



The Edmarc Visitor

Summer 2018



Amazing Addy – from her head to her toes

AMAZING ADDY and her Family's Journey

January 18, 2017 is the day our world turned upside down. Our 4-year-old daughter Adalyn, or "Addy" as she preferred, was diagnosed with cancer-- Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) -- an inoperable brainstem tumor with a survival rate of less than 1% and 7-9 months being the average life expectancy after diagnosis. The treatment options for DIPG are still the same as they were 40 years ago with virtually nothing that will make it go away. The location makes it impossible to remove. It rarely responds to chemotherapy. Aside from various clinical trials, radiation is the only treatment option which usually results in just a "honeymoon" phase before it returns more aggressively.

We spent the first month after diagnosis very busy while taking it all in. Our desire for Addy from day one was for quality over quantity. With the odds already against us, we did not want to spend the remainder of her days in hospitals or traveling great distances for clinical trials that would cause unwanted side effects and probably not help. On January 24th, we met locally with a radiation oncologist at Hampton University

Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI) and decided that we would proceed with proton radiation as our one and only shot. On February 8th, Addy had a port surgically placed for future treatments. Soon after her first day of proton radiation therapy, Addy celebrated her 5th birthday on March 2nd. A little over halfway into proton therapy, we were extremely encouraged with the news that the tumor had decreased in size by 30-40%. After a grand total of 30 treatments, she got to ring the completion bell at HUPTI on April 7th.

Addy was admitted to Edmarc in mid-March when Alicia (the nurse) and Abbey (the social worker) came to our home. I was nervous, but it went so well. The fact alone that your child is being admitted to "hospice" care is scary. But, I found out quickly that they are so much more than hospice. At this point, the home health goal was to keep Addy out of the hospital if possible. They gave me all of the information I needed and answered any questions I had. We decided on monthly home visits because she was stable and not in need of too much additional care.

In April we lived it up on a daily basis. We

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spent a lot of time having fun, enjoying each other, and just letting her be a kid. We went to Disney World thanks to Toby's Dream Foundation. We spent time at the beach. We watched caterpillars turn into butterflies, and Addy released them outside with her sister when they were ready. In late April, another MRI revealed "continued further reduction in size" of her tumor. We were thrilled! Our second monthly Edmarc visit with Alicia went well as she tried to get grumpy Addy to smile. Big steroids got the best of that little girl most days!

The end of May brought preschool graduation for Addy – a day we weren't sure she would even live to see. It was so bittersweet: she was happy but we were sad to close that chapter. A couple of days later Alicia visited and I shared concerns about Addy's symptoms. Less than 10 minutes after Alicia left, Addy's doctor called me to review the symptoms and to come up with a new plan. It was such a relief to see how closely (and quickly!) the nurses and physicians work together for these patients.

Summer got off to a rough start when we attempted to go on a family beach vacation the first week of June. After trips to the emergency room and the oncology clinic for vomiting that wouldn't stop ... we cut our vacation short. Addy ended up hospitalized and another MRI looked mostly ok with the primary tumor stable and unchanged from the last. We were discharged, and Rob, the on-call nurse for Edmarc that night, came to our home at 9:30 p.m. to review the orders, medications, and supplies with me and give her the first doses. Several days later, Addy sadly started having seizures. She ended up going to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) via ambulance and having a shunt placed surgically in her brain to save her life. While we were in the emergency room before surgery, a nurse came to me and introduced herself – another Edmarc nurse we hadn't yet met. I was so happy to meet her and to know that she was able to update our primary nurse. It gave me a sense of peace in the midst of utter chaos.

Dr. Pegram was the in-patient doctor the week of the surgery for the shunt, and we spent time getting to know her and she got to know us. Addy really warmed up to her, and they had a sweet little relationship! In mid-July when Addy's primary oncologist left, Dr. Pegram took over her primary oncology care. She had a great month or so with very little symptoms, and again ... we lived it up day to day. We went to the movies, the Virginia Living Museum, the beach, out to eat, played at the park.

