



The Edmarc Visitor

Spring 2016



Mom and Dad shave to keep Alek company

A JOURNEY OF HOPE AND THE PATH TO HEALING

Aleksandr was your typical 15-month old. He had that clumsy walk that he is trying to nail down, babbling comes and goes with the occasional "Mama" and "Dada", and of course, there is the picky eater one day, food vacuum the next. So when we took Alek in for his 15-month baby wellness check-up, we figured the worst thing we would be discussing would be his slow speech development. It wasn't until the pediatrician was wrapping up with the standard physical when he noticed something was off. He called in for a second opinion, which led to an ultrasound, which led to another ultrasound with a Navy captain. What the heck is happening?!



Alek and his Dad

Things seemed to spiral every which-way until we went back to the pediatrician and he informed us that they had found a mass on Alek's liver. Speechless, dazed, questions firing left and right, we wanted answers! And the answers did come, two weeks later. Alek was officially diagnosed with hepatoblastoma, or liver cancer, in mid-March, 2015. We were very fortunate that things were rolling at such a fast pace, almost too fast at times when we were trying to still identify that our baby had liver cancer. Alek was admitted to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth the following day after his diagnosis. This was the

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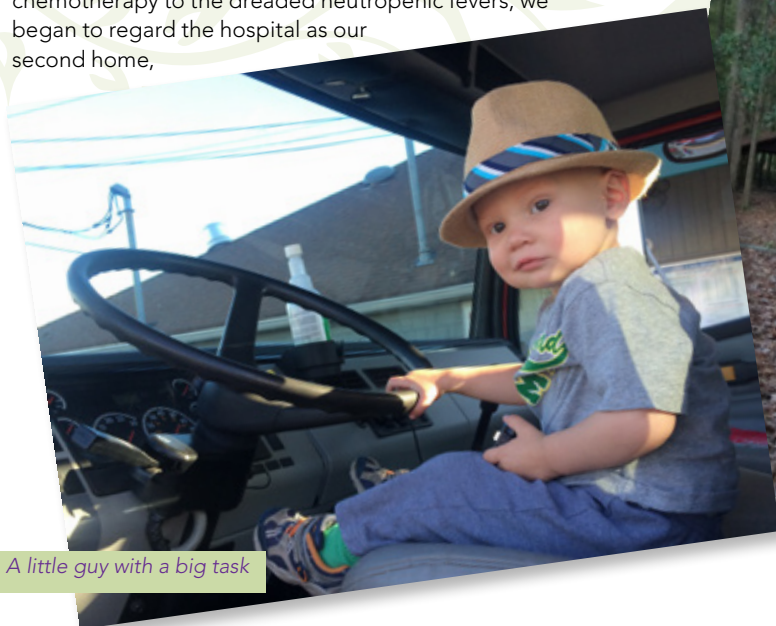


Sweet baby boy

beginning of a six to seven month journey of which seemed like never ending hospital visits. It was during Alek's first admission, shortly after his broviac line was placed, that we were told about Edmarc and the services they provide to families in need of home nursing assistance. Quite honestly, we felt like we were just checking off items on a shopping list when we heard of Edmarc.

Shortly after Alek's first admission and first round of chemotherapy, Edmarc came out the same week to visit and perform the admission physical. We met a wonderful nurse, Madalyn, and an outstanding social worker, Abigail. As anyone who has been through the process before knows, the admission physical was a low key and friendly conversation about Alek and what services Edmarc will be able to provide throughout Alek's journey. As a parent, the only thing you can do is sit there and pray that you'll remember at least ten percent of what they are saying. Regardless of what conversations passed, it was a very pleasant and welcoming feeling to know that these two strangers, who had never met Alek or us before, were sincerely concerned, not only for Alek's well-being, but for Mom and Dad's as well.

With chemotherapy already underway, we probably spent a good half of our time at the Naval Hospital. From admissions for chemotherapy to the dreaded neutropenic fevers, we began to regard the hospital as our second home,



A little guy with a big task

and the nursing staff and physicians as close friends. Weeks would pass, some better than others, and during those better weeks, we had the good fortune to have Dawn visit us to check in on Alek. Dawn absolutely loved Alek, and if Alek was awake for the majority of Dawn's visits, we're sure he'd love her right back! But she always had the unfortunate timing of swinging by to check in on him when he was settled down for a well-deserved nap.

When it was time to remove the tumor from Alek's liver, we were sent north to Boston Children's Hospital where Alek ravenously ate his first bowl of Boston baked beans!

Throughout the summer, Abby, our Edmarc social worker, was constantly in touch with us to make sure that we were doing well and to see if there was anything, anything, absolutely ANYTHING, that she could do to help us out. We were invited to the annual Edmarc fishing trip, but we had to take a raincheck due to an unscheduled hospital visit. BUT! With a little planning and sneaky work on Dad's part, Abby was able to help us with taking Alek to see Sesame Street Live when they came to town this past summer. Alek LOVED IT!... for the first 15 minutes of it (Note to Self: Toddlers will not sit longer than 15 minutes at a time, even for Super Grover 2.0!)

As August started to roll into September, so did Alek's journey battling hepatoblastoma. After four, three-week cycles of chemotherapy, a resection of the tumor and 80% of his liver, and closing out with 2 more cycles of chemotherapy, Alek rang the brass bell up in the pediatric hematology/oncology clinic at the Naval hospital, signaling to all those present that he was done! We couldn't have been happier! What started seven months ago, and felt like the end of the world to us, turned into the beginning of a new chapter in Alek's ever chaotic life as a toddler.

There will always be people we may not remember but want to thank from deep within our hearts for everything that they did to help us and Alek get through this dark and scary portion of our lives. But we will never forget the wonderful support we received from Edmarc's terrific staff of nurses and social workers who are always just a phone call away.



Alek is ridin' high!



Dr. Allen Hogge shares Edmarc's story



Welcome and appreciated participants



A very attentive and caring audience



Amy Thorstad shares her daughter Taylor's journey



Joan Hogge continues Edmarc's history

PENINSULA FRIENDRAISING BREAKFAST SPREADS THE WORD!

One of the greatest challenges Edmarc continues to overcome is that of bringing about wide ranging community awareness for Edmarc and its mission. Although we have had a number of physical locations throughout the years, Edmarc's services have been consistent and available to families throughout Hampton Roads since 1978.

