

Fall 2013

For Love of Karli By Karli's Mom

It was a miracle we both survived, really. I had a very normal pregnancy, but on this hot, summer day in late July, I started having severe pain in my lower abdomen. I was 35 weeks along. I was on my lunch break at work. I called the triage nurse, my mom and my mother-in-law for advice, but still felt like something was very wrong. Per hospital policy, I waited my turn. After I was back in a room for several hours with a nurse, she had difficulty finding the baby's heartbeat on the fetal monitor strip. Instead of calling someone, she had me drink more fluids and eat a snack. She still couldn't get a good heartbeat or movement. Finally, a doctor came in with an ultrasound machine.

A few minutes later, a second doctor was called in. Suddenly, I was being rushed off to the Operating Room. The doctor said, "Your baby is in serious trouble and we need to take her out right away by emergency C-section." My husband Scott, in the US Navy, was out at sea doing trials for an upcoming deployment. There was no time to call anyone; no family here. I suddenly felt very alone... and afraid.

When I woke up in the recovery room, my neighbor was at my bedside. How did she know? They said they would look in my cell phone contacts and call who needed to be called. I had no idea who they called or what those called were told. A Red Cross message was sent to my husband on the ship and he was able to call and talk to me briefly. They were flying him home the next morning.

Our daughter, Karli, was fighting for her life. She had a very low Apgar score. (The Apgar score is given to a newborn right after birth to quickly evaluate a newborn's physical condition and to determine any immediate need for extra medical or emergency care.) The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at this hospital did not have the knowledge needed to help her, so they would need to transport her immediately to a children's hospital. They let me see her before her transport. She was beautiful.

The picture of love

She was in the NICU for 30 days. My in-laws, my mom and my brother flew out to Virginia from Minnesota on her second day of life – because they were told by the birthing hospital staff that they needed to get here as soon as possible because mom and baby may not survive. They stayed for a week and my mom stayed on for two to help out. I was discharged after three days, even though my hemoglobin was only a seven.

On Karli's first day of life, upon admission at the children's hospital, she was placed on a hypothermia blanket (reduces the brain and body tempurature to 92.3 degrees to lessen the brain injury, caused by a hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy (HIE) event or lack of oxygen, at birth). She had jaundice, kidney failure, liver failure. She had two exchange transfusions (where they took blood and placed new, donated blood through thin tubes into a vessel - through her belly button – at the same exact time). We had many meetings with the head doctor on how she was doing that day. Was she going to make it or not?

At 30 days, she had gained enough weight and had succeeded at taking a bottle, enough to go home. At home, she struggled daily.

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Struggled to eat and keep her food down, cried most of each day with what seemed like pain and starvation. Scott had to leave on deployment. I had to do it on my own. I went into a deep, postpartum depression. My mom had to come help me for two weeks to get myself together. Karli continued to struggle; even with multiple visits to her pediatrician. I would always hear "all babies spit up." And "well, she's continuing to gain weight, so we can't do anything right now except try a different formula." We had tried it all.

She still projectile vomited after every meal. Holding her while walking helped, and there was a path in our carpet of how many times I had circled our house in walking to keep her comfortable. Finally, after seven long months of fighting for her, a different pediatrician was in the office that day; he saw what I had been begging others about for so long. We were admitted with "failure to thrive" and "spastic cerebral palsy." She had an NG tube placed, to help with her nutritrition, and we were sent home.

Three months later, we had the g-tube placed. Scott was able to come home from deployment two months early and work from shore to help be a support to Karli and me. After that hospitalization, she would have multiple additional admits for pneumonia and respiratory distress – up to four times in one year.

Karli's biggest fan

Little brothers are the best

medicine

Then came surgeries – two adductor tenotomies (muscle lengthening – near the groin), adenotonsillectomy, and more respiratory distress admits. Many times we were asked to sign a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order because they did not think she would make it. But she did. She has pulled through, every time. Her strength and faith is strong.

We have had Edmarc in our lives for four years. They have helped us by assessing her when she is sick -- do we go to the Emergency School's started!

or steroids called in? They come when we need labs drawn for this or that. They have helped us unite with other families going through similar situations. Karli has Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy, Microcephaly, Seizure Disorder, Asthma, Development Delay, Cortical Vision Impairment, very little head control and has a G-Tube. All of this could have been prevented had the nurse back in Triage called the doctor right away instead of waiting.

Room, or do we keep her at home and get some antibiotics

Today we have a second child, our son Kasey, who is two and a half years old. I had a very good pregnancy with him and a very good, planned C-section. He has no medical issues. Karli has gone 2.5 years without a hospital admit for any illness. We have had colds, but we have been able to control them at home, with Edmarc's help or with her regular pediatrician. We are amazed at how well she has been doing. She is now learning to communicate

The best care always comes from family

with her eyes and sometimes with a Switch communication device. She smiles more now, naturally, than just with a seizure (AMAZING!). She is the most loving, patient person we know. She is beautiful in every way. Perfect to us.