August 2nd brought another MRI, and this time the news was devastating and the prognosis was very grim. Following that MRI, we learned that Addy would likely only be with us here on earth and in our arms for up to a few more weeks. Her cancer had spread to numerous other areas of her brain and there was literally nothing

they could do to help her. We transitioned to palliative/hospice care and went to three visits a week. Dr. Pegram herself came out for one of those visits with both Alicia and Teresa. Abbey was so incredibly helpful talking with Addy's sister a little about what was going on and always bringing arts and crafts. Edmarc was so wonderful those last few weeks: bringing us art projects to do as a family, meals, offering any help we needed around the house, and always thinking of the family.

We went on one last beach vacation the last week of August. It abruptly ended on August 29th when we brought Addy home as she began to deteriorate very quickly. Alicia met us at home to assess Addy not long after we arrived. She stayed until Teresa

came and spent a few more hours into the night with us, staying by our side as our sweet Addy peacefully passed from this life to her heavenly home. Teresa helped me wash Addy's hair as one of the last things I did for her on this earth because it was important to me, and she helped me get Addy's fingerprints for the beautiful necklace charms that were gifted to us. Both Alicia and Teresa arranged for the funeral home to come. We had a beautiful celebration of life service for Addy, and I was so touched to see Dr. Pegram, Alicia and Teresa there to support us.

Next we transitioned to bereavement services with social worker Sara visiting our home and working with Addy's sister once a week. She always looks forward to her time with Sara, just as she did her time with Abbey. We have gotten involved with Peace by Piece, Edmarc's grief support group for children and their caregivers. So far it has been a great thing.

Throughout Addy's journey (and now beyond), Edmarc was always there...and is very much still here 6 months later. They provided wonderful medical care. They were always willing to listen and work with us and brought meals on more than one occasion. They still offer help in any way we need it and have always spoiled our girls. (But I do know a couple of ladies who have left our home with a fancy manicure more than once!) Edmarc supported every decision we made, answered every question, and were very much available to us whenever we needed them. Addy's journey was so short, so I thought ours with Edmarc would be too. Sara continues to prove that Edmarc didn't go away with Addy's passing. The bereavement services will continue as long as we need them as we try to get on our feet and navigate this new life without her.

Words are simply not enough to thank the staff of Edmarc for the care, support, and love shared with Addy and our family in so many ways this past year. This beautiful organization, with an army of volunteers and donors, blesses families like mine in many ways every single day. They continue to give us hope for our journey and have brought us joy on some of our darkest days. In serving our family, they have become like family... and we are so grateful for the continued kindness and dedication to us. For all of the families served – past, present, and future – we love Edmarc!



Addy with her mom, dad and sister



Addy with a crown on top



Keith tells his story



The Host of the Hour,
Joe Flanagan



... and everyone came together
to hear Edmarc's story



Tyler, with Dylan, his Dad
Keith, mom Christy with
Edmarc's Brittany and Alicia



Joe Flanagan with Amy
Thorstad and her mom

PENINSULA FRIENDRAISING BREAKFAST SPREADS THE WORD!

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

From Franklin to the Southside to 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 generous community to help us raise the necessary funds to provide these vital services.

It began nine years ago with an idea from our Peninsula Council, to host a Friendraising 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 Friendraising 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, the total number of children and families we serve live on the Peninsula ranges from 30-40% of our overall census. 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 way to raise the monies to cover that cost. Three 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 courageous battle with a brain tumor. 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.

This year's event was held on February 16, 2017 when guests came together to show their support for Edmarc and the many children and their families the agency cares for. The Paradise Ocean Club, which provided an amazing sunrise over the Chesapeake Bay, offered the perfect location for the event. Baxter Simmons, Jr. and his crew prepared a scrumptious breakfast definitely fit for a king. There were 110 guests in attendance that included current and past families, board members, supporters, volunteers and staff. Longtime

supporter and Edmarc volunteer, Rob Cowling of Old Point National Bank, set the mood with background music while Bob Harper Photography captured memories of the morning. And it was our dear friend Pat Mallon of Indian Creek Productions who provided all the A/V equipment for the event.

