memory is her parents, Stephanie & Stephen, and numerous other family members and friends.

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!

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A WARM EDMARC WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR



Dr. Cyrus Heydarian completed his internship, residency, and chief residency in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, Virginia before moving on to a Pediatric Hospital Medicine fellowship at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Working intimately with the CHLA palliative care team during his fellowship, he gained the knowledge and skills needed to care for children with life-threatening diseases.

Dr. Heydarian returned to Virginia to serve the wonderful patients he had come to know in Hampton Roads. He serves at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters as a Pediatric Hospitalist and Assistant Professor in Pediatrics, and recently presented at a national conference addressing the increased opportunities for Pediatric Hospitalists to lead palliative care efforts nationwide.

He is currently working closely with Edmarc to meet the palliative care needs of children with life-threatening diseases throughout the Hampton Roads community. We look forward to working with Dr. Heydarian; he is an amazing addition to Edmarc's staff.



A VERY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR MAGGIE!!!

Maggie Lewis is the smile you hear on the other end of the telephone line when you call Edmarc. She is the smile you see when you first come into the office. Many of you are familiar with Maggie's sweet, humble spirit, but her dependable commitment to Edmarc by her service as Administrative Assistant/Medical Records Clerk has been the cornerstone of our organization's functionality.

This year, Edmarc celebrates her 20 year tenure and this special anniversary demonstrates not only her compassion and dedication to her position but her devotion and care to the patients and families we serve. Thank you Maggie for ALL you do!!!!



Volunteer Recognition:

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SPECIAL PEOPLE WHO GIVE THEIR TIME TO HELP EDMARC AND ITS FAMILIES

On July 10,, 2014, we held Edmarc’s Volunteer Recognition dinner to celebrate our AMAZING volunteers. It is a known fact that Edmarc volunteers are our superheroes! Although it was a rainy night, we had a great turnout and were able to honor a group of especially important individuals. At Edmarc, we rely heavily on our volunteers; without them we would not be able to provide the quality care our families deserve. Whether it is delivering food to our families, organizing our toy room, or even babysitting siblings so bereaved moms and dads can go to our support group, we know we can always count on these wonderful people. So, to everyone who has ever volunteered for Edmarc, thank you! It means the world to us and our families!

Edmarc Hospice for Children Volunteer of the Year Award:**Kelly Delaespriella**

Edmarc Hospice for Children Leadership Award:**Patrick Garvey**

Over 50 hours of volunteer service over the last year:

Victoria Bock, Tiana Bolden, Mike Heath, Miranda Munson, and Diane Wenz

Over 75 hours of volunteer service over the last year:

Mary Beth Beddingfield, Kelly Delaespriella, Rebecca Edwards, and Shaunte Langley

Over 150 hours of volunteer service over the last year:

Ken and Anne Ablett, Shelley Brooks, Dorothy Bell, and John Bell



- Peace by Piece Award:**Mike Heath**
- Everyday Angel Award:**Nina Paul**
- Events Extraordinaire:**Jeff Boynton**
- Community Impact Award:**Shelley Brooks**
- Helping Hand Award:**Sam Harvey**
- Administrative Excellence Award:**Shaunte Langley**
- 11th Hour Award:**Victoria Breslauer and Amy Barker**
- Business Leadership Award:**Capital Group**
- Civic Leadership Award:**Poquoson Kiwanis**
- Faith Community Award:**Yorkminster Presbyterian Church**
- Photographer Extraordinaire Award:**Kelly Delaespriella**
- Tasty Treat Award:**Jacqueline Andra, Jax Sweets and Treats**

EDMARC'S WELCOMES JEANE' LIBURD

Jeane' Liburd is the new Bereavement Program Director of Edmarc Hospice for Children. She brings over nine years of experience as a Certified Child Life Specialist working with children and families impacted by illness, trauma, and bereavement. Jeane' is originally from Panama City, FL and currently resides in Norfolk with her husband and daughter. Jeané received her Master of Arts Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. She is trained in play therapy and currently is a Resident in Marriage and Family Therapy as she pursues professional licensure.