Edmarc would like to discharge us because of how well she has been doing, but we are afraid that the second they do, she will get sick (as this has happened many times before when they have mentioned the "D" word). Scott is deployed, again. When he returns from deployment, next year sometime, our hope is that she will still be able to be discharged from Edmarc's services. We can always be readmitted should we need them. And they will always be there with a listening ear or a shoulder to cry on.

Edmarc Social Workers Present at The 7th Annual Virginia State Genetics Education Conference

On May 20th, the social work staff at Edmarc had an opportunity to present at The 7th Annual Virginia State Genetics Education Conference. The conference was held at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The focus of the conference was on providing a venue for Virginia genetic counselors and other associated professionals to discuss current issues and topics in genetics, to learn about the variety of state programs and available resources and to form a better network of communication.

Participants were able to develop awareness of perinatal hospice programs in Virginia and recognize benefits of this service in the prenatal practice.

The social workers presented on the history and origins of

perinatal hospice and palliative care and statewide perintal hospice programs. They also identified core components of a perinatal hospice program, the emotional impact of a life-threatening prenatal diagnosis on families, and ways to support families through the model of perinatal hospice and palliative care.

Additionally, the conference material enables participants to identify appropriate and supportive ways to present perinatal hospice to parents.

The conference offered a great opportunity to educate professionals on perinatal hospice and programs in Virginia. Our thanks to the Virginia Association of Genetics Counselors for this opportunity.



2012-2103 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Our Volunteer Recognition dinner was held on July 18, 2013 at 3-Way Café in Norfolk. Special thanks to Advanced Designs for making beautiful plaques and Bob Harper Photography for coming out to capture this awesome night!

Thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers! Special thanks to those who have gone the extra mile to give an even greater amount of time and energy to Edmarc.

Edmarc Hospice for Children Leadership Award Presented to DAVID KENERSON

This year's leadership award recognizes a man who joined the ranks of Edmarc volunteers six years ago. This volunteer came to know Edmarc through serving on the volunteer board of directors of another organization.

We recognize a gentleman who has been involved at every level in Edmarc's volunteer leadership teams. He serves on the Edmarc's Board of Directors, as the treasurer of the Foundation Board of Directors, is the chair of the Finance and Investment Committee of Edmarc's Foundation as well as taking on the chairmanship of the Foundation Board development committee .

He takes each of these leadership roles very seriously as he helps to raise awareness of the need for pediatric hospice and palliative care, expanding the recognition of the vital role Edmarc plays in our community as well as the important and ongoing need to raise the funds necessary for current and future operations.

Edmarc Hospice for Children Volunteer of the Year Award Presented to SAM HARVEY

This year's Volunteer of the Year award recognizes a person who has performed just about every volunteer job available at Edmarc.



anything and everything, no matter how big or small the job, no matter the time of day or even on short notice. He's our super hero! He has been a

He's the go-to guy for

part of the Day of Caring for Edmarc and for the children and families: volunteered his time at

events and activities; touched the lives of hundreds of our children through gentle acts of kindness; served in a leadership capacity on the Virginia Peninsula and helped to raise money to support the agency's mission. He has even recruited his family and its four legged members, too!

Because of all he has given, we recognize all of this and so much more is why we have recognized Sam Harvey as Edmarc's 2012-2013 Volunteer of the Year!



Edmarc Hospice for Children Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to STEVE READER

As the evening came to a close we had one more award to give out. However, the honoree was not present. His absence came as no surprise as he prefers to work hard from behind the scenes. This was only the second Lifetime Achievement Award Edmarc had ever given.

This special individual has been a part of Edmarc's leadership team a long time, 14 years to be exact. He joined the Board to offer his expertise in finance and accounting. Shortly after he began volunteering, he assumed the treasurer's position on the Board during a time of, let's just say, a bit of transition. He welcomed the challenge and embraced it with open arms. In his 14 years of service on the Board he has served as treasurer for all 14 of them. In addition to his office as treasurer of the Governing Board he serves at the president of the Foundation Board of Directors and serves on both the Finance and Investment and Development committees.

Over the years, he has gently touched the lives of many through volunteering at each and every event/activity Edmarc has engaged in. He has spent countless hours working to secure the finances of the organization, helping raise awareness and funds to support our mission, to dressing up as the Easter Bunny for our Annual Spring Fling event. He is one of the many reasons that Edmarc has gone from a small "mom and pop" organization to one that serves hundreds of children and families each year and truly makes a positive difference in their lives.

In his absence, Steve Reader was recognized for his selfless acts of kindness over the years.