From Franklin to the Southside and onto the Virginia Peninsula, our staff is available to families 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. We look to our community to help us raise the awareness of the services Edmarc provides.

It was nine years ago, and an idea from our Peninsula Council, to host a Fundraising Breakfast. The plan was to invite individuals to a free breakfast, have an Edmarc family share their story, raise awareness about Edmarc's mission and the positive impact we have in Hampton Roads, and raise the funds needed to help us continue to serve our families in the best ways possible. The Peninsula Fundraising Breakfast was born.

This event has been highly successful as, time after time, it meets the goal to raise awareness of the need for Edmarc's specialized services. On average, between 30% and 40% of the total number of children and families we serve live on the Peninsula. Although the breakfast is free to those who attend, there is still considerable cost involved. In view of this, two of our volunteers, Amy Thorstad and Mary Cowling, started brainstorming ideas as to the most effective ways to raise the monies to cover that cost. Two years ago Amy and her friends and family put on a fundraiser in memory of her daughter,

Taylor, who was under Edmarc's care during her battle with brain cancer. Taylor had an amazing sense of humor and lit up the room with her unforgettable laugh, so it was only fitting to celebrate her life by holding a fundraiser at a comedy club.

Because of the generosity of many people, the 9th Annual Peninsula Fundraising Breakfast was held on February 11th at The Paradise Ocean Club on Fort Monroe. The breakfast was held in memory of Taylor Adkins and Baxter Simmons, Sr. Baxter was a long-time friend of Edmarc as well as Amy's dear friend and a part of the Kiwanis Club of Mercury 64. Amy served as the host with her usual style and grace to the 100-plus who attended the breakfast.

From Dr. and Mrs. Allen Hogge, part of the original founders of Edmarc, guests heard the story of our humble beginnings, and learned about a program that continues to make a positive difference in the lives of children and families facing the greatest heartache of their lives.

The morning was a great success and raised nearly \$13,000 to support Edmarc's mission. We want to give a HUGE thank you to Amy Thorstad, the Kiwanis Club of Mercury 64, Baxter Simmons, Jr., Rocket Media for all of our printing, Pat Malon with Indian Creek Productions for all of our A/V needs, Advanced Design Fabrications for all of the signage, Rob Cowling and Old Point National Bank for sponsoring the sound system for the breakfast, and Bob Harper Photography for capturing the morning with his special photographic talents. Heartfelt thanks to all for making this year's Breakfast the BEST ever!!!

Fall Fest... What a great time!

The Edmarc Annual Fall Fest was held at the Portsmouth Woman's Club. Our special thanks to the Portsmouth Service League for donating such a beautiful venue, and to our generous and so very appreciated friends, the Norfolk Jaycees, who once again hosted this joyous event.

The evening was a complete hit filled with everything from magic and games to amazing balloon creations. Big thanks go out to John Kingry and Ryan the balloon guy -- definitely welcome (and exciting!) additions to the party!

Throughout the room you could hear giggles from little ones feasting on candy and pizza. They were so happy to just be kids, with no worries about anything but having fun. Parading before us was a collection of the cutest and most creative costumes... everyone from Luke Skywalker to Woody and his sidekick, Jessie.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and making Fall Festival such a wonderful event!



There were pirates and princesses; a cowboy and a karate master; mama and papa bear and their cub; a mousekin and a mad hatter, and oh so many more!





Peace by Piece Helps Children through Grief's Journey

Peace by Piece Program

Edmarc's children's grief group, Peace by Piece, began the 2015-2016 program year in a new location at Children's Harbor – Places and Programs for Children, Inc., in Norfolk. The new space offers a child-friendly atmosphere with plenty of space to grow as the program expands. Peace by Piece provides peer grief support groups for children ages five - 18 who have experienced the death of a significant loved one. We know that children don't grieve alone but within their family structure, whatever that may look like. To address and include this, our program also provides adult support groups that meet during the children's groups.

For the first time this year, we have included family nights to assist the participating family in processing the death within their family unit. Our groups are facilitated by volunteers trained in children's grief and staffed with mental health professionals from Edmarc and our partner agency, Jewish Family Services. For extra comfort, we have also added two pet therapy dogs to our program.

If you would like more information regarding how you can support our program or refer a family please contact Edmarc's Bereavement Program Director at 757-967-9251.

Holiday Party

The Peace by Piece annual holiday party, held this past December, provided a warm and fun environment where families could build memories and remember their loved ones. The night was filled with building ginger bread houses, creating memory ornaments, food, laughter, gifts, and fellowship. At the close of the evening, each family was invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one. While grief can be heavy during the holidays, Peace by Piece provides a safe space for families to come together, remember, mourn, and embrace the holidays with support.

Our special thanks to Monumental Methodist Church for allowing us to gather in the church hall for our celebration, and to our dear and generous friends at Chick-Fil-A for providing food for the festivities. We also extend our thanks to WBMS Walking Club for providing crafts for our families to make the evening a special time to remember their loved one.

MORNING AT THE MOVIES WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

On December 5th, 2015, The Real Estate Group held their annual toy drive for Edmarc. This year's holiday event was held at Regal Columbus Stadium 12 Theatre in Virginia Beach. Sponsors lined the halls and hundreds of agents, clients, and vendors filled the theatre armed with toys for Edmarc. The toys were then exchanged for tickets to newly released movies.

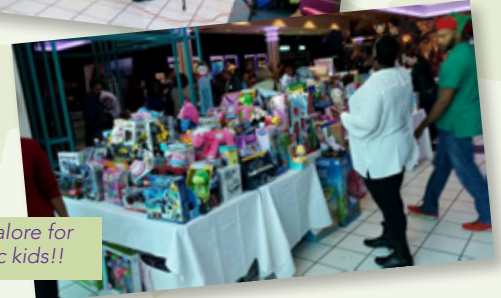
Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special appearance and gave kids the chance to have their photos taken and to tell Jolly Saint Nick everything on their wish lists!

This year's Morning at the Movies was a HUGE success: a moving truck with over 40 giant bags of toys and four bicycles to help fulfill our Edmarc families' wish lists for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of this special event. We are truly blessed to have had the support of The Real Estate Group over the years and are honored to call them our friends.



Family portraits and Santa photos were a special treat!



Toys galore for Edmarc kids!!