When discussing her role with Edmarc Jeané noted, "I am eager to serve our families and bereaved community that is serviced by Edmarc. One of my goals is to implement programming that supports the various needs of our bereaved families from our military households experiencing deployment, to our bereaved single parents, and everything in between. One of the initiatives is to utilize social media as an avenue to provide support and education

on grief. Each week the Edmarc Facebook page will feature "M.A.G.I.C. Monday". The word M.A.G.I.C. is an acronym for My Active Grieving Instills Courage. My hope is that by providing education and support, there will be an increased knowledge and understanding on grief and reduce myths that may influence how we relate with individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. M.A.G.I.C. Mondays will acknowledge and honor the milestones that family's experience including birthdays, significant holidays, and the date of death. We will also invite others that view our page to share a memory of their loved one. When we experience the death of someone we love, it is their legacy and memories that keep them connected to us. We want to give people the opportunity to share their story and honor those who have made a great impact on their life to keep their memory alive."

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.

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 350 people (80 Edmarc families) enjoyed much brighter holidays than they would have otherwise had. This year, we will once again help more than 80 Edmarc families!

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 19, 2014)
 - Deliver Thanksgiving food baskets in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, November 22, 2014)
 - 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 Monday, December 1, 2014)
 - 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 12, 2014.)
 - 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 6th) Must RSVP for time slot.
 - 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 14, 2014)
- *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 Wednesday, December 17, 2014)
 - Deliver Christmas dinner food baskets in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, December 20, 2014)

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 Kristen Jones 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!

Calendar Year 2014

Date	Title	Type of Event
October 7	Southside Friendraising Breakfast	(community/fundraiser)
October	Roger Brown's Golf Tournament	(community/fundraiser)
October	Annual Deep Creek Ruritan Golf Tournament	(community/fundraiser)
October 25	Hope Gala	(community/fundraiser)
October 27	Fall Festival	(family event)
November 9	Annual Day of Remembrance	(family event)
November 15	Help-Portrait	(family event)
November 22	Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery	(community/family event)
December 12	Holiday Party	(family event)
December 14	Santa Delivery	(community/family event)
December 16	Bereaved Parents Holiday Dinner	(family event)
December 18	Peace by Piece Holiday Dinner	(family event)
December 20	Christmas Food Delivery	(community/family event)



EDMARC HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN 2014 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 19, 2014).
Number of families you wish to sponsor: ____
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 22, 2014
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, December 1, 2014).
Number of families you wish to sponsor: ____
Size of Families: Small (2-3people)
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 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 December 12, 2014.)
- 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 6, 2014 • Time: 10AM-12PM ____ 12PM-2PM ____ 2PM-4PM ____ 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 14, 2014).
***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 17, 2014).
Number of families you wish to sponsor: ____
Size of Families: Small (2-3people)
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 Large (More than 6 people)
- Deliver Christmas food baskets** in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, December 20, 2014)

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!

Thank you ... for supplies, toys, special event tickets and items for Edmarc families, March 1, 2014 – August 31, 2014

- 11 Ton for live entertainment
- 420 Penny Project for glass art
- 757Crave for gift card
- Academi for golf supplies
- Acara's Jewelry for a jewelry item
- Advanced Auto Parts for automotive cleaning supplies
- Advanced Design Fabrication for signage for the golf tournament
- Aldergate Church for bottled water, juice and food items
- Aldergate UMC for food items
- Aldo's Ristorante for a gift certificate
- Stacey Allin jewelry
- Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority/ Sigma Chapter for decorated flip flops
- Tracey Anderson for artwork
- Jaqueline Andra for food items
- Margaret Angulo for a portrait session
- Apostles Lutheran Church for quilts
- Artisan's Bakery and Café for food items
- Edie Ashman for jewelry
- Atlantic Communications for communication items
- Atlas CopCo for clothing items
- Audio, Light and Music for discounted sound equipment
- Nathan Avery for glass art
- Tim Bailey for clothing items
- Baltimore Orioles for a signed baseball
- Michaela Banks for toys
- Vinnie Barbaro for a vacuum cleaner, refrigerator and a toy
- Brenda Barrett for paper products, beverages and infant supplies
- Bayside Harley Davidson for a clock
- Beach Brewing Company for a growler and gift cards
- John Bell for bottled water
- Christy Berent for a Cricut machine and supplies
- Cayla Best for a TV
- Shirley Bloomer for gift cards
- Timothy and Debbie Bloomer for toiletries