Volunteers with over **50** hours of volunteer service over the last year: Claire Denny, Jody Gaynor, Wendy Mezzenga, Eddie Nagle, Mike

Neudecker, Amy Paulson, Jorge Sierra, Edda Wong, Amanda Teich, Tiana Bolden, David Kenerson, Steve Reader, Diane Wenz, Shelly Barrett

Volunteers with over 75 hours of volunteer service over the last year: DJ Bradley, Brian Boutot, Nancy King

Volunteers with over **100** hours of volunteer service over the last year: Mark Jonea, Anna Lynch

Volunteers with over **200** hours of volunteer service over the last year: Anne Ablett, Ken Ablett, Dorothy Bell, John Bell, Shelley Brooks



Scott Guirlinger with Debbie

Peace by Piece Award: Jody Gaynor Peace Pal Award: Mat Burton Everyday Angel Award: Neil Bonney Events Extraordinaire Award: Sharon Cole and Debbie Jones Community Impact Award: Scott Guirlinger Helping Hand Award: Eileen Jewett Administrative Excellence Award: Ken Ablett 11th Hour Award: Julie Chop Business Leadership Award: Rocket Direct, Henry Martin Civic Leadership Award: Kiwanis Club of Norfolk Faith Community Award: Aldersgate United Methodist Church Photographer Extraordinaire: Bob Harper Oasis Delivery Award: Mike Stevens Tasty Treat Award: Artisan Bakery, Karen Seyriehner

EDMARC'S ANNUAL PICNIC WAS FILLED WITH TREATS AND SURPRISES

Our Annual Picnic was held on the Virginia Peninsula at The Virginia Living Museum. The picnic was once again generously hosted by our dear friends, The Oyster Point Rotary Club. While the Rotary Club grilled up a big batch of picnic favorites – delicious burgers and hot dogs – face painters created artful masterpieces on young faces and The Virginia Living Museum brought out an owl, a rabbit, and even a hawk!

This year we also had a pair of very special guests. Olympic Gold Medalist, Matt McLean spent time with the kids, letting them wear his medal. He came with an organization called Never Ever Give Up (NEGU) and passed out "Joy Jars" that were filled with all kinds of toys. Sarah Rieke, owner of Little Ladybug Shoppe, joined us for the fun and generously donated handmade super hero capes and hair bands for the children of Edmarc.

Families were also given free admission into the Living Museum. Thanks again to Oyster Point Rotary Club and everyone else involved. A great time was had, and good memories gathered, for all who came!



Matt McLean with a special trio of Edmarc's Kids



A HAND REACHING OUT IN THE DARK: MILAN'S STORY by Yolanda, Milan's Mom

Every year for the past five years, my husband and I have hosted a Family and Friends weekend. This became a tradition to celebrate and share the joys of each other's lives, with lots of laughter, fun and plenty of food.

But, in June of 2011, our lives changed when we were faced with a life or death decision. I was pregnant. At 20 weeks gestation, our daughter, Milan, was diagnosed with Trisomy 18, a chromosome defect that affects one in 5,000 women. Many fetuses do not survive to term; others do not see their first birthday.

Upon confimation, we were given the option of termination. Milan's heart had a large hole; ultrasound showed brain tumors and deformities of her hands and feet.

Milan Amanda Myrick was delivered by C-section on November 2, 2011 at Norfolk General Hospital with a team of physicians standing by. Although this decision directly compromised my well being, all possibilities had been thoroughly considered. All went well. Milan would remain in CHKD for the next four months. We credit the grace and favor of the Lord for taking us through that difficult time. Mercy swaddled Milan through open heart surgery the following January. When all options had been applied and she was discharged, we received a brochure describing Edmarc's services.

Edmarc became a hand reaching out in the dark, with immeasurable support in home visits, the support of the nurses and social workers, loving care through the holidays and so much more. And this year, our Family and Friends weekend took on a charitable component that helped us raise \$1,500 in support of Edmarc and all it does.

Currently, 242 families are being served with Edmarc's extraordinary care. You, too, can support their mission by becoming a sponsor, supporting Edmarc fundraisers, or becoming an Edmarc volunteer. Please help us give hope to other families. Consider becoming an Edmarc supporter as the organization continues to provide invaluable services throughout Hampton Roads.

Thank you for reading Milan's story; I look forward to sharing her journey.



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With love, we remember

Amaya S. (6/01/02-3/18/13) - Amaya was an incredible young lady who touched the lives of many and brightened every room she entered. So full of laughter, smiles, and heart, she never let her illness hold her back. Amaya loved dolls, My Little Pony, shopping with Grandma and Aunt Rose, music, all things pink and purple, and she felt everything could use a little bedazzling to brighten it up a bit. She loved her family, church, school, and her Girl Scout troop and spent every moment she could with all of them. Amaya is deeply loved and missed by her parents, Brenda and Ron; big sister, Taylor and little brother and special buddy, Kai.

Megan J. (8/24/08-4/16/13) - Megan was a very sweet little girl who brightened the lives of her family and all who had the privilege to know her. Megan, courageous and strong, fought a long and difficult battle with her illness. She was truly a blessing and was adored by all those around her. Megan will be lovingly remembered by her mother, Laura; her brother, Adam; her sister, Rebecca; and her cousin, Andrew along with numerous other family members and friends.

Trevor A. (10/31/12-5/14/13) - Trevor was a beautiful baby boy who touched so many other lives in his short time here on earth. Although Trevor's time here was far too short, he was loved deeply by his family. Left to cherish his sweet memory are his beloved parents, Phillip and Meredith, in addition to other family members and friends.