None other than Hampton Roads own, Joe Flanagan of Joe's Job hosted the morning. He did a fabulous job keeping the morning flowing and sharing the history of Edmarc while interacting with guests in the audience. The highlight of the event was a presentation from Keith Murray, Tyler's dad. Keith is a physicist at NASA Langley. So, he started off by saying he's not used to speaking to crowds, he's mostly used to talking to peoples' shoes. That broke the ice, he and proceeded to share his family's journey.

It was shortly after Tyler's sixteenth birthday when he was diagnosed with cancer. During his treatment, the family was so afraid of compromising him that they barricaded themselves in their home. With the help of Edmarc's staff, the family was able to feel secure in providing Tyler with the tender loving care he needed to fight cancer in the sanctuary of their own home. The family came to know and love the Edmarc staff. He talked about the strength his family gained by having the staff available whenever needed. He described the nurses who visited in this way... "The nurses are like marshmallow dipped Navy Seals." Keith talked about miracles: "They don't always come when you want or expect them to, but when they do happen, it is beautiful, like notes on a musical staff, placed in a specific order, to create a masterpiece." Keith went on to describe what Edmarc's care meant to the family, "To us, Edmarc was one of those miracles, keeping us afloat when our world seemed to be falling apart in front of us." Keith's words were so powerful and heartfelt and touched everyone in the room. Tyler's story is one of victory; he was a happy discharge from Edmarc last year!

This is just one of the many stories that happen every day because of our generous community. And when all was said and done, the event raised nearly \$14,000 to support the good work of Edmarc. Perhaps the most important thing that happened was the event helped create friendships for the future.



Fire Breather Extraordinaire!!

Ooooo yes there were auction goodies to be had!



Dee Pritchett with The Capital Groups Award



Debbie and Laurie and the evening's excellent MC, Shane



Demonstrating The Art of the Cocktail



Joining the circus performers!

Edmarc's Fourth Annual Hope Gala ...A Night in Disguise...

It was November fifth when supporters came together to celebrate the many hearts that have provided hope for thousands of seriously ill children throughout Hampton Roads. The Granby Theater provided the perfect backdrop for the masquerade theme...it was what many are calling an enchanted evening. It was the excitement that filled the room, as 250 guests engaged in conversation and fun; the evening was nothing short of spectacular. International Illusionist, Krendl & Company, captivated guests with their spellbinding acts of magic, acrobatics, circus performers, aerialist, mimes, human statues and, yes, even a breather of fire!!

The evening and its delighted guests, progressed along until we came to the eagerly awaited awards portion. This year's award went to The Miller Oil Foundation and the Capital Group. It was only fitting because they best reflect the universal concept of philanthropy and volunteerism in its truest and fullest sense as each company serves as an inspiration to others. Time and time again they have demonstrated considerable commitment to Edmarc in terms of time, amount of responsibility assumed and financial contributions. Each has made a notable impact by significantly strengthening Edmarc and lives of the children and families the agency serves.

As the night went on, everyone enjoyed live music by Amy Kaus and Derek Smith, with 7th Street as the Gala's feature band. Guests had a chance to win a number of premiere raffle prizes and participate in an impressive silent auction. Even though you might not have placed a bid on one of the silent auction items, all present were able to make a donation to provide nursing care and bereavement care for a child. There really was something to entice everyone to get involved!

Thanks to everyone who made this magical night a reality that reached an all-time high of \$76,000!!





Some people take "having a fling" to heart!



The Capital Group rates the evening a ten!



Happy Gala goes from Miller Oil



Dancing the night away in Mr. Roboto style!

Heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks to all the committee members who made this year's event the best ever!

- Heidi Anderson, Edmarc Mom
- Butch Beckman, Stat Services
- Dorothy Bell, Edmarc Volunteer
- John Bell, Edmarc Volunteer
- DJ Bradley, NCTMB, CMT, Mama Dee's Massage
- Sharon Cole, CRQ Consulting
- Ed DelaEspriella, Edmarc Volunteer
- Kelly DelaEspriella, Light of the World Photography
- Amy Folkes, Foundation Board Member
- Stephanie Fowler, Edmarc Volunteer
- Dawn Holihan, Foundation Board Member
- Debbie Jones, Edmarc Volunteer
- Kristen Jones, Community Resource Coordinator, Edmarc
- Tonya McKinney, Mass Mutual, Foundation Board Member
- 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!

