



Wishes Come True

NEWS FROM THE WISHING WELL FOUNDATION, INC.

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2008

Most children will have a life time to have their special wishes come true. But for children with life threatening illnesses, sometimes a special wish must last a life time.

Wishing Well Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to ringing those special wishes to our children, ages 3-18, here in Collier & Lee Counties.

And perhaps even more importantly, is our commitment to giving the ongoing support these special families so desperately need.

Our sincere thanks to each one of you for making these special dreams possible.



MADISON'S PRESIDENTIAL WISH COMES TRUE

The week before Christmas was a thrilling time for Madison and her family. Her wish of meeting President Bush and enjoying the holidays, D.C. style, was magical.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 20 Minutes in the Oval Office with President Bush. He was thoughtful, personable, humorous, and really took an interest in each family member.
- Baking cookies with the White House Pastry Chef and decorating cookies in the bowling alley.
- Private tour of the "behind the ropes" White House by a Secret Service Agent.
- Meeting both of the "Presidential Dogs", Barney & Mrs. Beazley.
- Meeting Senator Martinez at the Senate Bldg. (Shown above) along with a private tour of Senate bldg. (Story continued on page 9)



**EVERGLADES REGION
OF CLUB MANAGERS
ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA RAISES
\$120,000
(Story On Page 2)**



Manuela's Shopping Dream Come True

What girl doesn't love to shop, even at age 7. Manuela enjoyed gift certificates from Coastland Mall. She had a fun day lunching with mom and her sisters, than topped off the day with filling the limo with bags & bags of goodies.

**2007 CHARITY CLASSIC, PRESENTED BY THE EVERGLADES
REGION OF
CLUB MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
RAISES \$110,000 FOR OUR LOCAL KIDS**

The 10th Annual Charity Classic exceeded all of the expectations of the fantastic committee composed of Co-chairs Jack Sullivan & Michael Seabrook along with Barbara Alderson, Bill Berutti, Blaine Burgess, Lynda Case, Robert Crissman, Dennis Fahey, Al Kinkle, Scott Massengill, Martha Mazzitelli, Michael Nelson, Rhett Robicheaux, Tim Rowe, Tish & Bill Sargent, Jim Wood & Michael Zigler. A huge thank you goes to each of you and to all of your supporting clubs & sponsors for making so many dreams come true. They also presented Special Olympics with a check for \$10,000.

The Charity Classic Gala was an elegant affair held at The Club at Mediterra with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a live & silent auction. They also hosted the golf tournament along with a continental breakfast, lunch stations, cocktails & hors d'oeuvres following the play. Everyone one had a fabulous time at both events and are looking forward to this year's event at Quail West Golf & Country Club on October 19th & 20th.

Special Thanks To Our Major Sponsors

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Uniforms By RSVP

We encourage you to patronize all of our sponsors. Their success ensures that we will be able to continue to grant wishes & provide ongoing fun for our local, incredible children.

Green & Tee Sponsors

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We are blessed by your ongoing support !

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 19TH & 20TH FOR THE
11TH ANNUAL CLUB MANAGERS CHARITY CLASSIC***

Supporting Clubs

Naples Lakes Country Club
Port Royal Club Cypress Lake Country Club
West Bay Golf Club
Quail Creek Country Club
Bay Colony Golf Club
Naples Yacht Club Grey Oaks Country Club
Bay Colony Community Association
Wilderness Country Club Hideout Golf Club
Foxfire Community Association
The Sanctuary Golf Club
Bears Paw Country Club
Wildcat Run Country Estero Country Club
The Forest Country Club
Lexington Country Club
Wyndemere Country Club
Gulf Harbour Golf & Country Club
Colliers Reserve Country Club





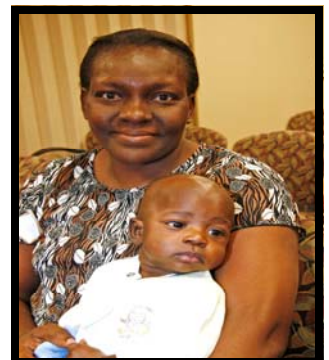
**AROUND THE TOWN
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
HONORING
WISHING WELL CHILDRENS
PROGRAMS**

This year, 2 local communities hosted holiday celebrations for their residents and were able to make Christmas dreams come true.