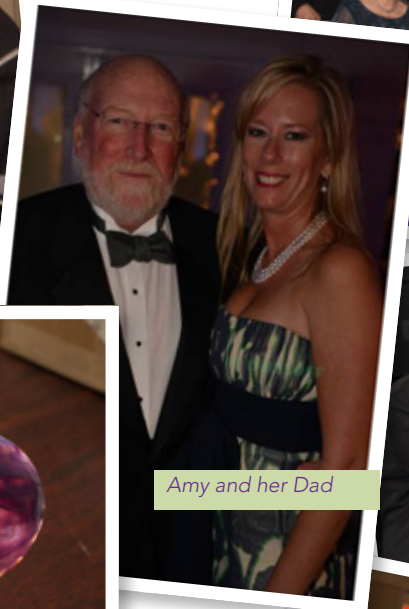
Mark Jones, of Q.E.D. Systems, receives his Hope Award



What an elegant group!



The beautiful Hope Award butterfly 2016



Amy and her Dad



And the winner is...



Honoring the Beazley Foundation and Judge Richard Bray

TWAS A GORGEOUS NIGHT FOR A GALA AFFAIR

It was October ninth overlooking Fisherman's Wharf that set the stage for the Third Annual Hope Gala, The Magic of Caring. Supporters came together to celebrate the many hearts that have provided hope for thousands of seriously ill children throughout Hampton Roads. The Water Table provided the backdrop for what many called an unforgettable evening. It was the excitement that filled the room as 200 guests engaged in conversation; the evening was nothing short of spectacular.

Local magician and illusionist, John Kingry, captivated guests with his spellbinding acts of magic. One of our founding families, Dr. and Mrs. Allen Hogge, joined us and presented the awards to this past year's Hope Award recipients: The Honorable Judge Richard Bray and the Beazley Foundation, and Q.E.D. Systems.

The emcee for the evening was none other than Morgan Davis of TowneBank who kept the evening flowing with his special brand of charisma, style, and grace. I think he summed this wonderful evening up best, "The night was a perfect balance of music, magic and mixology."

We enjoyed live music by Amy Kaus and Derek Smith, with Six Stylez as our feature band. Guests had a chance to win a number of premiere raffle prizes and participate in an impressive silent auction. Even if one didn't bid on one of the silent auction items, guests were able to make a donation to provide nursing care and bereavement care for a child. There really was something to entice everyone!

Thanks to everyone who made this magical night a reality that reached an all-time high of \$70,000!!





A treasure trove of auction temptations



So many to choose from!



Debbie Stitzer-Brame and Lori Strickland are amazed at Magician John Kingy's "bag of tricks!"



The Art of the Pour



Music makers Amy Kaus and Derek Smith

Special thanks to Amy Folkes who served as chair of the committee and to the committee's members:

- Heidi Anderson, Edmarc Mom
- Butch Beckman, Stat Services
- Dorothy Bell, Edmarc Volunteer
- John Bell, Edmarc Volunteer
- DJ Bradley, NCTMB, CMT, Mama Dee's Massage
- Ed DelaEspriella, Edmarc Volunteer
- Kelly DelaEspriella, Light of the World Photography
- Naoma Doriguzzi, Ask Naoma
- Sharon Cole, CRQ Consulting
- Charity Dunlap, Charity Dunlap Photography
- Stephanie Fowler, Edmarc Volunteer
- Dorothy Jenson, Assistant Director, Edmarc
- Debbie Jones, Edmarc Volunteer
- Kristen Jones, Community Resource Coordinator, Edmarc
- Nicole Pandeloglou, Go Local 757
- Debbie Stitzer-Brame, Executive Director, Edmarc
- Shantel Thomas, Executive Assistant, Edmarc
- Kristi Wells, Edmarc Volunteer

In appreciation and special thanks for all who contributed to the evening's success!

- Aberdeen Barn
- Advanced Design Fabrication
- Affinity Limousine
- Bob Harper Photography
- Baxter's Sports Bar
- Bunco Babes
- Busch Gardens
- Catholic Church of St. Mark
- Chef by Design
- Children's Specialty Group, PLLC Division of Hematology - Oncology
- Carroll and Gloria Creecy
- Cintas, The Service Professionals
- Mrs. Dawn Dick
- Downtown Gym
- Either Ore Strawbridge
- Elite Island Resorts
- Farm Table
- Fink's Jewelers
- Fitness First
- Fresh Market
- Mr. and Mrs. Grey Folkes
- Founder's Inn
- Harmony Hospitality, Inc.
- Hunton & Williams & Norfolk Managing Partner Bob Tata
- GoLocal 757
- Great Wolf Lodge
- Gershwin's
- Greenbrier Farms
- Indian Creek Productions
- Jay's Creations
- LifeNet Health
- Mr. Pat Malbon
- Mama Dee's Massage
- Massimo Zanetti Beverage
- Eileen Monacchio
- Norfolk Admirals
- Norfolk Marriott
- Norfolk Tides
- O'Connor's Brewery
- Old Dominion University
- Outback Steakhouse
- Paradise Ocean Club
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pavlat
- Phoenix Salon
- Planet Fitness
- Prince Brand Tennis
- Renaissance Hotel
- Salvatore's & Laser Quest
- Sassy Stuff 4U
- Saude' Creek Vineyards
- Sieminski Family
- STAT Services
- Stellar Exposures
- Surf Rider
- Target Warehouse
- The Water Table
- Total Wine
- Towne Insurance
- Virginia Global Asset Management, LLC
- Virginia Stage Company
- Virginia Symphony
- Washington Capitals
- Waterman's Grill
- Western Branch Family
- Chiropractic Center
- Williamsburg Alewerks
- Williamsburg Winery
- The Wright Spot Barber
- Zia Marie Restaurant

Thanks to everyone who helped make this an evening to remember!



MAKING THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER FOR EDMARC'S FAMILIES



There are many factors that impact the lives of families when a child is ill. Many of us take for granted the ability to go out and shop in the chaos and the crowds at holiday time. For our families, it is a relief not to have to deal with the holiday stress during the time of their child's illness. Bringing food baskets and gifts to them relieves the pressure and helps to make the holidays free to stay home and to provide the all-important care, love and support to their families.