- Bob Harper Photography for tournament photography
- Bob's Brass for an aluminum cutt
- Bon Secours Medical Group for baskets
- Crystal Borgeson for clothing items
- Donald Bowers for digital photography
- Arthur Brame for trip and gift certificates
- Shelley Brooks for food items
- Pam Bruner for camp supplies, a gift card and gift
- Brutti's for a gift card, and judges' lunch
- Jean Brylowe for jewelry
- Benedict Burbic for event tickets
- Kristan Burch for baskets
- Cafe Europa for a gift certificate
- Nancy Campbell for wrapping supplies
- Capital One for school supplies
- Anne Carney for toys
- Cavalier Ford for tote bag supplies
- Central Baptist Church for baskets
- Leo Charette for photography
- Chick-Fil-A for food items
- Children's Museum of Virginia for banquet space
- Daniel Christie for pottery
- Chrysler Museum of Art for an event gift and books
- City of Portsmouth for sponsorship
- Larry Clarke for a wallet
- Classic GLAL for glass art
- Community Portsmouth Presbyterian Church for holiday supplies
- Community Presbyterian Church Working Capital Fund for clothing and mobiles
- Cotton Southern Bistro for a gift certificate
- Robert Cowling for tournament sound
- Crest Foodservice Equipment for freezer space
- Rob Cropper for artwork
- Matt and Nancy Cross for artwork
- Evelyne Crow for clothing
- Carolyn Currie for artwork
- Cypress Creek Golfer's Club for event passes

- Designs, Inc. for artist supplies
- Jeff and Donna Derloff for a cooling unit
- Dicks Sporting Goods for coupons
- Jeffrey Diener for art photography
- Kyle Dooley for artwork
- Dr. Roger H. Calhoun, DDS for artist items
- Julia Dressler for gallery wraps
- Empire Machinery & Supply Corp. for a cooler and golf bag
- Brian Evans for mugs
- Tammie Everly for jewelry
- Joe Farinango for jewelry
- First Baptist Church of Norfolk for baskets
- First Team Toyota Automotive for koozies
- FM99/106.9 The Fox/1230 am for media sponsorship
- Fourth Baptist Church for food items
- Eric Fox for food items
- Ed Francis for pottery
- Fun Stuff Pottery for a tray
- John Furches for artwork
- Furniture Classics for use of space
- Sunday Gallagher-Strange for food items, toys, toiletries, books and coloring supplies
- Robbie Garriet for artwork and tools
- Ken Gault for artwork
- Terry Gileason for a photograph
- Steve Gill for artwork
- Michael Gillespie for artwork
- Golden Horseshoe Golf Club for gift rounds
- Golf Galaxy for gift cards
- Golf Headquarters for coupons
- Joe Godwin for clown services
- Governor Dinwiddie Hotel and Suites for lodging discounts
- Grace Circle Community UMC for paper products, party items and facial tissues
- Griffin Dewatering - Mid-Atlantic, LLC for artist supplies
- Grove Street Wine Brokers for food items
- Matthew Haddaway for artwork
- Hampton Roads Produce Distributors for food items
- Debbie R. and Charles M. Harbin for food items
- Shaun Harding for Southwest airline tickets
- Lia Harmon for jewelry
- Hartung Gallery and Art Supplies for framing
- Darlene Heinz for food items