Bonita Bay & Crown Colony Country Clubs raised money and donated toys to make Christmas "too good to be true" for 100 special children. As you can see by their smiling faces, everyone enjoyed our 12th annual holiday party at the Children's Hospital. A big thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with the delicious treats and helped the kids pick out their toys.



*Adorable photos by
Anne Macias*



Our family is very grateful to Wishing Well for several special moments throughout the past 5 years. We appreciate the annual Christmas party, which includes all of our children, not just our child who is a cancer patient. We have also participated in activities 'just for fun' that gave us an opportunity to meet other families dealing with similar medical struggles. Thank you for the activities, parties, and wishes that you provide. Our daughter recently was the recipient of a Wishing Well wish, and I can honestly say that her wish trip was more than she ever dreamed it would be.

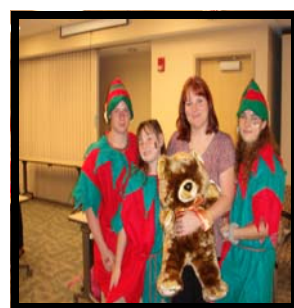
*Thank you, Club Managers, Wishing Well volunteers, and all of the Wishing Well sponsors & supporters. You have brought much joy & many fond memories to our family, and I'm certain there are many other families who feel as thankful as we do. **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE !***

Although cancer is a disease that is difficult to comprehend & walk through, you come alongside our family, offering encouragement & hope, adding a little laughter to our lives. You walk beside us through this journey.

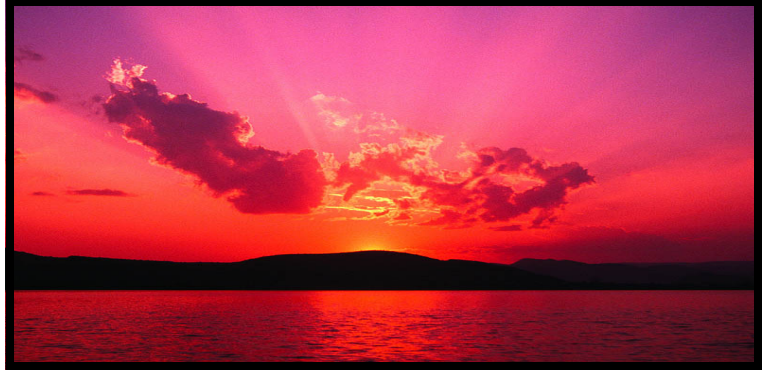
That's what makes you so special, and that's what makes you YOU.

Much appreciation, Renee Merrifield

More pictures of Madison's Trip



UP COMING FUNDRAISERS



SUNSET CRUISE ABOARD MARCO ISLAND PRINCESS

MARCH 20, 2008 - 6-8 p.m.

Tickets : \$45 Enjoy one of Marco's

beautiful sunsets & hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.

Contact co-chairs, Erna Biesenberger, 394-0167 or Sheila Coletta, 394-1762 for tickets or more info. (Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m.)

Living Legacy Bracelets - Now Available

The Living Legacy Bracelet & Art Program provides the children of Wishing Well Foundation a means of providing funding for the dreams of future children yet to come into the program. Children in the Foundation Program & large groups of community volunteers work hand in hand to create with love & joy, the beautiful bracelets that are available for a \$15 donation. 100% of your donation goes to support our program.

Building Our Chocolate Festival Team

We want to make our Chocolate Dreams Come True our biggest ever and need your help. Volunteers needed to:

- Locate vendors to donate desserts and hors d'ouvres
- Sell tickets & find sponsors
- Help us find donors for our silent auction & raffle
- Volunteer at the event: Call Vicki 213-0397 To Help



4th Annual

“CHOCOLATE DREAMS COME TRUE”

APRIL 17, 2008

NAPLES HILTON

6-10 P.M.

Hosted by



\$50 per person or 2 tickets for \$90

Indulge your chocolate desires, guilt free, all for the benefit of wishes

Enjoy the most sumptuous chocolate desserts & creations all night long from some of the areas finest restaurants, chocolatiers & country clubs.

Tickets include 2 drinks, all the chocolate your heart desires & hors d'ouvres.

