



# Wishes Come True

## NEWS FROM THE WISHING WELL FOUNDATION, INC.

February  
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**

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### 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**

*Coral Hospitality*

*DeVoe Cadillac*

*JetBlue Airways*

*N Magazine*

*Republic National*

*RSM McGladrey, Inc.*

*SYSCO Foods*

**GOLD SPONSORS**

*ASAP BluePrint & Signs Caterease Club Car D. Garrett Construction*

*Edward Don & Co. Kopplin Search Premier Party Rental*

**SILVER SPONSORS**

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*Club Design Group, Inc. Goodlette, Coleman & Johnson*

*ISN Security Members First Mainscape Landscape Maintenance Services*

*Orion Bank Steen Studios The Fancy Street Clock Company*

*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***

**Marbury Foundation   Fine Mark Bank & Trust   Flowers By Cindy   Sunmaster**  
**Humphrey Rosal Architects, A.I.A.   Premier Party Rental   Collier Enterprises**  
**"Statement Services, Improving Your Billing"   Gulfshore Facility Services**  
**Indian Hill Partners   Gunster Yoakley   McWard Architects, Inc.**  
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**Stock Development   Brown & Brown Benefits   Architectural Design Group**  
**Lutgert Insurance   Wescoturf   Culligan Water   Red Bull   Coca-Cola**  
**Naples Engraving   Wells Fargo**

**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***







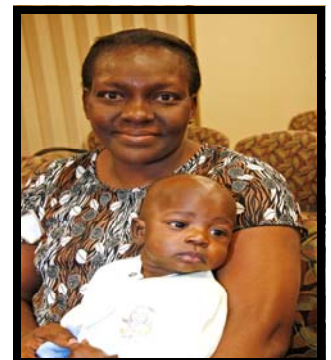
**AROUND THE TOWN  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS  
HONORING  
WISHING WELL CHILDRENS  
PROGRAMS**

*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.*

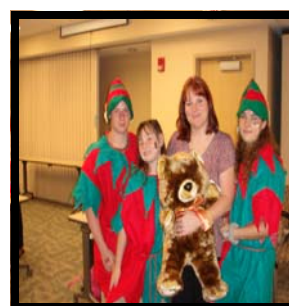
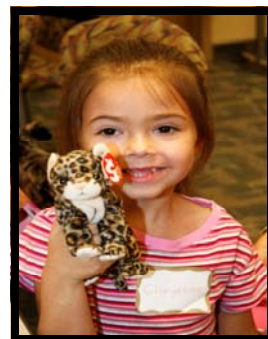
*Thank you, Club Managers, Wishing Well volunteers, and all of the Wishing Well sponsors & supporters. You have brought much joy & many fond memories to our family, and I'm certain there are many other families who feel as thankful as we do. **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE !***

*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.*

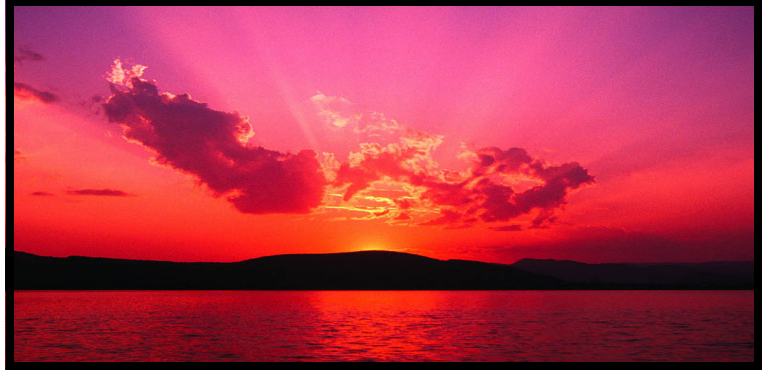
*That's what makes you so special, and that's what makes you YOU.*

*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.

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Every time you book travel with us, you can help make wishes come true. Each time you book any type of travel thru our website, the commissions are paid directly into our fund. Our website is the same search engine as Travelocity with the same low fares & special deals. So don't use the impersonal internet at large, use our website to book all you travel needs & help us help ourselves?

**WANTED:**

Do You Have a Chocolate Dessert Or Hors D'oeuvres Specialty Your Patrons Love? We're Looking For Restaurants, Chocolatiers & Country Clubs

To Participate At Our 4th Annual Chocolate Dreams Come True On April 17th At The Naples Hilton

It's A Terrific Opportunity & Great Exposure For Your Business Or Club.

To Get Involved

Call Vicki @ 213-0397



If you enjoyed our newsletter, won't you help us to defray costs by making a \$10 tax deductible donation in honor of someone you love or want to celebrate their life.



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