Aidan L. (7/02/02-5/22/13) – Aidan was an extremely intelligent and talented little boy who blessed the lives of his family and friends. Aidan's wonderful smile brought a smile in response from everyone fortunate enough to know him. He will be deeply loved and missed by his parents, Don and Darii; his sister Rachel; his brother Seth and a host of other family and friends.

Camryn "Reese" C. (6/14/05-6/22/13) - Reese was an amazing little girl, wise beyond her years, courageous and brave and gifted with a great sense of humor. Reese loved singing, dancing, Barbies, playing dress up, cooking, and watching the Food Network. She loved spending time with her family, hanging out on the Eastern Shore, and going to school. Left to cherish her sweet memory are her mother, Melissa; father, Matt and her brother and best friend, Rourke.

Cakalyah M. (11/11/11-6/23/13) - Cakalyah was a beautiful and amazing little girl who holds a special place in the hearts of many. Though her time here was far too short, she was deeply loved by her family. Left to cherish her memory are her mother Kevonna, her father Brian and many other family members and friends.

Mya W. (10/4/05-7/7/13) - Mya was a fighter in every sense of the word. A precious little girl, she brought so much joy to all those around her. Mya fought a long and difficult battle with cancer, but she never complained and never stopped smiling. Mya 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 mom, and she loved going to school. Left to cherish her sweet memory is her mother, Tamekia along with numerous other family members and friends.

T'sion W. (4/17/01-7/10/13) – T'sion was a complete joy and touched so many people without saying one word. He loved comic book heroes and belly laughing any time his pulse oximeter would go off. He will be missed by so many and most especially by his mother, Askale; his father, Larry; his brother, Julian; his sister, Janan and a host of others fortunate enough to have shared his life.

Director Director

SHARING, CARING, AND THE COMFORT OF COMPANIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTED CAMP MAGIC 2013

Campers and families, volunteers and a bushel of smiles

KISSINGER HALL

Wish lanterns add their own magic to the night sky

Beautiful August skies welcomed bereaved Edmarc families to Surry, VA for Camp M.A.G.I.C. 2013. The weekend was filled with activities designed for sharing the commonality of loss.

Families began their hard grief work making quilt squares in memory of their loved one. Changes Spa in Norfolk brought eager and gifted hair stylists and nail and makeup artists to pamper our families. Two massage therapists came to massage our troubles away. What a treat!

In the midst of the creativity and pampering, it was time to enjoy the great outdoors as camp volunteers engaged families and kids in games of tug-of-war, bucket races and water fun. We swam in the cooling waters of the pool, made beaded necklaces and bracelets, played musical chairs, and as the sun set, released wish lanterns and devoured the s'mores we had made.

The Camp Memorial Service took place on Sunday morning after breakfast, with help and guidance from Anne Kesner, a chaplain at CHKD. Following the service, we released balloons with special messages attached for our loved ones. Sunday's group activity involved the making of a love chain, with its rainbow of different colors representing love messages, support systems and things that have helped these campers as they grieve. Sendoff of the message balloons

amp M.A.G.I.C.'s wonderful volunteers



In keeping with camp tradition, each child and teen received a camp award at Sunday's lunch, which provides laughter and fun as we

recognize the year's "super swimmer" or "musical chairs master."

We ended our caring and sharing weekend with a closing circle where we talked about a high point and low point of the camp session. For most, the high point was the opportunity to spend the weekend with other grieving families who understood the feelings associated with grieving the death of a child or other loved one. The low point was usually that camp had to end!

A very special thank you to our dear friends from The Capital Group for underwriting the entire cost of this weekend. And our heartfelt thanks, too, to all of the Camp M.A.G.I.C. volunteers, childcare volunteers, Anne Kesner from CHKD, Changes Spa staff and Eastover Retreat staff. Each of you made Camp M.A.G.I.C 2013, Edmarc's 22nd bereavement camp, such a wonderful experience for all of us.







SPRING ARRIVED AT EDMARC WITH A FLING OF FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDS -

And a few days later Easter baskets arrived at the homes of Edmarc kids!

Spring was in the air, and the day filled with sunshine, at this year's Spring Fling held at Edmarc in Olde Town Portsmouth. On Saturday, March 23, 2013, families gathered to share the day of food, fun, and of course, a visit from the Easter Bunny. There was even a special appearance by our beloved mascot, Wags.

Volunteers from KPMG sponsored the event, with volunteers from Nansemond River High School Voice Club and Landstown High School leading everybody's favorite event, the Easter egg hunt. We even had a visit from one of the local Girl Scout Troops who generously dropped off some sweet treats.

Our thanks go out to all sponsors and volunteers as well as families who made the Spring Fling 2013 a day to remember.

On March 30, 2013, volunteers delivered Easter baskets full to the brim of sweets and surprises to the children and families of Edmarc. Special thanks to everyone who donated the baskets and the volunteers who delivered them! You helped make Easter a special time for our families.



What do we think of these great volunteers... Yaaay!!

Oh goody! I found one!

Regina and her daughter lovely canvases!

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!

THIS YEAR'S GOSPORT ARTS FESTIVAL WAS ITS OWN WORK OF ART!