- Hampton Roads Recovery
- CTR Group
- Berkshire Hathaway Towne Realty
- Elizabeth River Crossings
- TowneBank
- Event Central
- Smithfield Foods
- Blue Goose
- Mass Mutual along with Tonya McKinney, Terri Guter, & Dawn Wheeler
- Rocket Media
- A & W Contractors
- Children's Specialty Group
- Light of the World Photography
- Obici Healthcare Foundation
- Pristine Shots
- Strickland Homes
- SunTrust Bank
- Towne Insurance
- Q.E.D. Systems
- Advanced Design Fabrications
- Guy Friddell
- Massimo Zanetti Beverage
- Roberts Insurance & Financial Planning
- Lori Strickland



Just who are these beautiful people in disguise??

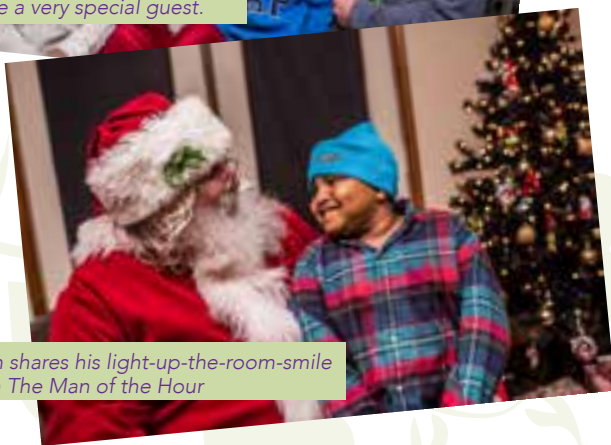
THE 2016 SANTA RUN DELIVERED CHRISTMAS AND A WHOLE LOT MORE



The whole gang -- Santa, elves, volunteers including first responders from all over Hampton Roads -- delivering the holiday goods!



Shanna, MacKenzie, Caden, Caleb and Seth welcome a very special guest.



Zion shares his light-up-the-room-smile with The Man of the Hour

On Sunday, December 11th we held our Annual Santa Run! Edmarc staff and volunteers delivered Christmas to over 70 families all over Hampton Roads. With the help of the fire/rescue and police departments from all seven cities, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Santa's elves, and our deeply appreciated professional photographers, we were able to spread some much needed holiday cheer to each of our Edmarc families.

We could not have done it without our AMAZING community sponsors. These sponsors received wish lists, then went out shopping and purchased gifts for entire families; eliminating a huge burden of stress for so many of our families.

Once each list was checked, and checked twice, volunteers wrapped and stuffed giant Santa sacks and routed them for the special deliveries. We are forever thankful for the generosity of so many who made spreading some very special holiday joy possible.

THANK YOU!!!

SHARING THE 'MAGIC' OF CHRISTMAS

The Noblemen have partnered with Edmarc for nearly 20 years to provide Christmas to Edmarc Families. The members of the Noblemen are all volunteers who spend a considerable amount of their time planning and holding events to raise money to help Virginia Beach children.

Gifts and food are provided for the children of each family along with a special visit from Santa and a happy intrusion of community minded, high spirited Noblemen members.

The real gift, as in the past, is that the families of Edmarc invite the volunteers to spend special time with them. The tears, laughter, hugging, and caroling go on all night. We've been told that the Noblemen love this event and will continue to support Edmarc in this special way simply because they feel that, along with the families, they are the ones who receive the blessings.

Heartfelt thanks to all our dear Noblemen and Noblewomen for the continuation of their "Noble" deeds!



Ayala checks out all the holiday hoopla.



Santa and his sweet friend all dressed in red!



Just look at those smiles!!



Hezekiah gives A First Responder a First Class hug!



Hangin' out with Santa is what fun's made of!



