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1st Annual



"Battle of the Bands"

Trask Coliseum
Wilmington N.C.

October 9, 2010



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Gladys Knight or Vince Gill

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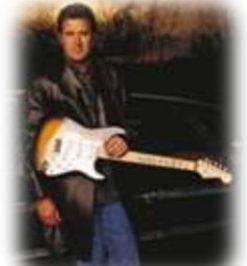
Gladys Knight

Drawing will be on December 11, 2009 by Bryan White at 104.5



All proceeds will go to

Dare to Care for Children Foundation





DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN

Introducing Skip & Sherry

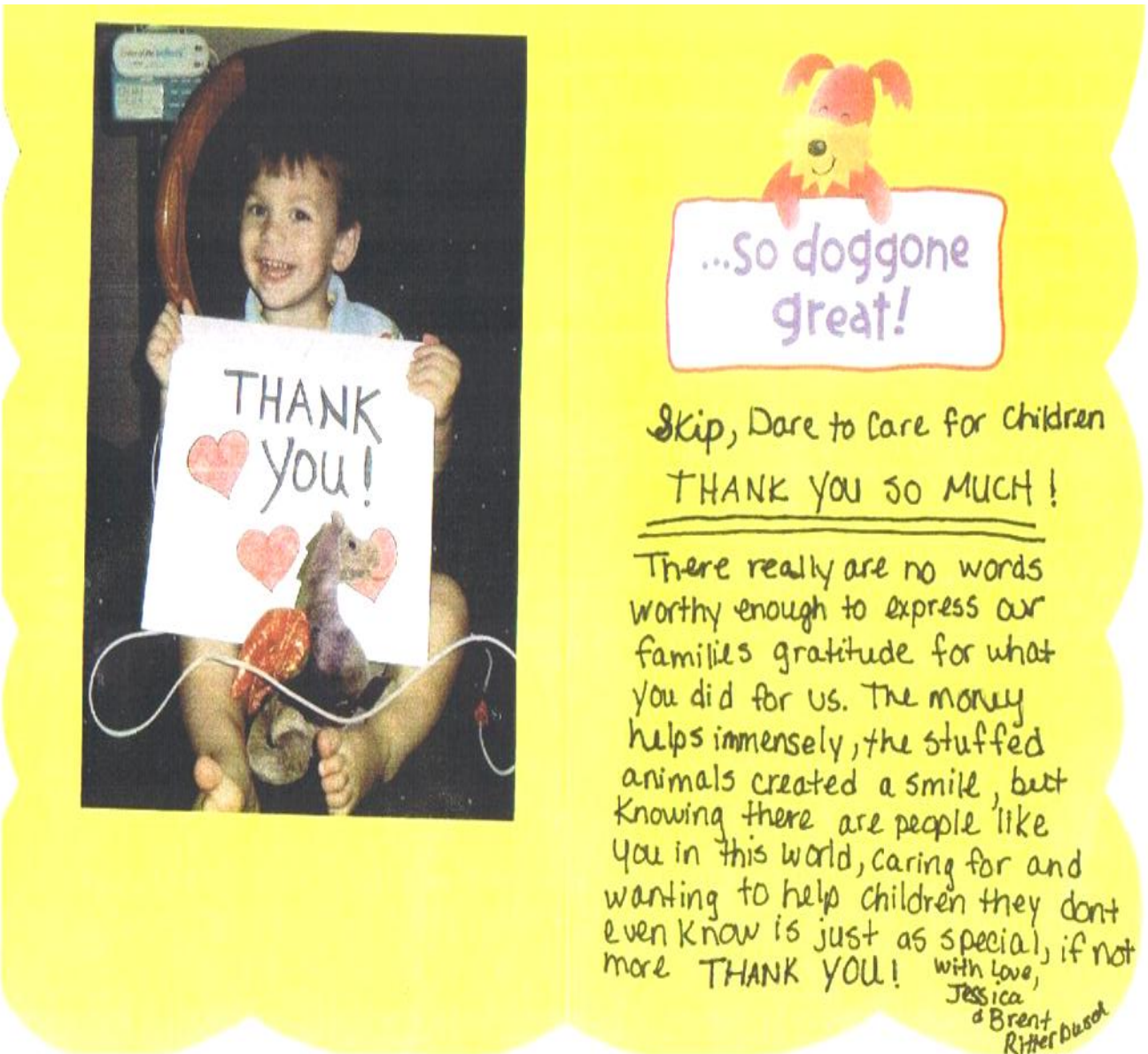


"A MAN NEVER STANDS AS TALL AS WHEN HE KNEELS TO HELP A CHILD"

Together we make a difference

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“Every little smile is worth a Thousand Words”



It doesn't take much to put a smile on a child's face. **Together with your help**, maybe we can put smiles on many more faces in the future. Fortunately we were able to put a smile on the face of a two year old little boy this year, and the card he and his mother sent us will stay in our hearts forever and never be forgotten.