The 43rd Annual Gosport Arts Festival was held over a beautiful Mother's Day weekend in Olde Town Portsmouth. The festival brought in over 120 artists from all around the country with a variety of mediums represented. There were artists displaying a wide variety of media - glass works, mixed media, oil paintings, metal works, clothing, pottery, sketches, jewelry and photography among them. Each of these generous artists also donated a piece to the ever popular silent auction.

The show, including the silent auction, raised over \$22,000 to support the mission and programs of Edmarc. The excellent organization of the show's executive director, Shelley Brooks, and a small but dedicated committee made the experience a pleasure for artists and visitors alike.

The Children's Museum of Virginia hosted the Artist Reception on Saturday night. There artist awards were given in each medium and for the work selected as Best in Show.

A huge thank you to the local talent that came out to support the show. Thank you to Derek Smith, Vince Kornegay, Robert George, and Vinny! With thanks, too, to Rob Cowling with sound.

This event is a wonderful fundraiser for Edmarc, bringing a broad awareness for our mission. We would like to thank all our sponsors, volunteers and artists for making this show a crown jewel of Portsmouth!

2013 GOSPORT ARTS FESTIVAL AWARD WINNERS & SPONSORS

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• PAMELA HILL

\$250 Patricia J. Sawyer Memorial Award | Trish's Familyl
 STEVEN LLOYD

SUNDAY FUN AT MOOSE LODGE #39 IN SUPPORT OF EDMARC

On Sunday, July 28th, Norfolk Moose Lodge # 39 and W.O.T.M. Chapter #157 held a benefit for Edmarc Hospice for Children from 1:00-6:00 pm at the Lido Inn in Norfolk.

Fellow Moose members and patrons of the Lido Inn joined Edmarc staff and volunteers for an afternoon of food, fun and live music from none other than the 2nd Chance Band.

There was something entertaining for everyone enjoying the afternoon's festivities including a 50/50 drawing, a raffle and a pleasing collection of door prizes.

Donations were collected and, when all was said and done, nearly \$1,000 had been raised to support Edmarc and its mission.

Our sincere thanks to our dear friends of the Norfolk Moose Lodge and a special thank you to Carol and Steve Harlan for coordinating a fun Sunday event! You all ROCK!

LIVE UNITED United Way

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. What a difference you've made!

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!



They made Edmarc's house shine!

A beautiful new room by very appreciated volunteers



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DAY OF CARING IS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS FOR EDMARC AND EDMARC FAMILIES

The United Way of South Hampton Roads Day of Caring was another successful event allowing our families to have work done in and around their homes that there generally are not enough volunteers to cover. It was also a day to check off some of those "todo" items on our families' lists. Over 40 volunteers came out to assist Edmarc families.

Some of the projects accomplished included painting, pressure washing, yard work, gutter cleaning, taking down wallpaper, and carpet cleaning. The Day of Caring allows our family projects to be matched with volunteers that have specific skill sets to get the work done. All the projects listed above were done in a day. Each of the volunteers did a great job, relieving Edmarc families and reducing their chore lists.

We are very grateful to the employees of Portfolio Recovery Associates, Loan Care, Damuth Trane, Citi, and Nancy Harrison Parker with the Public Relations Society of America. Without their time and commitment to their community, these projects would not have been done.

A huge thank-you for a huge job well done!

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FORE EDMARC, FORE KIDS! 17TH ANNUAL EDMARC CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

On August 8th, our friends from the Edmarc Golf Committee coordinated the 17th Annual Edmarc Charity Golf Classic. It was a gorgeous day at Cypress Creek Golfers' Club in Smithfield, and spirits were high as friends and business associates gathered to raise money for our kids.

The Edmarc Golf Classic is truly special. It is different from other charity events -- it is not just about the money; we have no celebrity spokesperson to rally the community. We rely on the dedication of committee members -- Jeff Boynton and Clayton Jenson, Co-chairs of the event, Asa Lowe, Jill Kennedy, Noel Talcott, Don Smith, Dorothy Jenson, Kristen Jones, Shantel Thomas and Debbie Stitzer Brame -- all of whom gave their time to make the event both fun and festive for the golfers and all who participated.

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

This year the Bartley family shared their son Brucie's story, the story of a little boy who gently touched the lives of others without ever speaking a word. Through his daily struggles he inspired those around him bringing love and laughter to all who came to know him. Edmarc was with Brucie and his family throughout the two years of his far too short life. Today Edmarc continues to be there for them as they learn to rebuild their lives without their son.

We recognize that these very special children live for the moment, but they seem to make the most of every special

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

This year we had the good fortune to have our dear friends with Elizabeth River Crossings step up as our Premier Sponsor. First Team Auto and KPMG were our Partnering Sponsors.

Joining this list of deeply appreciated sponsors are: TriCity Developers; Rotary Club of Great Bridge, Inc.; Gaston Brothers Utilities, LLC; McLean Contracting Company; Virginia Paving; Lifenet Health; Q.E.D. Systems, Inc; Mancon; and Empire Industries, along with Arthur "Bud" Brame, as our Golf Cart Sponsors. Eure Rentals was once again our Golf Ball Sponsor and T. Steele Byrum Farms the Chipping and Putting Sponsor.