Auctions, door prizes & raffles

Event sponsorships:

Title: 25 Tickets, your logo on brochures, tickets, programs & signage at the event \$8,000

Platinum: 12 Tickets,, logo on brochures, tickets, programs & signage at the event

Gold: 6 Tickets, your logo on programs & signage at the event \$500

Silver: 2 Tickets, your logo on signage at the event \$200

Sponsor Advertising Table At Event For Title, Platinum & Gold Levels

Last Years Chocolate Delights Donated By: Tony's Off Third, Red Lobster, Pavillion Ice Cream, Ph Skinny's, Edible Arrangements, Ella's Cakes, Hilton Naples & Towers, Kilwin's,, Lunch Bucket, Olde Naples Chocolate, Sam Snead's Tavern, Black Truffle Chocolates, Bonita Bay Country Club, Duval Street Seafood Company, Maxwell's On The Bay, Naples Cheesecake Company, P.F. Chang's, Royal Scoop Homemade Ice Cream & Naples Title

For Tickets Call 213-0397

We're also looking for volunteers to help sell tickets, find chocolate vendors, gather auction items & volunteer at the event.

UP COMING FAMILY EVENTS

As part of our ongoing support for our "wish families", we have fun events throughout the year.

April 27, 2008

Double R's Satisfaction Guaranteed Charter Service is planning a boating outing for 30 of our kids exploring the Everglades.

May 2008

North Naples Fire Department Hosting our 3rd Annual "Wish Kids Honor Our Local



Crown Colony Country Club
Susan Lindner, Mrs. Kent &
James Mason



Private Cruise For The Welter Family
Courtesy Of Naples Yacht Club &
Commodore Smith and His Wife

Special Gifts

Over the years, we've received so many generous donations to honor friends & family members for birthdays, anniversaries, get well soon, weddings and memorials. We send them a special letter letting them know of your kindness.

What better way to tell a loved one that you're celebrating them than by helping to make dreams come true.

MATCHING FUNDS

Each of our donors know how much their gifts are appreciated & what a difference they have made in these special children's lives.

Many employers provide a matching gift when their employees donate to non-profit organizations. Corporate matching programs can double or triple the impact of your gift without an additional expense to you.

"Food For Thought"

A couple of years ago, a couple from Marco offered to match the donations we received at our "Angels Over Stan's". They said they would donate up to \$20,000. It was very exciting to see the crowd get into the "game" with their generosity. We had a great time taking the couples check for \$20,000.

Our gifts totaled \$43,000 that day.

Perhaps you'd like to give us a dare.

Our Wish List

Stamps New Laptop Computers

Restaurant Gift Cards Target Gift Cards

Wal-Mart Gift Cards Toys R Us Gift Cards

Printer For Our Newsletters

**More
Highlights
From
Madison's
Washington
D.C. Dream
Trip**

Lunch in the
"Senator's Only"
Dining Room

Working with
the Chef of
Charlie Palmer
Steak to prepare
her family's
dinner. He also
presented her
with a chef's
smock, apron,
cook book and
chef's knives.

Ride in the
President's pri-
vate elevator.

Royal treat-
ment at the Hay
Adams Hotel
overlooking the
White House.

Dining at fabu-
lous restaurants
& touring great
museums.

Seeing famous
"movers &
shakers" of D.C.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your priceless gift of your time had made Wishing Well Foundation's mission possible for the last 13 years. Do you want to meet a lot of special friends & make a huge impact on our unique children's lives? Join us for a rewarding experience.

AUCTION ITEMS FOR EVENTS

We need volunteers who are willing to gather donated items that can be used for door prizes, raf-
fles & silent auction prizes for our upcoming events.

NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

We're looking for someone who can take over the job of editor & publisher of our newsletter. We'd also love to find a printer to help us with it on a bi-annual basis.

KIDS CARING & SHARING CLUB

We're looking for a chairman & committee for our Kids Caring & Sharing Club. It's mission is to get healthy kids excited & involved with sponsoring fundraising activities & wishes.

HAVE A GIFT WITH PUBLIC RELATIONS

Do you have a way with public relations & publicity? We invite you to step up & lend your expertise to help promote our upcoming events & programs.

LIVING LEGACY BRACELETS

Do you love working with kids? Would you enjoy helping us make our Living Legacy Bracelets? Join us in making beaded bracelets to raise funds.

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

We're always in need of people to help volunteer at all of our events. Maybe you're good at selling event tickets or raffle tickets, come join the fun.

Call Vicki at 213-0397 to volunteer & learn how your unique abilities can make a difference.

Help Us Spread Our Mission

We're always looking for opportunities to share our stories of joy & compassion. Schools & service clubs often invite speakers to their meeting. If you know of an opportunity, please call 213-0397.