Abby gets Santa's personal instructions for her own special gift.



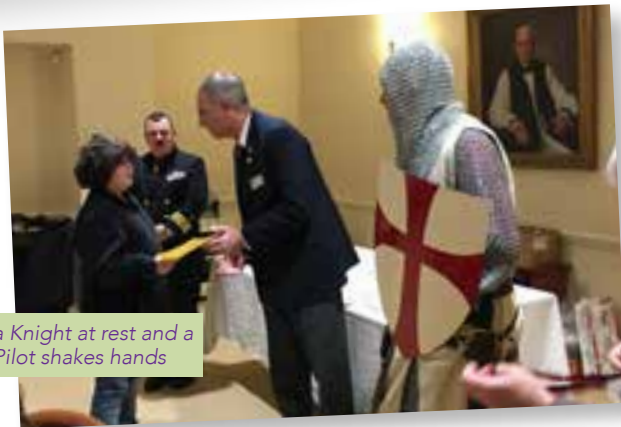
And the sign on the back said, "Elves on Board!"



Virginia Beach firefighters surround Mr. & Mrs. C



Santa aboard his very unique "sleigh!"



a Knight at rest and a Pilot shakes hands



Santa finds himself in some very pretty company!



And we say... adorable!

FROM THE PEACE BY PEACE CORNER: 2016'S HOLIDAY SEASON

This year at the Peace by Piece holiday party we had the pleasure of welcoming Pilots for Kids and the Priory of the Monitor and Merrimack to share in an evening of food and fun. Our families enjoyed games and crafts, including making gingerbread houses, with several volunteers with Pilots for Kids. The Knights from the Priory also honored our families with medals of courage for the strength and resilience they have shown throughout their grief journeys. Peace by Piece was also privileged to partner with Southern Auto Group again this year in providing our families with gifts for the holidays, groceries for a holiday meal, and a visit from Santa himself!



Telling Santa pre-cisely what he may bring

IT WAS A MERRY MORNING, AT THE MOVIES!

On December 6th,, The Real Estate Group held their annual toy drive for Edmarc. Once again, they teamed up and held the holiday event at Regal Columbus Stadium 12 theaters in Virginia Beach. More than a dozen sponsors helped make Morning at the Movies with Santa not just possible, but a huge success.

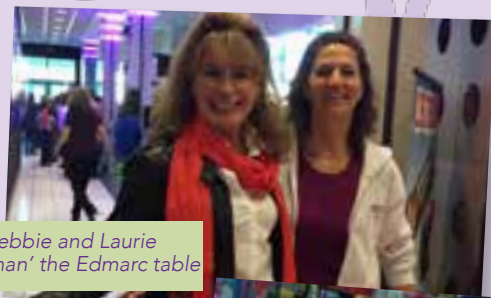
Hundreds of agents, clients, and vendors filled the theater early that Saturday morning armed with toys for Edmarc. In exchange for their toy, everyone was invited to see two new releases. If that was not exciting enough, Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special appearance that gave the children the opportunity to talk to, and have their pictures taken with, The Man Himself before The Big Day arrived!

When it was all said and done, over a dozen bags of toys and several bicycles filled up a huge moving van to help fulfill our Edmarc families' wish lists for Christmas.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out to support this entertaining event. And, a very special thank-you to our friends at The Real Estate Group for their continued support over the years and for making the holidays magical for Edmarc families!



Toys, toys everywhere!



Debbie and Laurie 'man' the Edmarc table



A princess soon on her way to a special princess

Santa Bears... Minion scooters...oh boy!!

With love, we remember

Xavier S. (12/28/12-10/08/16)

Although his time here was far too short, Xavier was loved by everyone who knew him. His long eyelashes were sure to melt any heart and he was adored by his parents, Shirley and Orlando, and big sister, Airyunna who was quite protective over her little brother along with a multitude of other family members. Xavier related to "Iron Man" and embodied that character's boundless strength in his own unique way. Whether at the circus with his family or visiting neighbors in the neighborhood sporting his sunglasses, he was a very special boy. Xavier will be remembered with so much love.