- Kevin and Mary Ellen Henson for artwork, art prints, toys, books and hats
- Hertz Equipment Rental Corp. for tickets
- Wanda Hollberg for jewelry
- Scott Holweger for food items and trash bags
- Holy Communion Lutheran Church for school supplies and baskets
- Dianne Hottenstein for stoneware and a vase
- Karen Howard for baskets
- Charles Hull for artwork
- Sara Hunter for pottery
- Krystal Jackson for baskets
- Jake's Place, Men's Spa for spa services
- Ben Jones for infant supplies
- Windy Jones for a gift package
- Gopal Kapoor for jewelry
- Amy Kaus for live entertainment
- Stuart Kerner for photography
- Lisa Kerr for food items
- Amy and Camryn King for blankets and children's gifts
- Kingsmill for golf and accommodations
- Kiskiack Golf Club for golf and fees
- Vince Kornegay for entertainment
- Kelly Kowall for artwork
- Cyndie Krohn for gemstones
- Larry Krussel for a photo print
- Labella for a gift certificate
- Larmore, Morton & Stacey for gift bags
- LDS Relief Society for food items
- Tanya Leblie for pottery
- Shiroko Lifer for pottery
- Lobscouser Restaurant for gift dinner and certificate
- Lucky Oyster for a gift certificate
- Main Street United Methodist Church for blankets
- Al Mandelaro for jewelry
- Mannino's for a gift certificate
- Marriott-Norfolk Waterside gratuity and gift certificate
- McDonald's Garden Center for plant food
- McGuire Woods, LLP for golf equipment
- Danny Meeks for equipment rental
- Lisa Melita for pottery
- Mermaid Winery for a gift card
- Greg Milligan fro a photograph
- Mink and Cheef for live entertainment