Let's share a smile together

Meet Ms. Ella



Dear Mr. Skip & Dare to Care for Children

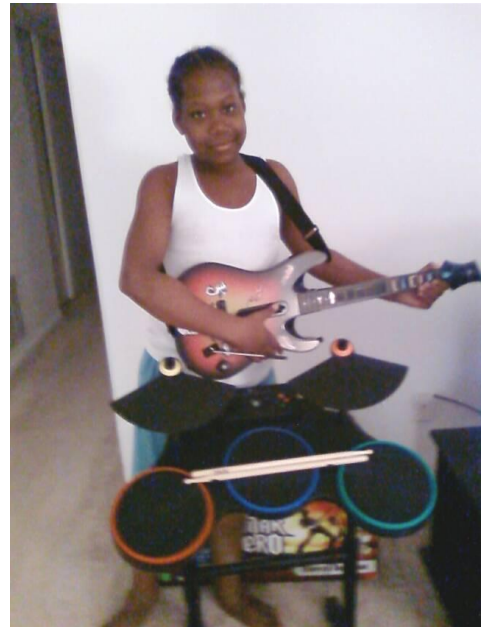
Road to recovery has been a bumpy one. She's had two unexpected hospitalizations for gastroparesis and congestive heart failure. Financially, it has been a struggle. Additionally, she is on a specialty formula not covered by our insurance. The cost is incredible and unexpected. That being said, your gift is so very helpful in meeting Ella Grae's needs. Your kindness has touched us beyond words. Your generous gift is very much appreciated, and as with most families of kids with special needs, it is much needed! Ella Grae is three years old recently had her third open heart surgery. She was born with HLHS, a complex congenital heart defect. Without these surgeries, Ella Grae would not survive. She is doing well, but we hope to be in the position one day to pay such kindness forward.

*All Our Thanks
Laura, Rodney, Ella Grae*

Thank You Santa!

Hi Skip,

I hope you and your family had wonderful holidays. We had a wonderful holiday season thanks to you. Khareem was so surprised when he got Guitar Hero for Christmas! Not only did you make out Thanksgiving and Christmas wonderful with the things you gave us, you restored my faith in mankind. Few people have shown my son and I such kindness. You are a wonderful person I could hardly believe that someone who was a total stranger would do anything for another stranger, let alone the hug amount of compassion you showed us. I just never believed I would meet one. That is why GOD pulled you through your surgery. We need you down here, a real live angel. I can't thank you enough or completely express my gratitude to you. Our world is so much richer with you in it. God bless you always. I'm attaching a letter and picture from Khareem. Tell your wife you give you a BIG FAT HUG from us. God Bless!



Dear Mr. Skip

I'm writing the letter to thank you for the money and food you gave us. Because of the money I was able to get Guitar Hero World Tour from my mom, my sister painted me some pictures of sonic tail shadow, and Amy, my nephew got so many presents he doesn't know what to do with them. My brother gave me a charger for my Xbox 360 and magazine subscription. Me and my mom are so grateful for what you did for us. We really think it's nice what you do for people who need that extra push during the holidays and during these times it's also good to know that someone has your back during these times. As I stated where so grateful, we hope you had a good and your family had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Working Together to Support Our Children



Sherry Lewis helped Skip deliver 322 toys to the Pediatric Specialty Service of Wilmington, located in the Zimmer building at NHRMC. Skip & Debi Wittkofsky have been helping this program for the past ten years.

The Pediatric Specialty Service is a program that helps children with every type of illness. The collected toys are given to the children when needed, whether it's a birthday or just a bad day, the main goal is to put a smile on a child's face. Last year Skip delivered about 200 toys. The toys are collected by companies Skip contacts each year. Skip looks forward to giving more toys this coming year, as each year they have collected more, this coming year should be even better. Skip would like to give special thanks to Gold's Gym for their participation this year.



This room may be filled, but
Hopefully, next year we will
need two rooms!



FSN-SeNC

Family Support Network of Southeastern North Carolina, Inc.