Wesley Z. (5/15/13-10/13/16)

Wesley was a playful little boy who showed amazing courage throughout the course of his illness. Although a boy of few words when nurses were visiting, he had a most expressive face -- there was never a doubt about how he felt about his play being interrupted for medical procedures. Often Wesley would assist with these procedures and his technique was quite good!! Wesley had an amazing family consisting of his parents, siblings, grandparents and other extended family members who surrounded him with tender loving care. He is greatly missed by all.

Lucy M. (6/18/16-11/24/16)

Lucy was a beautiful little girl, remarkably strong and most definitely a stealer of the hearts of those privileged to meet her. Though her time with her loved ones was far too short, the impact she made on the people around her was anything but small. She will be loved and remembered warmly by her parents, Kristi and Kevin; her sister, Natali; her brother, Nicholas and countless family and friends.

Patrick D. (10/30/07-11/30/16)

Patrick was known to be quite a "ladies' man" making his rounds and saying "Hellooooooo Ladiessss" to the girls in school! This sweet boy enjoyed making people laugh and smile and that was easy to do when you heard his contagious giggle and were privy to his expert joke-telling skills. Patrick enjoyed Minecraft, Minions and anything having to do with his close family. He fought a very courageous battle with cancer, but never let it hold him back from loving life. He brightened the lives of everyone who knew him, and his memory will be deeply cherished.

Benjamin G. (6/2/08-12/9/16)

Ben was a spirited, brilliant, and incredibly witty little boy who could light up a room with his sweet smile. Ben was also Michael Jackson's biggest fan, with dance moves that could easily rival those of his idol. Ben loved going to school to learn and spend time with his classmates. His unwavering courage during his battle was a sight to behold and he touched the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to meet him. Ben will be deeply missed by his parents, Wendy and Jeff; his grandparents; his sister, Lauren, and his many other friends and family members.

Gabriel A. (12/19/17-12/19/17) Gabriel was a beautiful baby boy who only lived a short time, but was loved and held close by mother, Kaitlyn and father, Daniel. Gabriel will always be remembered with so much love by all who were privileged to be in his presence.

Violet R. (12/27/13-1/8/17) Violet, what a perfect name for this beautiful little girl. With the face of an angel, Violet brought joy to all who knew her. Violet had a sweet spirit and, although she could not speak, her face expressed her gentle heart. Violet's favorite place to be was the Virginia Aquarium where she was known and loved by its staff. Violet was lovingly cared for by her parents, grandparents and aunts who counted it a privilege to do so. She will be missed by all those who hold her dear.



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Eleanore J. (8/23/14-1/17/17)

Eleanore, "Ellie," was an extraordinary little girl whose beautiful blue eyes and sweet voice melted the hearts of everyone she met. She loved the movie, "Frozen," spending time with her mom and dad, and playing with her magic wand. Even when days were difficult, her bravery was truly something to behold. She is remembered warmly with other family members.

Jaylin S. (12/23/01-2/4/17)

Jaylin "Truck Strong" was a quiet, thought-filled teen who dealt with his disease and treatment with much courage. One didn't have to look far to learn that "Jay" was a fervent Virginia Tech fan. The décor of his bedroom told the tale loud and clear! Jaylin loved spending time with his brothers and cousins and we are told he wasn't at all quiet when he was playing video games with them! Jaylin was surrounded by an amazing family that provided him with everything he needed to cope with the effects of his illness and to pass into the next life with dignity. He will be missed by so many.

Sydney M. (8/15/12-2/22/17)

Sydney was a beautiful little girl with a strong fighting spirit. She blossomed under the loving care of her family from the day she was born. Sydney had her own unique personality and made her likes and dislikes clearly known. She loved to eat her raspberry lollipops or frozen yogurt and was especially fond of the color red and sparkly objects. She enjoyed cuddling with her parents, Tara and Ben, and being read to by her brother, Sebastian. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her; her parents, Tara and Ben, her brother, Sebastian, and her extended family and many friends.