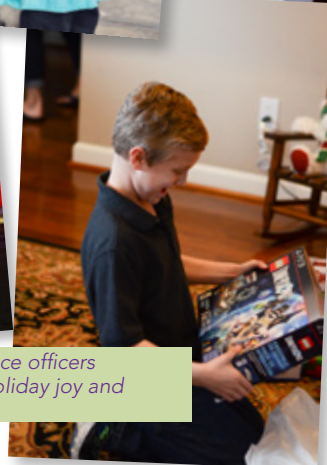
During this past holiday season, we were blessed with an outpouring of love from individuals, churches, civic leagues, and corporations who donated food baskets and holiday gifts. We are so grateful to have been able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets filled with food and presents to all of our families.

In addition, we had a group of fabulous volunteers who delivered all those meals to their homes. It takes a huge community effort to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas for all of our families. Heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers and donors who provided meals and gifts for each Edmarc family this past holiday. We could not do this without the generosity of the community.

We would also like to thank the Deep Creek United Methodist Church for putting on our Annual Holiday Party. On December 11th our families were invited to enjoy an evening of fun, food, ice cream, games, crafts, and Santa. We are honored that the fine folks of Deep Creek United Methodist continue to support our program. Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!

NOBLEMEN OF VIRGINIA BEACH SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER TO OUR FAMILIES

Over the years, we have been blessed to have the generous support of the Noblemen of Virginia Beach. On December 10th over 100 Noblemen and Noblewomen took Christmas to 10 of our Virginia Beach families. The group split up into two trolleys that transported merry carolers who spent the evening singing holiday carols and delivering gifts and food to our Edmarc kids and families. We would like to give a special thanks to Al Midget and all of our Noblemen friends for their continued love and support over the years.



Holiday happiness reigned as gift baskets and presents, carolers and elves, police officers and firemen gathered along with Santa and Mrs. Claus to bring some special holiday joy and excitement to Edmarc families.

SANTA DELIVERS GIFTS IN FIRE ENGINES AND POLICE CARS

This year's Santa Run was held on Sunday, December 12th. With the help of the local police, fire/rescue departments and sheriff's departments from Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Hampton, Newport News, and Poquoson, our Santas arrived in special style that delighted the kids! They were given VIP access to the fire engines and police cars, definitely the highlight of the day! We cannot thank each of you enough; bringing together Hampton Roads finest men and women spreading holiday cheer. This was the BEST DAY EVER!

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to make the season bright for so many. Special thanks to our volunteers who did an amazing job caroling and to our volunteer photographers who captured priceless family moments that will be cherished for years to come. We received the communication shortly after the event and wanted to share it. After all, you made a REAL difference in the lives of kids and families who needed something to be cheerful about.



The Day of Remembrance Offers a Very Special Kind of Sharing

On November 22, 2015, the Edmarc family gathered together to honor and remember the lives of the children who have died in our program. As Roy George sang and played the gentle strains of "Somewhere over the Rainbow," and signing was done by Andrea Mariani, we remembered these dear ones through their sweet pictures followed by the lighting of candles. Each candle served as a symbol that the light of their lives will live on forever in our hearts. The remembrance service provides an opportunity for our families and staff to come together to remember their love ones, share their stories, and find hope for the journey. We are grateful to St. John's Episcopal Church and members of Community Church of Western Branch for their generous support of this very special event.

I have met several of you the last month as I am Brittany's mom.

I need to tell you ALL how much the work you have done for Brittany, Wade, Addilynn, and Barrett has meant to me! You all were there when we- their family- couldn't be as we live nearly 2,000 miles away! However, you have been there in so many ways and always with compassion and support.

Next, I want to thank you to all the police officers, EMT's, sheriff's deputies and fire fighters along with Santa Claus who came to make sure Addilynn had a special Christmas! Thank you!!! Santa was wonderful with Addilynn, who at the age of two, wasn't sure about Santa. Second, the "carolers" you brought with you were FABULOUS! I know these men & women work their tails off for their communities each and every day AND yet, on their day off, they came to sing Christmas carols! This was amazing! I really hope there is some way you can let each of these fine people know how much we appreciate their support!

Also, an enormous thank you for the incredible food basket for Christmas. I can't tell you how much I appreciate this basket. I left on December 22nd for Wyoming where I live. On the 23rd, Brittany called me while I was between Kansas City, Kansas and Salina, Kansas stating Barrett was in the PICU and the next day (Christmas Eve) he would have surgery. I drove home to Wyoming and left 8 hours later to fly back to Virginia. IF it wouldn't have been for your incredible food basket, we would not have had Christmas dinner! I am incredibly serious about this fact! I landed too late to go to the grocery store, Wade & Brittany had spent all day the 23rd & 24th in the PICU or awaiting news for surgery and so there was no grocery run! Thank you so very much for saving our Christmas dinner! Please tell the men and women who shop for the baskets, put them together, AND then deliver them "Thank you". They do a tremendous service to the families!

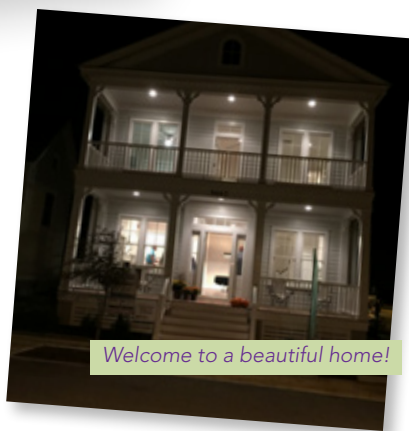
And last, thank you so very much for all the gifts you gave the family! Addilynn Anne had the best Christmas and in part thanks to you all! Also, the gift cards for Brittany and Wade were so appreciated. One night Wade told Brittany to go to Barnes and Noble with her card and not to come home for a couple of hours. Brittany was able to get out of the house, away from the stress, and do what she loves- READ! Thank you!

Oh, how could I forget the medical staff? When we brought Barrett home it was after 8:30 p.m. It didn't matter, your nurse was there helping us to get him settled. The people who I have met that have come to the house have been wonderful! They answer Brittany & Wade's questions, check on Barrett, AND still make Addilynn feel included. (You can see her in one of the photos peeking shyly over Santa's shoulder). Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Again, thank you for all you have done for our family!

