

The Community Counts

A monthly newsletter for Duke Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant patients, families and supporters



The volunteer-based Family Support Program is dedicated to caring for, serving, and lightening the burden of the Duke Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Community through a comprehensive array of services and resources.

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Aflac ducks make a lot of noise!

Over the winter, visitors and staff in the PBMT unit or administrative offices could hear “Aflac! Aflac! Aflaaaaaac!” at any moment of the day. Not only are the cute plush ducks dressed in plaid pajamas, but they talk too! More significant than the fact that they talk is that they also help raise a lot of money. For the second straight year, PBMT Family Support Program was chosen as the beneficiary of the “Aflac/Macy’s Holiday Duck Campaign,” receiving all profits from duck sales across the state of North Carolina.

Last month, the totals were tallied and a check for over \$18,000 was presented to Family Support by Jill Denton, Regional Sales Coordinator of Aflac. In addition, Family Support sold almost \$9,000 in ducks during a month-long sales campaign around the medical center and university. So yes, these ducks do make noise – and make a significant impact on our program. The funds enable us to provide more services and support for transplant patients and families. We are truly overwhelmed by the success of the duck sales and are grateful to Aflac and North Carolina Macy’s stores for the continued support of PBMT. Thank you!



Jill Denton (left) from Aflac presents Dr Kurtzberg, Lindsey Kearns, and the Hunkapiller family a check for over \$18,000. All proceeds go to the PBMT Family Support

Movies & Miracles bring Lollipop Theater to 5200



Stephanie C. gets revved up for Speed Racer

We continue to be touched by the creative & thoughtful ways people support the patients and families within our PBMT program. In June, Courtney and Caleb Hurd chose to commemorate their 30th birthdays by honoring the special patients they've met through their work with Hendrick Motorsports and Pit Crews for Kids. They created a fun way to bring laughter and normalcy to children and families on 5200 with money raised from their birthday celebration entitled, "Movies & Miracles." The goal of "Movies & Miracles" was to raise enough money to sponsor at least one current movie to be shown on the unit through the non-profit organization Lollipop Theater. Lollipop Theater is dedicated to bringing the magic of movies currently in theaters to children in hospitals due to chronic or life-threatening illnesses. We are thrilled to share that Courtney and Caleb's birthday celebration raised over \$6,000 and they will be able to sponsor multiple movie screenings for us this year! We recently showed *Speed Racer* and look forward to showing the new *Harry Potter* movie in the fall. Each movie screening is made into an event with movie tickets, decorations, favors, and snacks! We cannot thank Courtney and Caleb enough for such a selfless and special way to celebrate their birthdays this year.

New kids on the block

“New Kids on the Block” features the patients on the 5200 unit who were admitted in the past month. It is our way to honor them and help the other families get to know them.



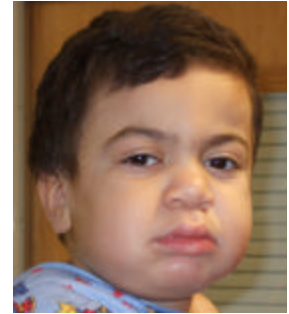
*Drake, age 3
Grifton, NC*



*William, age 6
Raleigh, NC*



*Kemora, age 2
Elizabethtown, NC*



*Adam, age 3
Naperville, IL*



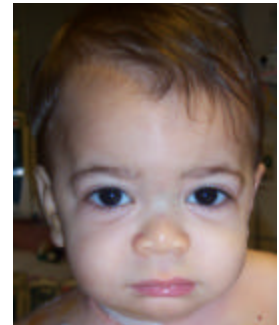
*Sidney, age 3
Emporia, VA*



*Kiki, age 13
Spanaway, WA*



*Jaxson, age 4 mos.
Lumberton, NC*



*Aiman, age 10 mos.
Naperville, IL*

Jeff Foxworthy and Hendrick Pit Crews visit PBMT kids



Jeff and the Hunkapillers

Every year, Jeff Foxworthy takes time during the weekend of the Duke Children’s Classic to come and visit the patients of the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Program. This year was no different, as he came to visit on Saturday, May 31st. As you can see, the patients are always willing to join in on the goofiness and good fun that Jeff brings with him. We are very appreciative of Mr. Foxworthy’s time and efforts, and our unit looks forward to having him visit again!