Louis V. (4/27/13-3/7/17)

Louis was a happy, bold and fierce little warrior who was adored by those who were fortunate enough to know him. He loved being a big brother to Lennon, and super heroes, dancing, going on bike rides, and wearing his famous orange sunglasses for leukemia awareness. He fought his battle with amazing toughness and his bright smile and giggle charmed everyone. Louis will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his parents, Laura and Josh; his brothers Lennon and Logan; his sister, Bailey; his grandparents and host of friends and other family members.

Gabriel W. (3/9/17-3/10/17)

Gabriel was a handsome baby boy who stole the hearts of all medical staff and family who were in his presence. Though the time he shared with his family was far too brief, he was surrounded by parents, Cassandra and Charles; his sister Aryana and his brother Jayson. Gabriel will forever be remembered by friends and family and cherished in their hearts.

Marcus G. (7/5/10-3/14/17)

Marcus was a truly special little boy with a mischievous and curious spirit. He was gifted with an amazing sense of humor and a strong will, both of which were endlessly entertaining and impressive to everyone who spent time with him. He loved to learn, and to spend time with his mom, little brother, and favorite hospital staff members. He will be lovingly remembered by his mom, Natalya; little brother, William; his extended family, and countless friends.

Messages from Families...

To the Edmarc Staff & Volunteers,

Hope the season will shine its light and spread its joy, bring peace to your world. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and happiest New Year!

Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,
The McCarthy Family

To the Staff at Edmarc,

May you find peace, love and the true spirit of the holiday season. Thank you all for the love, kindness and support you give (and continue to give) to the families who have the most beautiful children in the world! We look forward each year to seeing you all!

Much love.
Richard and Diane Scott

*Dear Everyone at Edmarc,
May your days be merry and bright! Keeping you all in our hearts forever. Thank you for making our Christmas and every day bright!*

*Lots of Angel Hugs, Debbie, Joe and Angel
Jenna, XOXOX*

Happy New Year,
Love the Furco Family !!

Edmarc Staff and Volunteers,

Thank you so much for all of the presents, caroling, Santa - everything was just beautiful! The kids loved their gifts and clothing - very thoughtful! Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.

Scott, Missy, Karli and Kasey

Edmarc Family,
Have a warm and Cozy holiday. Thank you for hosting such a wonderful Christmas party. We loved introducing June to Santa. Thanks for all of the wonderful gifts. June is blessed to have your tremendous support! Merry Christmas!

Sterling and Cal

*Dear Debbie and Edmarc Staff,
Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year. With much love and deep appreciation for all that you do! Wishing you and those you love many blessings in the New Year!*

Joan and Allen Hogge

Just a simple thank you would be an under statement, words cannot begin to express the gratitude and appreciation that I have for all the help and assistance that has been given to my family and I. To have people that do not know me personally but dedicate so much fo their time, compassion, and generosity without getting anything in return is nothing other than truly caring individuals, and I am forever grateful to be a single mother of a child with Trisomy and still care for another child and function on a daily basis at times is very overwhelming and the kind gestures you all have given and assisted with are remarkable. It means so much to my family and I so I wanted to take the time to thank all of the people who have assisted with making our need and load lighter. Just to say a BIG thank you for everything!

Jordan & Family



This is Reid, held close by his Dad

The Annual Deep Creek Ruritans' Club Golf Tournament Plays Through for Edmarc!

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 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 \$70,000 to support Edmarc's mission. In 2016, the Deep Creek Ruritans' and the Noha family presented Edmarc with a check for \$9,600! Special thanks to all of the sponsors and supporters of this year's tournament. We continue to be amazed at the dedication of Granddad Noha and the entire Ruritan family for putting on such an important event each year!

Running for Edmarc, in Memory of Reid

Four years ago, Reid Hargrave passed away from a devastating illness. A year later, his dad, Mark, and neighbor, Dennis, decided to run the Shamrock Half Marathon in memory of Reid. Mark wanted to do something to raise money and awareness for an organization that helped his family care for his son during the last year and a half of his life. Edmarc was that organization. The two friends created a GoFundMe page with the goal of raising money for Edmarc. During the first year, the two friends, along with other friends and family members, raised nearly \$4,000 to support Edmarc's mission.