HOME SWEET HOME AT HOMEARAMA 2015

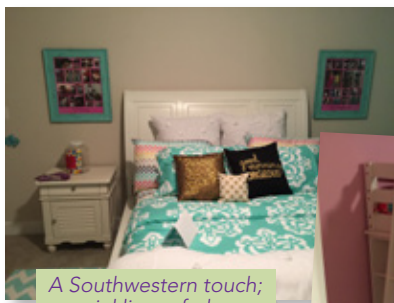
How many of us have attended Homearama over the years! Probably the majority of our readers. They are held in beautiful neighborhoods, consisting of superlative architecture and highly sophisticated furnishings.



Welcome to a beautiful home!

This year's event was extra special because of Edmarc's friends at Strickland Homes. Strickland is a second generation green builder, a family operated company with over 30 years of experience. Lori Strickland thought about various ways to showcase their lovely home and, at the same time, give back to the community. So she and her family decided to work with Edmarc to identify two little girls who needed something to smile about. They chose to do bedroom makeovers with the details and special wishes of our little girls.

After meeting with each of the families to gather ideas, Lori and her family transformed the bedrooms. The first was filled with princess-themed items and splashes of Frozen were scattered throughout the room. The second room took on a southwest flare and included special touches to highlight this little one's gymnastic medals.



A Southwestern touch, a sprinkling of glamour



Clearly a room fit for a princess!

A huge thanks to Lori and the entire Strickland Family for giving these young ladies something to really smile about.

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!



And there were bears of every wondrous kind from the generous, creative folks at ABNB!

EVERYBODY NEEDS A BEAR

Our dear friends at ABNB Federal Credit Union hold an annual contest during the holidays in which staff members create one-of-a-kind teddy bears. This year these adorable teddy bears were hand delivered to Edmarc by some ABNB staff members right before our holiday deliveries. We are so thankful for everyone at ABNB Federal Credit Union for thinking of our Edmarc kids and helping us make their Christmas merry and bright with these sweet, huggable bruins.



Sign up right here for a day of golf and a boost for Edmarc!

FORE JENNA...FORE CHARITY

Over 10 years ago Joe "Granddad" Noha and members of the Deep Creek Ruritans Club decided to start a golf tournament in honor of Joe's granddaughter, Jenna. The goal was to raise awareness of the need for children's hospice and palliative care while simultaneously raising the much needed funds to run the organization.

Edmarc was there throughout Jenna's life, and continues to be there for the Nohas after she lost her battle with her illness. This



Debbie accepts with gratitude the check and a hug from "Grandad Noha."

family has been through so much, yet they chose to remember the short and sweet life of Jenna through the Annual Deep Creek Ruritans' Club Golf Tournament.

Over the years, this tournament has raised almost \$60,000 to support Edmarc's mission. In 2015, they reached a banner year, presenting Edmarc with a check for nearly, \$10,000!

The entire Noha family holds a special place in our hearts and we are honored to call them family. Thank you to

everyone who participated and supported this special tournament in and special thanks to Grandad for putting on a first class tournament.

With love, we remember



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Hope for the Journey.

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

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

Jeremiah J. (9/17/15)

Jeremiah was a sweet baby boy who blessed the lives of all who were privileged enough to be in his company during his short time in this world. Jeremiah loved being held by his parents, hearing familiar hymns (especially Blessed Assurance), and the little monkey hat his parents picked out for him. He is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his parents, Ashley and Allen as well as many other friends and family members.

Lauren M. (4/25/01-10/3/15)

Lauren was a very special young lady who reached the hearts of all who were privileged to know her. She loved to spend time with her family and taught all those around her so much without ever saying a word. She touched the lives of so many in her time here and will always be remembered for her strength, courage, and wonderful smile. Lauren will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her parents, Christy and Byron; her siblings, Cierra and Zach and numerous other family members and friends.

John K. (4/9/09 - 10/4/15)

Johnny sweet, spiritual and extremely huggable! During his short battle with brain cancer, Johnny steadily demonstrated courage and peace as he believed that God was in control of his life and he trusted that whatever the outcome, he would be safe. In spite of some limitations due to his tumor he was always seen playing hard and participating in as much family fun as possible. Johnny will be greatly missed by his parents; his siblings, Lincoln, Lydia, and Justus, and many other family members and friends.

Mekselina M. (11/16/09-10/22/15)

Mekselina was a beautiful little girl whose brilliant smile warmed the hearts of all she encountered. Throughout her battle with cancer, she inspired all those around her with her resilience and her faith. She was very active in her church, and greatly enjoyed praising Jesus at services with her family. She loved the Disney Princesses (especially Rapunzel), and playing with her little brother and sister. Mekselina will now be watching over her dad, Jason; her mom, Sonay; her brother, Malachi and her sister, Magdelene as well as numerous other family members and friends.

Nivea P. (12/10/04-11/1/15)

Nivea was a sweet, beautiful little girl who fought a courageous battle with cancer with grace and strength. She was a blessing to all who knew and loved her, and touched the lives of all who were privileged to know her. Nivea will be remembered with love by her parents, Nikunj and Hetal and her older sister, Antra, as well as a host of other family and friends.

Kathryn S. (7/8/15-11/17/15)

Kathryn's sweet, angelic face could light up any room. Though her time here was far too short, she brightened the lives of everyone around her. Kathryn leaves behind her parents Jason and Lisa and her brother, Kellen.

Evan T. (9/28/12-11/25/15)

Evan was a sweet little boy who brightened the lives of his family and all who had the privilege to know him. Evan, courageous and strong, fought a long and difficult battle with his illness. He was truly a blessing and was adored by all those around him. Evan is lovingly remembered by his parents, Barbara and Jeremy; his siblings, Jae'lyn and Elle' and numerous other family members and friends.

Ty'yonna L. (12/21/13-12/4/15)

This little girl touched the hearts of many with her sweet, loving smile. Despite the discomfort from a debilitating skin condition, she enjoyed her family and leaves behind to cherish her memory her parents Tyron and Nikita and her two brothers Kyre and Contrell.

Arden R. (5/24/14-12/5/15)

Arden was such a sweet little guy who absolutely brightened the life of everyone who knew him. Though his time here was far too short, he was deeply and beautifully loved by his family. Left to cherish his sweet memory are his parents, Amanda and Anthony, big brother, A.J., and many other members of the family and friends.

Jahsaun M. (2/9/10-12/7/15)

Jahsaun was a handsome little boy who was adored by all who met him. He loved going to school and loved Mario video games so much that he named his puppy Yoshi. Jahsaun's strength and bravery were something to behold as he fought the very difficult battle with his illness. He was absolutely cherished, and will be remembered with love by his parents, Martin and Lakeshia as well as his sister, his brother, and countless friends and family.