- Robert Minnick for a photograph
- Beverly Moore for clothing
- Mr. Wholesale for clothing
- Deb Munroe for jewelry
- Debbie Myers for holiday supplies
- Cyndie Mylynnne for artwork
- Sheila Nash for artwork
- Kathrynne Negri for artwork
- Valerie Neil for food items and artist supplies
- Johnny Nelms for a photo and golf supplies
- Beth Netts for holiday supplies
- New Creation UMC for food items
- No Frill Bar and Grill for a gift certificate
- Joseph and Sara Noha for toys
- Norfolk Academy Clubs for event supplies
- Norfolk Chapter the Drifters, inc., for paper products, wipes and gift boxes
- Norfolk Chop House for a gift certificate
- Norfolk Florist & Gifts for a gift certificate
- Norfolk Tides Baseball Club for event tickets
- K. Bruce and B.J. Nuckols for toys
- Oak Grove United Methodist Church for toys
- Ed Obermeyer for artwork
- O'Doodle Doo's Donuts for food items
- Olde Towne Chiropractic for chiropractic serve coupons
- Cecilia Pancho for baskets
- Paradise Ocean Club for food items and membership
- John Payton for a kaleidoscope
- Peebles Golf Carts for carts
- Pepsi Company for food items
- Portsmouth Museums for gift passes
- Portsmouth Police-Uniform Patrol Officers for event security
- Portsmouth Renaissance for clothing
- Professional Printing Center for printing
- Phil Pulido
- Robert Ramaglia for jewelry
- Jeff and Becky Rankin for a playground
- Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center for accommodations and gift certificates
- Dawn Richardson for food items
- Jeffery Ringer for website design and management
- Rocket Direct Communications for printing materials
- Christine Rodriguez for artwork
- Wanda Rodriquez for infant supplies
- Roger Browns restaurant for gift cards
- Pornthep Ruang for jewelry
- Mary Rupe for toys
- Salt for gift certificates
- Janet Schafer for infant supplies
- Brian Sewell for live entertainment
- Karland Rhonda Shulenburg for bird a feeder and supplies
- Tom Siegmund for an art photograph
- Michael Sierra for pens
- John Simm for artwork
- Josh Sizemore for holiday supplies
- Skanska USA Civil Southeast for school supplies
- Sleepy Hole Golf Course for gift rounds
- Derek Smith for live entertainment
- Smithfield Foods, Inc. for golf gifts
- Smithfield Gardens and Landscaping for flowers
- Josh Solomon for glassworks
- Chris Sperelakis-Babb for food items
- St. Andrew Presbyterian Church for food items
- Starbucks for coffee
- Amanda Stephens for artwork and toys
- Still Worldly Electric Tapas for a gift certificate
- Kimberly Stone for food items
- Stove for a gift certificate
- Steven Summerville for pottery
- Kathi Sundby for jewelry
- Kris Taylor for artwork
- TCC Educational Foundation for tote bag supplies
- Terrapin Restaurant for a gift certificate
- The Art Institute of Virginia Beach for catering
- The Carrington family/To God be the Glory Ministries for coupons
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for food items and cards
- The Founders Inn & Spa for a special event
- The Naro for theater passes
- The Turning Man for a pen
- Brandon Thompson for artwork
- Tides Baseball for tickets
- Todd Jurich's Bistro for a gift certificate
- Richard Toft for artwork
- Total Wine for a gift certificate
- Trader Joe's for food items
- Two Rivers Country Club at Governors Landing for gift certificates
- William Ullrich for hats
- Toni Utter for food items
- Clare Vara for food items toiletries, tapes and toys
- Vineyard Community Church for blankets and food items
- Virginia Beach National Golf Club for passes
- Virginia Beach Shag Club for looms, toys, candy notebooks and rubber bands
- Virginia Special Events for rental discount
- Virginia Sports Hall of Fame for use of space
- Virginia Tourism Corporation for event supplies
- Virginia Zoo/Winfield Danielson for passes
- Kevin Walck for medical supplies
- Washington Capitals for a signed hockey puck
- Washington Nationals for a signed baseball
- Washington Redskins for an autographed picture
- Washington Wizards & Mystics for autographed basketballs
- Watermann's Restaurant for a gift certificate
- Pamela Welty for jewelry
- West Coast Trends, Inc. for a glove bag
- Western Branch Baptist Church for infant supplies
- Western Branch High School for event supplies
- Berkley Wheeler for clothing and specialty items
- Lynette Whitby for a toy and art supplies
- Bill Whitlow for artwork
- Wickers Crabpot Seafood for a gift certificate
- William and Mary for event tickets and clothing
- David Wilson for hosta leaves
- Woman's club of Smithfield for baskets
- Woodside High School for art sets
- Heather Wright for jewelry
- Yorgo's Bageldashery for food items
- York County Service Unit #616 Troop 1024 for food items
- Bob Younce for toiletries
- Young Veterans Brewing for brewery items
- Joel and Mary Jane Zaretsky for artwork
- York County Service Unit #615 Troop 1097 for food items

With Our Thanks, and a Reminder That You, Too, Might Like to "Eat Mor Chickin!"

"Eat mor chickin" is the slogan of Chick -Fil -A Restaurants throughout the country and that's become a staple for Edmarc functions as well. We have recently developed an amazing relationship with both the Portsmouth Chick-Fil-A, located on Fredrick Boulevard and the Suffolk Chick-Fil-A, located on Main Street.

Both facilities have gone above and beyond to supply food for families and for Edmarc functions whenever we contact them. Whether it is to provide food for a family who just experienced the loss of a child, or to bring chicken sandwiches along with their mascot, The Cow, to an Edmarc function, we know Edmarc can always count on them.

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- Volunteer Baker to make homemade treats for our children/teens grief support group
- Volunteer plumber and electrician
- 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 and Movie Theatre
- Picnic items: paper products (plates, cups, napkins)
- 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 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
- 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)
- Gently used or new laptop computer for homebound children
- Baby monitors
- "AA" batteries
- New bedding supplies: bed pillows, mattress pads, sheets-fitted/flat in all sizes, blankets
- New large, plush, cushiony stuffed animals to help prop children up in bed
- 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
- Bottled Water
- Vacuum Cleaner

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