Since then, Mark's running team has grown to from 2 to 20 members. Over the last three years, the group has raised over \$27,000! Each year, the group raises more money and gains more support from the community.

Mark, we thank you, your entire family, and all our friends for their support over the years. You are all making a lasting impact on the lives of so many in our community. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Joe "Granddad" Noha and friends

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

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



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INTRODUCING NEW EDMARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER, BOB ROTH

Bob Roth grew up in Morristown, NJ and graduated with a BS degree in civil engineering from Lafayette College. He served in the United States Navy for 30 years as an FA-18 pilot. He commanded VFA-34, an FA-18 squadron at NAS Oceana; USS Cleveland (LPD-7), an amphibious assault ship at Naval Station San Diego; and USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75), a nuclear aircraft carrier at Norfolk Naval Station. He is a graduate of the United States Navy Test Pilot School, the Navy Nuclear Power School, and the Naval War College.

He is currently employed by Clark Nexsen in Virginia Beach where he serves as a bridge inspection engineer. He has been married to his wife, Roberta, for 30 years and has three children. We welcome him as a new board member.

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CONGRATULATIONS!



Kim – sharing her very special gifts every day

...to one of our amazing nurses, Kim Towles, who recently celebrated her five-year anniversary with Edmarc. We are eternally grateful for the many beautiful ways she touches the lives of our children and families. We look forward to many more celebrations!!!

EDMARC'S VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON ANDREW KANOUSE

Andrew Kanouse is an Edmarc volunteer who came to us at the beginning of 2016. He is currently in the M.D. program at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk.

Andrew has been so giving of his time and talent to Edmarc over this past year helping not only directly with Edmarc's families, but with just about every family and fund raising event we held! He is always outgoing, and always willing to lend a hand. His positive attitude adds a very special touch to our special events. Thank you, Andrew, for being such a huge and giving part of our Edmarc team!



Edmarc mega volunteer, Mr. Andrew Kanouse!

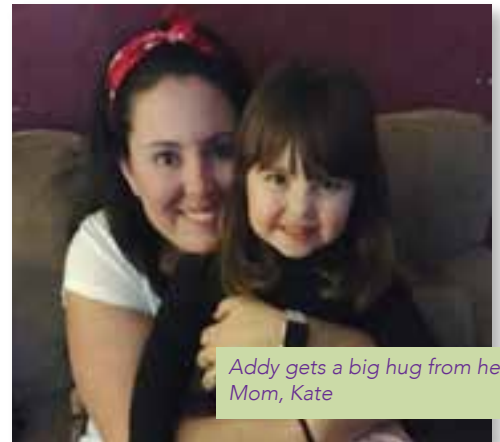


Bon voyage, and smooth sailing, to our dear Dorothy!

...and to retirement, yes...retirement, for our dear friend, Dorothy Jenson. Edmarc's success comes from her unwavering efforts to improve the agency's overall operations. Mission accomplished, Dorothy!!! We miss her very much, and wish her all the best as she enters a new and exciting chapter in her life. Our love and best wishes always to someone who has made a tremendous, and always positive, difference in the lives of so many people, of all ages, connected with our wonderful organization.

Joining Up with Edmarc Is Our Social Work Intern, Kate

Kate Hawryluk has been with us since August 2016. She is a Master level student from Norfolk State University, getting her graduate degree in Clinical Social Work. She has participated in many Edmarc events, the first being Camp Magic in August 2016. She is also a volunteer facilitator at Piece by Piece; grief groups with kids, along with volunteering at other agencies around Hampton Roads. Kate graduated with a master's degree in social work in May 2017 and will pursue a career in her field of study. Kate loves to be outdoors and loves to be with her 3 ½ year old daughter, Addy.



Addy gets a big hug from her Mom, Kate

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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.

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- Volunteer baker to make homemade treats for our children/teens grief support group
- Volunteer plumber and electrician
- Gas cards, gift cards to Wal-Mart, 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 and play clothes

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