Marlon P. (1/7/10-12/29/15)

Marlon was a vibrant little boy with energy and humor to spare. He loved to play board games, and especially loved to beat nurses, social workers, and anyone else who would dare to challenge him at Connect Four. He always had a good time playing video games with his cousin, and loved superheroes and going to movies with his mom. He is deeply loved and will be missed by his mom, Kaylah; his dad, Matthew; his baby sister, Mariah and his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and numerous friends.

Joshua B. (11/5/15-1/13/16)

Joshua was a beautiful little baby who blessed the lives of his parents as well as the rest of us. Though his time here was far too short, he brightened the lives of everyone around him. He is deeply loved and missed by his parents, Nathan and Bayley, as well as numerous other family members and friends.

Parker D. (8/24/13-1/15/16)

Parker is an amazing little boy who fought a long and courageous battle. Though Parker was unable to say what he felt with his words, he said mounds with his face and, most of all his heart. Parker taught so many of us what was most important in life and to embrace every day. Parker loved to spend time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his parents, Hope and Daniel; his siblings, Jillian, Emma, Benjamin, and Samantha "Baby Girl" and numerous other family members and friends.

Caiden L. (12/15/15-1/17/16)

From the moment he was born, Caiden proved to be a blessing to his family and everyone who knew him. Though his time here was far too short, he impacted the lives of so many, and will be lovingly remembered by his parents, Alex and Elaine, and his big sister, Eliana, as well as his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

David S. (4/26/07 - 2/11/16)

David...determined and courageous are two adjectives that best describe this precious young man. David fought a very long, hard battle to defeat his cancer. He went through several bone marrow transplants and years of chemotherapy. Through it all he fought the good fight with the amazing support of his parents and his loving sister. David enjoyed a variety of activities and participated in all of them with enthusiasm! David was a guy with an engaging personality and will be greatly missed by his parents, Amber and David, Sr; his sister Molly and numerous other family members and friends.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THIS YEAR'S SPRING FLING

Fun with my friends!

On March 12th Edmarc families and volunteers gathered for our Annual Spring Fling. The day was perfect in every way! Special thanks to our dear friends of KPMG for once again sponsoring the event complete with volunteers, bounce house entertainment and soft drinks and paper products. And we give special thanks to our Chick-Fil-A/ Portsmouth friends for providing all the yummy fix ins and sweet treats! We even had a special visit from the Chick-Fil-A cow along with guest appearance from the Easter Bunny and Wags the Edmarc mascot. The Virginia Air and Space Center joined in on the fun and provided some awesome science demonstrations. Of course we had our every popular annual egg hunt as well as games and prizes for everyone who attended! The Knights of Templar played a big part of the day's celebration as they recognized all the kids by giving medals and certificates of honor for their courage. We would like to thank everyone who donated candy filled eggs; our volunteers hid over 1,000 eggs for our kids to find! And we give special thanks to Pixie for providing the sweet treats. We want to thank Amanda with Stellar Exposures volunteered her time and captured all of the festivities and smiles on our families' faces. We even had the Portsmouth's Police Department and Fire and Rescue teams come out to volunteer. They brought squad cars, fire trucks, and memorabilia for our kids! It was truly an amazing day; let's just say the staff, volunteers, and our families will be talking about the 2016 Spring Fling for a long time! Thank you to everyone who provided their time and talents to make this day so memorable!



An honorary Knight!



Enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt!



Enjoying the day!



Love our local Fire Department!



Hanging out with Mom!



Ready for the egg hunt

THE EASTER BUNNY HAD HELPERS DELIVERING BASKETS THIS YEAR

All we can say is WOW! We were overwhelmed with the outpour of our community support for Easter basket deliveries! Organizations, companies, and individuals all over Hampton Roads graciously donated Easter baskets and supplies, helping us provide 235 Easter baskets to all the Edmarc children! It is because of the generosity and support of our community that the children had something to smile about when they opened up each basket especially created with lot of love. You can only imagine the work that goes into making 235 Easter baskets. We are grateful to a wonderfully talented group of Easter Bunny helpers; Pixie Jones, her family, and friends spent two days assembling baskets and event putting them in 20 routes! Then with the help of more dedicated volunteers, Easter Bunny helpers delivered baskets throughout Hampton Roads, from Courtland to Virginia Beach and all the way to Yorktown! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, to everyone who volunteered their time, talent and provided items to ensure our kids received Easter baskets this year!



Love the Easter Bunny!



Look what we found!



Portsmouth Police Department helping our kids

Messages from Families...

Merry Christmas

We are truly fortunate to be where we are this Christmas season despite the hectic year we experienced as a family.

Aleksandr was diagnosed with liver cancer this past March at 15-months during a regular checkup, which quickly spiraled into a world of long hospital stays, sleepless nights, and nightly cleanings of his central lines for chemotherapy.

We are very fortunate that Alek's pediatrician did an amazingly thorough physical and was able to catch the tumor during Alek's checkup. We are especially thankful for the professional and talented doctors, nurses, pediatric oncology clinic staff, and child life specialist at Navy Medical Center Portsmouth, the Edmarc Hospice home nurses who provided home care for Alek, the Boston Children's Hospital surgical team who successfully resected the tumor, and the nurses and staff at Boston Children's who helped keep Alek comfortable during his recovery.

Between countless hospital visits to undergo chemotherapy, unscheduled hospital stays during infections, and a three week trip up to Boston Children's Hospital for surgery, we are happy to say that Alek is doing very well and is officially in remission. We would not be where we are today if it wasn't for the terrific support we had from you, our family, friends, wardroom shipmates, Satchmo's puppy daycare owners and countless others who wanted to help Alek any way they could.

Wrapping up another year, we are extremely thankful to be where we are today. Tanya is back attending to Master Aleksandr's busy social calendar, Phil is now a Lieutenant Junior Grade working at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in the Facilities Maintenance Department, and Satchmo continues to take up the entire bed at night.