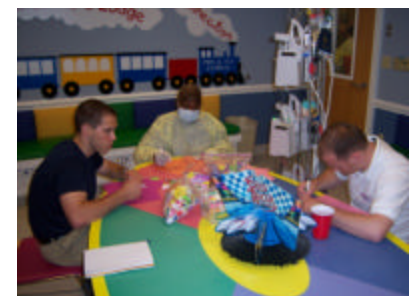


The Pit Crew guys looked through Kyle’s fishing pictures



Jeff and Darian

The Hendrick Pit Crews for Kids came June 28th to 5200 and brought tons of presents! The group spent some time visiting patients in their rooms and then came to the Connection to shoot some hoops and do some drawing. Thanks to Courtney Hurd and the Hendrick Pit Crew men and women for taking a Saturday to come, hang out and play with the PBMT families!



The Pit Crews joined Stephanie in doing some artwork

Scenes from 5200



Walker making a birdhouse in Cellmates for Father's Day



Tyler gets his discharge parade!



Stephanie relaxing in the Connection



William takes his turn throwing slime at the target



Somebody got Bingo!



Katie paints a birdhouse with her dad



Briley being silly in Cellmates



Sam and Logan share some ideas in CellMates

Scenes from Outpatient events



Patients and sibs have fun with the parachute

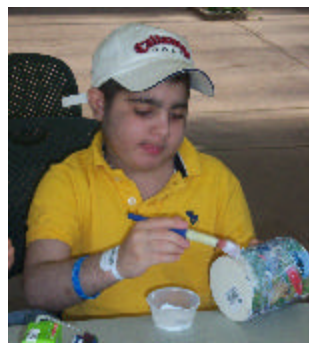


Andrea is worn out from all the activity

Outpatient events are a way for patients to stay connected with each other and also enjoy fun in a safe way during their outpatient stay. On June 24th, outpatient families were invited to a "summertime fun" event at Duke Gardens. Activities included arts & crafts, water play, moon sand, bubbles, parachute games, and more. It was outdoor fun for the entire family! Thanks to all those who came out and we look forward to the next event in July!



Elmer LOVED the water



Henrique takes a break from golf to paint



Dylan and his siblings had a great time



Wilfredo waits patiently for a fish to bite

Super Stepper joins the club!

We have a new patient who walked his way into the prestigious "Super Steppers" Club by earning over 50 footprints in the Steps to Recovery Program. A footprint is earned by walking or riding 5 laps in the hallways of 5200. Tyler is our newest member of the club. Tyler earned 167 feet (835 laps). Great job to Tyler and to all of our dedicated walkers - keep up the hard work!



Tyler

Winner's Circle

We are grateful to all of the people who help support PBMT families through contributing their time, energy, and resources.

We would like to thank the following for their monetary donations:

- * David Ptasinski's baseball team in honor of Dave & Lisa Koch
- * Rory and Joy Chandler in honor of their daughter's graduation
- * Michael and Dana Smith
- * Danny Crandall in memory of Allyson Brennan
- * Gay Brandon in honor of James Isbell

We would like to thank the following for their donations:

- * Family of Tripp Mattox for their donation of Webkins
- * Steve, Lori, Delaney, & Caden Kearney for their assembly of discharge bags
- * Kasey Fountain for encouraging her friends to bring board games and art supplies for 5200 to her 7th birthday party instead of presents for herself
- * Brenda Clemmons for her donation of treasure box items and bingo prizes
- * Lillie Merrit for her donation of laundry bags and pillowcases

Those who contributed to our Community Meals program last month:

- * All Saints United Methodist Church
- * Apex United Methodist Church
- * Little Red Foundation
- * Macedonia Baptist Church
- * Megan Rowland, Jennie Broom and friends
- * St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- * Trinity Ave Presbyterian Church
- * West Raleigh Exchange Club
- * Sonshiners
- * 5200 Nursing Staff

If we have inadvertently left you off our Winner's Circle, please let us know!

Wish List

We are in need of the following items:

- * Gift Cards: Target, Food Lion, and BP Gas Cards.
- * We have specific toys, DVD's, and games listed on our Target.com Wish List. Enter "Duke PBMT" (first name) "Family Support" (last name)" in the "Find a Wish List" search engine and go from there.

Many thanks for your support!!

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