In addition we want to say thank you to our Beverage Sponsors: GWRRA-VA-C Gold Wing Motorcycle Club; Travis Specialized Hauling; Link-Belt Mid Atlantic; W.F. Magann Corporation; PDCA Mid-Atlantic Chapter; and Dr. William Harper.

We are also fortunate to have a long list of Hole Sponsors that includes Baxter Simmons and Baxter's Sports Lounge, providers of the fabulous meal at the awards dinner, along with our dear friends from the Kiwanis Club of Mercury 64 who helped underwrite the dinner.

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

When all was said and done at the end of day, nearly \$40,000 had been raised for Edmarc and our children!! Heartfelt thanks to all the committee members, volunteers, sponsors and all who participated in this year's event that helped make it the best ever. The Edmarc Charity Golf Classic is truly "FORE OUR KIDS."

Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 14, 2014 for next year's tournament.

YORTOWN ROTARY SERVES UP A FISHING TRIP, FAMILY FUN AND A WONDERFUL WEEKEND ALL 'ROUND

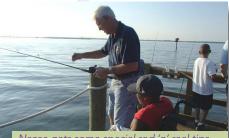
Every year the Yorktown Rotary hosts and sponsors a very special event for several Edmarc families. This great getaway is called the Yorktown Rotary Weekend, and provides the families in attendance with a mini vacation in the Yorktown area filled with fun and exciting activities over the course of the weekend. This year was no exception. So once again, on Father's Day Weekend, June 14-16, several of our Edmarc families headed out to attend this very special event.

The weekend kicked off with a special meet and greet picnic on Friday evening. The families spent their stay at the beautiful Duke of York Hotel, right on the water. 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 for dinner at a local restaurant for the parents. Sunday included some poolside lounging time before the families headed home. The entire cost of the weekend is covered by the Rotary, and is an outstanding treat for all in attendance. Everyone had a blast! A huge thank you to the Yorktown Rotary,



for, once again, providing a memorymaking weekend for our Edmarc families.





Nazea gets some special rod 'n' reel tips.



THE CAPITAL GROUP TOOK ON EDMARC'S "DONE IN A DAY" TASK PROJECT, AND ACCOMPLISHED AT LEAST A WEEK'S WORTH!

On July 12, 2013 at 7 a.m., thirty eager volunteers arrived on our doorstep here at Edmarc for a Done in a Day project that consisted of cleaning and organizing the interior of the Edmarc building, and redesigning the center of the Tribute Garden in a lovely rock garden formation. And if that's wasn't enough for this enthusiastic bunch,

they took the Edmarc kids and families to the Children's Museum of Virginia complete with a picnic, games and gifts for all.

Have we said how much we love the Capital Group? Our appreciation for everything you accomplished in that amazing day is wreathed in the smiles of the children and each of us at Edmarc. Thank you.

There's a beautifil new butterfly in our

Noah's family enjoys the BIG CHAIR with Capital Group friendamily Garden beautification in progress

Butcher, BAKER, Candlestick Maker...

Happiness is a new friend!

The Capital Group is all smiles - what a team!!

Well, we don't need a butcher, or a candlestick maker, for the moment here at Edmarc, but we are in serious need of a baker to provide delicious TLC treats for our children and teens' grief group, Peace by Piece!

Children and teens ages 5-18, who have each experienced a significant death loss, come together twice a month at Peace by Piece to talk, share and play through their grief. Families arrive and enjoy pizza and a drink before group begins, and a hoped for sweet treat at the end of this "pre-group" gathering!

When a volunteer, or volunteers, makes something yummy and homemade, our families feel extra special and cared for. Cookies or brownies are especially popular and easy to eat (pretty easy to make, too!) in a hurry!

Won't you help us make Edmarc's Peace by Piece families feel special and sweet? You can bring the dessert to Edmarc on the Thursday Peace by Piece meeting days by 3:00 p.m., or you can deliver dessert to Virginia Beach, where the group meets, by 6:00 p.m. Please contact Kristen Jones, Edmarc's Volunteer Coordinator, at 967-9251 if you can help make this dessert dream possible.

Thanks in advance from the Peace by Piece families and volunteers!

FALL SERVES AS AN INPORTANT REMINDER THAT "TIS THE SEASON" IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

garden!

As we welcome and enjoy the crispness in the fall air, it reminds us that the holidays are right around the corner. We have over 75 families this year that need your support during the holiday season. You can help us serve these families in a variety of ways. You, your family, congregation or company can opt to sponsor a family for Thanksgiving or Christmas food baskets. Or you can sponsor a family for holiday gifts.

The holidays are a wonderful time of year. With your help we try to ease the stress of this special time and allow our families to focus on making memories and spending as much time with their children as possible.

If you are interested in supporting one or more families this holiday season, please contact Kristen Jones, Edmarc's Volunteer Coordinator, at 967-9251

Attention please: Santas, elves and turkeys needed.

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 250 people (75 Edmarc families) enjoyed much brighter holidays than they would have otherwise had. This year, we will once again help more than 75 Edmarc families!