We wish to thank each and every one of you for your love and support throughout this unimaginable year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Phil, Tanya, Aleksandr, and Satchmo

December 15, 2015

Dear Edmarc,

Thank you for bringing all the Christmas presents to my sisters and me. That was really cool! Morgan and I got to open one present each. I opened some Legos. They were awesome! It was a snow plow that has a removable blade and show pieces to pick up. Morgan got the Sophia mermaid doll she asked Santa for. She is really excited. Seeing the fire truck pull up in front of my house was really cool. I'm just glad they weren't there for Charity.

Andrew

Many merry thanks for all you do!
Hope this will help!

Va. Beach Shag Club
Sherry Fulton – Chairperson

Peace

May you find peace, love, and the true spirit of the holiday season.

Edmarc Staff,

You all do such a wonderful job with your Remembrance Ceremony each year. Your outreach to all the families who have been and are under your care is so much appreciated. Have a blessed Christmas and 2016!

Love,

Richard and Diane

Happy Holidays

Peace and joy...

In every moment

Of this season...

In every holiday wish

For you.

Hello all,

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Hope all is well with the entire Edmarc Family. I miss you guys along with all of the wonderful families I met. Edmarc will always remain close to my heart as will each of you. Take care and God bless you all!!!

Love,

Sonja

Merry Christmas and
a joyful holiday season!

Joy to each of you this holiday and a
safe, healthful and happy New Year!
Loue & Jean B.

For unto you is born this day a Savior,
Christ the Lord.
-Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas
With Love,
Sam, Denise, Tank, Tess,
Tootie-Lou & Tuff

Holiday Greetings. Hometown Joy.
With every holiday light that twinkles,
and every snowflake that falls, we are
reminded of the blessings in our lives.

The friendships we share with each
other, the laughter and memories made,
the sharing of hopes and dreams, a
season of peace and joy.

With warmest wishes for a holiday
filled with happiness and heartfelt
thanks for wonderful friends like you.

Your Towne Family

Believe

Dear Everyone at Edmarc,
When we think of Christmas
and love, we always think of all of you!
May the wonder of Christmas live in
your heart always. You all are always
and forever in our hearts!

Love,
Joe, Debbie & Angel Jenna
Xoxo

Merry Christmas
With love,
The O'Hearns 2015

Season's Greetings
In warm appreciation of our
association, we extend our Best Wishes
for a happy Holiday Season and a New
Year filled with Peace, Joy, and Success.

Elizabeth River Crossings

Love Never Melts
Feliz Navidad & Happy New Year

To all of you beautiful people
with amazing hearts of gold, Marquito
& family wish you and your families a
Merry Christmas filled with only love
and Blessings and a prosperous & Happy
New Year.

With our love,
Marquito & Family

Merry Christmas
Warmest wishes for a wonderful
Holiday Season.

Love,
Lynnette, Brooke, & Charlie

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a
happy New Year.

With love from
Joseph, Patty, Maggie, Abby & Emily

Edmarc Family,

Wishing you peace and joy this Holiday
Season. Thank you for being a part of
Ava's life.

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Alicia, John, Christopher
& Nora

Merry Christmas
From our family to yours.

Love,
Jaime, Carmen, Alyssa,
Annalise & Connor

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and
on earth peace among those whom He
favors!

Luke 2:14

Wishing you the blessings of His peace
this Christmas.

From the employees of Robert G.
Dashiell Jr. PE Inc.

Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday
Season and a New Year filled with
prosperity.

Happy Holidays,
Kim
Barnes, Brock, Cornwell & Painter, PLC

Jesus is the gift that perfectly fits the
size of every heart.
May all that He is bring you all that you
need at Christmas and throughout the
New Year.

Heartfelt thanks for a wonderful
Holiday Party AND awesome Santa and
baskets. We are blessed to have you in
our lives.

Love,
Missy, Scott, Karli, Kasey

Dear Edmarc Staff,

This season, may the meaning
of Christmas be deeper, its friendships
stronger, and its hopes brighter! Merry
Christmas!

Thank you for all the wonderful work
you do for the children.

Nancy & Noel

And she will bring forth a Son, and you
shall call His name JESUS, for He will
save His people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21

May his blessings be yours now and in
the New Year. Merry Christmas.

Love to all,
Edward Page Jr.
Margaret T. Page

Edmarc Board of Directors Welcomes Blake Boykin



Blake Boykin, a Hampton Roads resident for the past 30 years, is originally from New Bern, NC. He studied at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he received his BS degree in Marine Transportation and at ODU in Norfolk there receiving his MBA. He began his career as an Army officer at Fort Eustis. Following that he served as manager of marine operations at Sealand Service in Portsmouth. He then became vice president in charge of operations at Chilean Nitrate Corp.

His next venture took him into the realm of founding his own business, with Betterliving Patio Rooms of Hampton Roads, a home remodeling company as the first step. That was followed by Outer Connection as an agent booking worldwide hunting and fishing trips. He also founded and served as the owner president of Boykin Outdoor Sports, retiring in November of last year.

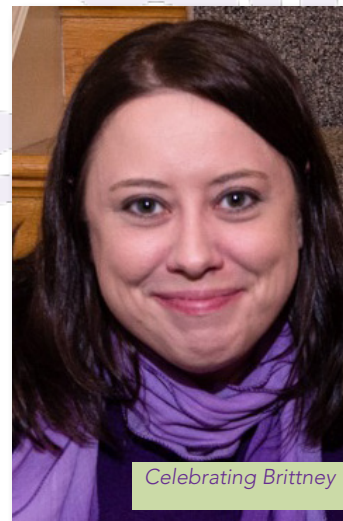
He and his wife, Jennifer, a vice president at Newport News Shipbuilding, have been married for 27 years. Their daughter, Caroline, 25, and future son-in-law, Zachary Carpenter, both work at Newport News Shipbuilding as well.

As indicated by his choice area of business Blake is an avid outdoorsman. As he says, "I spend most of my free time hunting, shooting, fishing, boating and working on my farm. I love to travel both domestically and abroad. I am also an amateur history buff!"

"What drew me to Edmarc? I have a love for kids and a desire to serve the community. Edmarc's mission is so unique and such a worthy cause that I was instantly drawn to the organization. Edmarc is truly making a difference in the lives of those families that it serves and I wanted to be a part of it. I look forward to serving this great cause in any way I possibly can. It's truly an honor to serve on Edmarc's Board of Directors."