The mission of Family Support Network of Southeastern NC (FSN-SeNC) is to provide parents of children with special needs emotional and educational support, assistance accessing community services and promote family centered practices.

The FSN-SeNC Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) program works with Coastal AHC to address the developmental and family needs of the approximately 550 babies each year that begin their life in the NICU at New Hanover Regional Medical Center (NHRMC) located in Wilmington, North Carolina. When construction on the Women's and Children's Pavilion is completed at the hospital in 2008, the infants and families served by the NICU and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) will most likely double in number.

Coastal AHEC is one of nine AHEC'S under North Carolina statewide AHEC programs that provides Physicians and a Developmental Psychologists to staff the NICU. FSN-SeNC is one of the eight local programs providing emotional support, education and resource information to parents of the babies in the NICU. The area we serve is unique, being the most rural but full of diversity. The NICU at NHRMC is a level III unit, and serves as the regional referral center for the smallest and most critically ill babies from a very large area of Southeastern North Carolina.

Recent literature reviews show that children from NICU are at the highest risk for developmental delay, chronic illness, infant mortality, family chaos, abuse and neglect. As compared to overall North Carolina averages, the counties predominately served by our hospital (Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender) have significantly higher percentage of children living in poverty and receiving government assistance. The stress that results from living in poverty makes it difficult for parents to engage in positive, nurturing interactions that facilitate children's optimal development. North Carolina ranks 44th in the nation in infant mortality (a ranking of 1 is considered the best), with preterm birth being one of the leading causes of death. According to research, the presence of social networks that are extensive and supportive, has been linked to adaptive parenting in many ways. Supportive social networks have been found to reduce stress by serving as a buffer against threatening events, influencing the coping strategies of parents, and providing emotional support. The presence of supportive environments improved parents general dispositions, assist them in feeling less overwhelmed by parenting tasks, and allows them to have additional tangible and intangible resources from which to draw information.

The goal of this project is to provide each parent whose baby is in the NICU one-to-one support from a trained support parent who has had the same similar experience. Since they have "walked in the shoes" of the NICU parents, they provide a level of social support that even the best trained medical and social work staff can't provide.

Currently, FSN-SeNC provides a little more than one full-time employee position at NHRMC to meet randomly with parents in the NICU. We provide parents with information on how to navigate the hospital, understanding the NICU and what is happening, help parents to define medical jargon, understand who they can go to in order to get their questions answered, understand the NICU rules and procedures, general information and resources within and without hospital. We provide support group meetings at least three times a month (weekly, when funding available). In the past, we have provided meals for parents attending the meetings, parents stipends such as Wal-mart or Kmart gift cards, (\$10 to \$20), long distance phone cards, gasoline cards, various baby products, parent pamphlets about NICU, books and print resources.

Without your donations these programs would not be available to our communities. Please help by sponsoring this annual event so we can keep reaching out to these children and families.

We greatly appreciate all your help!



DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN

Thanks to the generous donations from businesses and residents, Dare to Care for Children, was able to provide ten needy families with Thanksgiving dinner. Dare to Care for Children, would like to thank everyone who participated.



Chaplin Gordon, Skip Wittkofsky & Sherry Lewis
Thanksgiving 2008



Hopefully, this year
Dare to Care for Children will be
able to double the donations for
Thanksgiving



THE UNSEEN SANTA!

By: Mike Leggett

We have a REAL Santa in our midst! He may reside at the North Pole part of the year, but he spends most of his time in Leland. I have seen Santa-he's short, a little red nose, gets a little grumpy from time-to-time, and he drives a red truck to let us warn you DO NOT, I repeat DO NOT speak badly about children. If he (Santa) doesn't nail you, Mrs. Clause (Deb) will. Keep an eye on the elf to; she'll knee-cap you!

For over ten years "Skip" (that's the name he uses down here) of Skip's Tire has been the secret Santa for many children and their families. He formed the DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION to provide help for the children in and around our area. The DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION is a non-profit organization that deals with children whose medical needs are not covered by insurance.

This Thanksgiving week, I was honored to witness the foundation handing out Thanksgiving turkeys and the trimmings to ten families less fortunate than us. I watched many of the people cry as they picked up their gifts from Santa (Skip). Dang, said his name again! Sorry Santa!

I have also observed and reported about the founder and his elf delivering toys to children in the local hospitals who are stricken with cancer and other debilitating diseases. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS goes out to the many donors, who at this time will go unnamed. But know this: your much appreciated gifts will long be remembered! Third season for giving, and if you feel that you want to give to a child PLEASE give to the DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION. All donations are tax deductible. Your gift will brighten the Christmas for needy children and their parents.

The DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION depends on donations. 100% of the money goes toward providing much needed medical assistance, equipment and supplies for the children as well as helping their parents with related expenses.



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DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN

By: Mike Leggett

Again this year, the DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION delivers toys to children at new Hanover Regional Medical Center pediatrics wing and clinics. Santa's truck was loaded with new toys to hand out to children, but due to heavy fog in the area, the clinic was shut down early. However, Santa and his elf were able to make the rounds at the Zimmer Building and greet children and their parents, handing out Beanie Babies along the way. Two additional truck loads of toys have been delivered by the DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN

FOUNDATION to bring smiles to the faces of children facing traumatic illnesses at the hospital. The extra toys were dropped off with the doctors and nurses at the children's wing to distribute as they can. The toys were donated by area businesses.

Skip & Marion





Dare To Care For Children

Dare to Care For Children would like to let everyone who has donated to the foundation! Your donations have helped children like Brent, Ms. Ella, and Khareem with their everyday struggles! Many, many, many thanks to everyone who has donated.

Wal-Mart, P & w Oil, Screen Gems Studio, Physique Design, Cheerwine, Ronco Mobile Home, Brenda Bozeman, Hanover Realty, The Funston Co. Inc., Westport Homeowners Assoc. Inc., Hearthside Builders & Developers, Inc., Dominoes Pizza of Leland, Black's Tire, American Tire, Piggly Wiggly of Leland, Both Food Lion's of Leland, Estes Express Lines, Brookside llc, Stevens Building Co., Dean Hardwoods, Town of Belville, Skip's Tire Service, Gold's Gym (Odgen Location) Coca-Cola, Da-Dog Choppers, TLC Paint & Body, Radio Shack Corp., Southport Boatworks, Brunswick County Schools, Walter B. Futch Jr., Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9408, Screen Gems Transportation, US Wick & Drain, Inc., Port City Java, Extreme Cycles, WIL 98.7 Brian White, Town of Bolivia, Irving Auto Salvage, Eagle Island Fruit & Seafood, Cromshaw Chiropractic, Dirtman, PC Solutions, Dr. Vision Group, RB Barkley Enterprises, Inc., Downtown Medical Center, EG Dale Enterprises, Advance Auto Parts of Leland, Stone Mill Builders, Batish Medical Services, BB&T of Leland, Herring Mobile Home, Prince Tech, Inc., Atomic Auto World, Auto Zone of Leland, Billy Pate Jr., Security Savings Bank, Rampage Yachts, Landmark Developers, Inc., Family Pharmacy, Farmers Market & Deli, Assisted Care Mgmt. Group, Flow Sciences, Larry's Tire Service First Bank of Leland, Sullivan Auto Sales, A Touch Above, CMT, Boars Breath Saloon, Childcare Network, Clemmons & Son Farm, Tommy's Auto Repair, Inman Trucking Mgmt. Inc., Ramco Machine & Pump Service Inc., A & A Security & Investigations, NRP Holdings, LLC, Automotive Express, White's Tires, Chirohealth of Leland, Leland Veterinary Hospital, Mr. Frosty's, EZ Wireless US Cellular, Cape Fear Engineering, Inc., Tidewater Technologies, Inc., Advance Products, Inc., Surf Wireless, JD's Tire System, Cosco Wholesale #635, A to Z Rentals of Leland, Hampstead Pool & Spa, Cape Fear Pallet, SPEC #9, Shaney & Sheila Irving, Skip Long, Angelica Smith, Jacqueline Pace, Sandra Britt & Tim Kel, Jane Powell, Frank Capra Jr., Alice Hardee, Mrs. W. Giles Hunnings Jr., John Solefield, Dan & Kathy Miller, William V. Nelson Sr., AllMetal Roofing, Paul Upton, Isham & Cornelia Hudson, Pete Richards, Karen Williams, Mike Tzschunski, C.C. Harley, Brunswick Electric Membership Corp., A-1 Trailer, Dan Miller, Jeff Gordon Chevrolet, Rek Airbrush.

If anyone has been mistakenly left out, we do apologize.



DARE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN

No matter how much, every donation helps a child in need.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

All donations go directly to the children and their families.

Dare to care for children is 100% non-profit 501(c)3

I would like to make a donation to Dare to care for children in the amount of \$_____.

All donations are tax deductible.

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