Please consider helping in 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 20, 2013)
- Deliver Thanksgiving food baskets in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, November 23, 2013)
- 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 2, 2013)
- 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 13, 2013.)
- 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 7th and 14th) 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 15, 2013)
- 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 18, 2013)
- Deliver Christmas dinner food baskets in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, December 21, 2013)

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!

EDMARC HOSPICE FOR CHILDREN 2013 SPONSORSHIP FORM

Organization:	
Contact Name:	_Title:
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Work Phone:	_Fax:
Home Phone:	
E-Mail:	

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	5
are due by Wednesday, November 20, 2013).	
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 23, 2013

□ 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 2, 2013). Number of families you wish to sponsor: ______

Size of Families: 🗆 Small (2-3people) 🖬 Medium (4-6people)

- Large (More than 6 people)
- □ Support the annual Holiday Party for our bereaved support group, Peace by Piece. Donations needed include decorations, drinks, paper products and other items to help make this evening a fun time. (Party is December 13, 2013.)
- 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 7, 2013 Saturday, December 14, 2013
- □ 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 15, 2013). *NOTE: You must be 18 years old to participate in this event Town you prefer to catch the trolley (first come, first served basis):

Deliver Christmas food baskets in the Hampton Roads area. (Delivery: Saturday, December 21, 2013)

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 events tickets and items for Edmarc families March 1, 2013 -August 31, 2013

- •Gloria Adderly for gift-wrap products
- Aldersgate United Methodist Church for food items
- Stacey Allin for jewelry
- •Julie Armstrong for artwork •Artisans Bakery & Café for food
- items •Elaine Asante for holiday
- supplies
- •Edie Ashman for jewelry
- •Carmen Asto for baskets Nathan Avery fora glass item
- •Alison Bachman for jewelry
- •Heather Banford for cleaning supplies and food items
- •Sean Barnak for food items •Bayside Harley Davidson for a silent auction item
- •Belgian Waffle & Steak House for toys
- Dorothy Bell for a child's chair, grapes and corks
- •Dr. Dagnar Berg for artwork •Mr. and Mrs. Richard Biffle for artwork
- •Joan Blanchard for baskets •Shirley Bloomer for paper products
- •Bridge Trust Title Group for bedding, paper products and baby monitors
- •Mary Briley for food items, holiday items and bath products
- •Brutti's for a gift certificate
- •Gregory Bryant for jewelry
- Jean Brylowe for jewelry •Kristian Bunch for holiday items
- Jen Callahan for artwork
- Lindsey Carter for artwork
- •Delphine Cash for a quilt •City of Portsmouth Visitors Bureau for a gift basket
- •Changes City Spa for gift certificates
- •Roberta Clark for food items Larry Clarke for a computer cover
- •Emily Combs-Lewis for an AC unit
- Community Portsmouth Presbyterian Church for holiday items
- Community Presbyterian
- Church for blankets
- •Linda Condray for artwork •Rob Cropper for artwork
- •Mr. and Mrs. Matt Cross for artwork
- Lori Cummings for event passes •Jessie Cunningham for an AC
- unit •Daniel Curistie artwork
- •Kristy Curtis for toys
- Thom Curtis for artwork
- •CUSO Financial Services. L.P. for gift tickets
- •Jeffrey A. Deiner for photography

- •Sharon Dombruwski for artwork
- •Elisabeth Douklias for baskets •Julia Dressler for a silent auction item
- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Driscoll for a silent auction item
- •Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Dykes-Pace for a silent auction item
- •Paul Eming for artwork
- •David Esbenshade for a gift certificate
- •Brian Evans for artwork
- •Tammy Everle for artwork •Expert Metal Works for artwork
- Lois Fardella for an afghan • First Baptist Church of Norfolk
- for baskets
- •Althea Floriano for blankets and pillows
- •Food Lion for calendars and holiday items
- •Ed Francis for artwork
- •Kazuko Fuller for artwork •John Furches for artwork
- •Riverview Gallery for artwork
- Robbie Garrity for artwork
- •Ken Gault for artwork
- •Steve Gill for artwork
- •Girl Scout Troop 206 for food and Wish List items
- •Jimena Gordillo for baskets •Wanda Greenwood Holbers for
- artwork
- Matthew Haddaway for artwork
- •Charles Hall for artwork •Kim Hanson for artwork
- •Harley Davidson for a silent
- auction item •Lia Harmon for artwork
- •Patricia Harrity for baskets
- •Scott Harvis for artwork
- •Hatcher Orthodontics for baskets
- •Valerie Heid for toiletries
- •Pamela Hill for artwork
- •Maurie Hogberg for arts and crafts supplies
- Kimberly Holland for a gift certificate •Diane Hottenstein for artwork
- •Carlos Iglesias for artwork
- Instinctive Massage for a gift certificate
- •Eileen C. Jewett for cards •Kyra Johnson for cleaning
- supplies and food items •Valerie Johnson for artwork
- •Pixie Jones for chalk and bunny ears
- •Sarah Jones for a gift certificate
- •Gopal Kapoor for artwork •Jessica Keemer for artwork
- •Robin Keller for baskets
- •Stewart Kemer for artwork
- •Christine King for artwork •K.C. Kubillins for baskets
- •Geraldine Laplante for memory
- boxes •Kathryn Leam for a baking bowl
- •Letitia Lee for artwork
- •Shiroko Lifer for artwork
- •Susan and Neal Lineberry for Wish List items and baskets
- •Steven Lloyd for artwork