Ten Years of Caring with Love

We celebrate a lot of things at Edmarc, but we really celebrate when a member of Edmarc's staff reaches a milestone. Brittney Twisdale has been serving as a medical social worker/coordinator of family support services for Edmarc for the past ten years. In her role she provides supportive care to children and families facing the greatest challenges of their lives. She has been called the lady that makes nice things happen, the talking lady and even the bank. We are truly thankful for all she does as she helps our families navigate through uncharted waters. Thank you Brittney for all you do...we love you!



Celebrating Brittney

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DOING MY PART AS A VOLUNTEER



By Will Walton

Will Walton serves as United Way campaign coordinator for his employer, Q.E.D.

For over twenty years United Way of South Hampton Roads has annually sponsored a Day of Caring that affords an opportunity for citizens of our communities-(like me) to lend a helping hand to those organizations that provide all sorts of assistance to those Individuals who have hardships and need help. By participating in this process, this is my way of reaching out and giving a "Hand-Up" thanks to those who provide the services that are so desperately needed each and every day. As an American, I feel an obligation and duty to reach out to those less fortunate than myself, and share the fruits of my labors in both time given and dollars donated.

Over the years, I have become thankful for the services of Edmarc Hospice for Children. I have been deeply touched by the Edmarc staff and their client families as I have participated in fulfilling dreams of staff and client family members that could not have been completed by the staff or by the families themselves. The satisfaction received reassures me that my involvement is truly a good thing, and, yes, as an American, I will make a difference in a positive and constructive way which can only serve to motivate others to do likewise. This is my way to help "Make America Great Again", and I shall continue to champion the goals and objectives of Edmarc Hospice for Children in any way that I can.

Come join me for this year's Day of Caring on Friday, September 9, 2016, and we can help ensure that Edmarc Hospice for Children will surpass all current and future expectations for continually providing the excellent services to children and families who are in need of their help.

Calendar Year 2016

| Date | Title | Type of Event |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|
| February 11 | Annual Peninsula Fundraising Breakfast | (community/fundraiser) |
| February 27 | Ghent Winter Bar Tour | (community/fundraiser) |
| March | National Social Work Month | |
| March 12 | Edmarc Spring Fling | (family event) |
| March 15th-17th | The Christine Garvey Memorial Soccer Tournament | (community/fundraiser) |
| March 19 | Easter Basket Deliveries | (community/family event) |
| April 8 | Blue Goose Masters Golf Tournament | (community/fundraiser) |
| April 10th-16th | National Volunteer Appreciation Week | |
| April 16 | Sertoma Spring Fever | (community/fundraiser) |
| April 27 | Administrative Professionals Day | |
| May 3 | Give Local 757 | (community/fundraiser) |
| May 6th-12th | National Nurses Week | |
| May 7th-8th | Gosport Arts Festival | (community/fundraiser) |
| June 12 | Edmarc Annual Picnic | (family event) |
| June | Annual LPI Golf Tournament | (community/fundraiser) |
| June | Brass Wheel Golf Tournament | (community/fundraiser) |
| June | Yorktown Rotary Weekend | (family event) |
| July | Harley Davidson Poker Run | (community/fundraiser) |
| July 9 | Edmarc Carnival | (family event) |
| July | Volunteer Appreciation Dinner | (volunteers & staff) |
| August 18 | 20th Annual Edmarc Charity Golf Classic | (community/fundraiser) |
| August 27th-28th | Annual Camp M.A.G.I.C. 25th year Anniversary! | (family event) |
| September 9 | United Way Day of Caring | (community event) |
| September | Inst. Real Estate Mgmt. Golf Tournament | (community/fundraiser) |
| October | Annual Deep Creek Ruritan Golf Tournament | (community/fundraiser) |
| October 24 | Fall Festival | (family event) |
| November 5 | Hope Gala | (community/fundraiser) |
| November 15 | Annual Day of Remembrance | (family event) |
| November 19 | Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery | (community/family event) |
| December 3 | Morning at the Movies | (community/fundraiser) |
| December 9 | Holiday Party | (family event) |
| December 11 | Santa Delivery | (community/family event) |
| December | Peace by Piece Holiday Dinner | (family event) |
| December 17 | Christmas Food Delivery | (community/family event) |

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We at Edmarc are so fortunate to have Laurie Barbaro as our Director of Patient Care. This marks her 15th year in the leading of the clinical program.

We honored Laurie on February third at a special luncheon with her family present as we celebrated Laurie and her outstanding and continuing commitment to Edmarc and the families we serve. It was a special time indeed.

Over the years, Laurie has touched the lives of hundreds of children and families who are facing the greatest heartache of their lives. We are so proud of her and all she does to improve the lives of kids and families.

CONGRATULATIONS!

...To Jeremy and Amy on the birth of Asher, Landon and Jase's little brother.

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... To Laurie Barbaro for being appointed as a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organizations, Pediatric Advisory Council.

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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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My degree is Bachelor of Science in Governmental Administration with a concentration in Legal Studies. I started banking in 1997 with BB&T and transitioned to Harbor Bank back in 2002. In 2004 Harbor Bank and TowneBank merged to form the largest community-based bank in the Hampton Roads area. I have been in banking now for 18 years and have been a branch manager –retail lending-vice president for the majority of my career.

I have managed all offices on the Peninsula and recently transitioned to Williamsburg back in May of 2013. While serving on the Peninsula for the majority of my career, I have developed relationships through the non-profit sector as well as with business owners throughout the community.

My passion is to give back as much as I can, not only monetarily, but even more through volunteer hours. Making a difference is truly why I serve on community boards, and giving back through volunteer work in a hands-on capacity is why I do what I do. I want to give back to the community as much as I can. While I live in York County and do what I can to help serve my home community, my intent is to give back in all area communities and to make a difference.

Towne is a huge advocator for community involvement -- that is one of many reason I thoroughly enjoy working for TowneBank. With our TowneBank Foundation, we are able to give back millions of dollars each and every year the Bank encourages employees to volunteer our services when and where they are needed.

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- Do you shop at Kroger? Register your Kroger Plus Card online and designate Edmarc! You will raise money for our organization while you shop. <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>
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- Edmarc is a certified United Way Agency. Designate Edmarc during your company's United Way campaign.
- Want to volunteer at Edmarc? Email volunteer@edmarc.org for more information!
- Is your family or company hosting a party? Think about raising money for your favorite charity, Edmarc, in lieu of gifts!



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Making Things Happen...

Spring Wish List—

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

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