- •M&M Glassworks, Inc. for artwork
- •Al Mandelaro for artwork
- •Mr. and Mrs. David Mantz for a printer

Hope for the Journey

•Clayton Singleton for artwork

John Sim for artwork

illustration

auction item

and cards

gift certificate

GosPort artwork

baskets

supplies

garden

item

items

clothes

food items

holiday items

gift certificate

auction item

silent auction item

•Joseph and Shannon

artwork

auction item

•Derek Simon for a digital

•Amber Smith for baskets

•Woody Smith for artwork

•Alicia Soloman for a silent

•Josh Soulman for artwork

Robin Statura for artwork

•Michelle Stiles for food items

•Still Worldly Electric Tapas for a

•Kimberley Stone for food items

•Evan Stumph for a gift package

•Suffolk Presbyterian Church for

•April Stillwell for pantry items

•Stove for a gift certificate

•Kathy Sunby for artwork

•Kris Taylor for artwork

•Kelly Tenney for medical

•Earnest Taliaferro for a silent

•The Sunflower Florist for a dish

•Brandon Thompson artwork

•Towne Bank for event tickets

•Trader Joe's for a silent auction

•Deborah Trate for food items

• Richard Trevisan for holiday

•Kelvin Turner for toys and

•Marley Ungaro for artwork

•Tom Wachs for artwork

•Bill Whitlow for artwork

•Steven and Sherry Whorl for

•Lana Williams for artwork

Susanna Wilson for a silent

Wintringham for food items

•Heather Wright for artwork

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•Wickers Crabpot Seafood for a

•Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson for a

United Methodist Women for

•Western Branch High School for

•Kathy Thumn for artwork

•Glenn Tinsley for a flag

•Dennis William Stuart for a

- Marriott-Norfolk Waterside for a gift certificate
- •Barbara Lively Mastaglio for artwork
- •Eric McClain for a silent auction item
- •Heather McKeating for event tickets
- •Lisa Melita for artwork
- •Greg Milligan for artwork
- •Charlotte Mitchell for dishcloths
- Patrick Modglin for baskets
- •Ken Morgan for artwork •Deb Munroe for artwork

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for gift certificates

medical supplies

auction item

auction item

bed pads

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artworks

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item

item

•Mark Nelson for artwork

•Linda Nichols for candy

•Beth Netts for artwork and

- •Debbie Myers for holiday items •Cyndi Mylynne for artwork •Nansemond River High School

•Summer Nault for kitchen items

•Jill Newton for a food item and

•No Frill Bar and Grill for a gift

•Grace Ogle for medical supplies

Cecilia Pancho for holiday items

•Cheyanne Parker for a pedal car

•John Payton for a silent auction

•Jean Piedmont for food items

•Portsmouth Arts & Cultural

Center Gift Shop for a silent

•Nicole Powell for diapers and

•Phil Pulido for a silent auction

Robert Ramaglia for GosPort

Robert Sadinsky for a artwork

•Acton and Joyce Ryner for

Marianne Salb for artwork

•Alberta R. Saunders for a

•Theresa Schindler for event

•Krista Shanafelt for artwork

•Michael Sierra for artwork

•Bertha Presby for baskets

Prince Books for a gift

•Old Town family Chiropractic

•Mr. and Mrs. Eric Olson for

•Jessica Parker for a silent

•Acara Phipps for artwork

•Amber Poole for a bowl

•Norfolk Academy Clubs for

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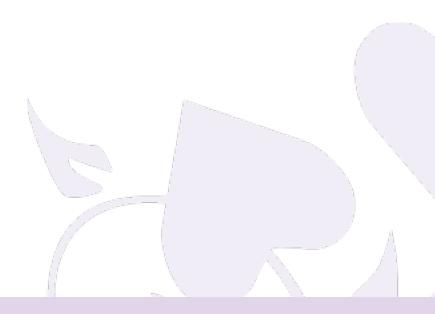
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Fall Wish List—

- Volunteer Baker to make homemade treats for our children/teens grief support group
- Volunteer plumber and Electrician
- Gas cards
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, 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,
- 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
- Copier paper- 11"x17"
- Epson Printer Cartridges (#'s TO444, TO443, TO442, TO441)
- 30-gallon clear storage containers
- Baby Footprint Kits with Picture Frame (can be purchased from the Discovery Store)

- Household cleaning supplies, (i.e. Mr. Clean, Windex, Clorox Clean-Up)
- Canned goods, non-perishable food items
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- 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
- Computer educational games
- Baby monitors
- "AAA" batteries
- Disposable cameras
- New bedding supplies: bed pillows, mattress pads, sheets-fitted/ flat in all sizes, blankets
- New large, 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

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