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A newsletter for friends of The Children's Home

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A special gift...

Instead of receiving gifts for their birthdays, Hannah Schaffer, 7, and her sister, Kaitlyn, 10, have been giving gifts for the last few years! The sisters have made donations to several local organizations, such as a library and Children's Hospital, with support from their family and friends.

This year, for Hannah's seventh birthday party, she asked that donations be made to The Children's Home because it "helps a lot of babies," she said. Her family and friends made a combined donation of \$1,000.

Hannah and Kaitlyn's mother, Amanda Schaffer, who was adopted from The Children's Home herself, brought the girls in for a tour. They were so excited to see the T.I.C. Hospital and some of the babies they had helped. "It was all their idea," Mrs. Schaffer said. "I'm so proud of them."

For more ideas on how you can help, please visit our Web site and click "Support Us."



Milestone Year for Fifth Annual Shake Your Booties



Tamara & David Guo

Leading the way to make Shake Your Booties a great success were event co-chairs (center l-r) Laurie Garzarelli and Katy Sherman, enjoying the evening with their husbands, Dr. David Garzarelli, left, and Dr. Fred Sherman, right.

A record number of guests and dollars raised for The Children's Home marked this year's annual benefit, "Shake Your Booties." Corporate sponsors, individual donors, and over 350 guests helped us gross more than \$220,000 to support the annual operations of The Children's Home's three programs.

Jay Verno Studios on the South Side was again the dazzling

backdrop for guests to dine on gourmet cuisine by Michael Lench Catering, bid on silent auction "hot tickets" like an official Superbowl XL football, and dance into the night with Special Edition Band. WTAE news anchor Sally Wiggin took the live auction to an all-time high, garnering the evening's highest winning bid of \$3,400 for an autographed Jerome Bettis Steelers jersey. Visit our Web site for more Shake Your Booties photos and details!

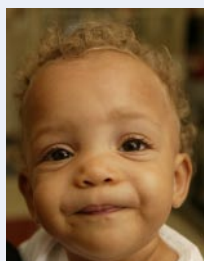


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Sally Ritts Smith, left, tries on jewelry from Henne Jewelers during the Shake Your Booties silent auction. More than 100 businesses and individuals donated items to the silent and live auctions, which raised more than \$42,000.

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Sisters Thrive at Child's Way



Rick Armstrong

You might recognize the smiling face of Elizabeth Barefoot, left, from our recent annual appeal. Now almost two years old, she and her fraternal twin sister, Makayla, have attended Child's Way® since they were infants. They were born prematurely at 25 weeks and came to Child's Way when they were four months old, via the Transitional Infant Care (T.I.C.®) Hospital.

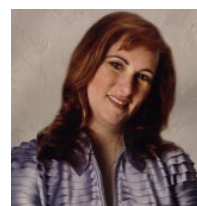
Elizabeth and Makayla were transferred to T.I.C. from a neonatal intensive care unit so that they and their mother, Judy Barefoot, could begin to make the transition to home. "I loved T.I.C.," Judy said, "especially being able to stay in the nesting rooms." She learned how to use the oxygen equipment that Elizabeth and Makayla would need at home. The T.I.C. staff and her pediatrician recommended Child's Way for her daughters' ongoing care, which also allowed Judy to return to work.

The Child's Way staff addresses Elizabeth's and Makayla's individual challenges. Makayla has Down

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Elizabeth and Makayla Barefoot began attending Child's Way just a few weeks after their discharge from the T.I.C. Hospital. The twins were born 11 weeks premature.



Harry Giglio

CEO Notes

Dear Friends,

My sincere thanks to everyone whose hard work and generous contributions made this year's "Shake Your Booties" our most successful event to date, especially co-chairs Laurie Garzarelli and Katy Sherman, their committee, and major sponsors P.J. Dick Incorporated & Trumbull Corporation and PRN Health Service.

This annual benefit significantly supports our ability to provide the highest quality care to all children and families in need of Adoption, Child's Way, and T.I.C. Hospital services. In addition to strengthening the families we serve, the event also strengthens our own family of friends who share a commitment to The Children's Home.

This month, the steel structure of our new building on Penn Avenue will begin to emerge from the foundation. The entire building should be enclosed by September and the project remains on schedule for completion in the Spring of 2007.

We are truly getting closer to realizing our vision of expanding to serve more children and families. I look forward to sharing our progress with you in future newsletters and on our Web site.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Schanwald, R.N., M.H.S.A
Chief Executive Officer

Hurricane Hits Close to Home

Family Celebrates Daughter's Wedding After Disaster

Just three weeks before their wedding in New Orleans, Carolyn Cauttrell and her fiancé, Greg, fled from Hurricane Katrina along with thousands of others. While the disaster changed their lives and many of their plans, they arrived at her parents' home in St. Louis safely, and determined not to delay their September 23, 2005, wedding date.

Carolyn's parents, Susan and Chris Cauttrell, were as happy for her arrival that day as they were when they adopted her from The Children's Home in 1973. The family visited The Children's Home each year for "Homecoming" until they left Pittsburgh in 1978. "Carolyn has always been very proud that she is adopted," said Mrs. Cauttrell.

Carolyn and Greg got their wish and were married on September 23, 2005, in St. Louis. They are currently rebuilding their home in New Orleans, and although they lost a lot, Carolyn says, "We feel very, very lucky."

Do you have a story or photo you'd like to share about Children's Home alumni? Please contact Melanie Vignovich at mvignovich@chomepgh.org, or call 412-441-4884 Ext. 245. We'd love to hear from you!

Tributes

The Children's Home has received gifts in tribute to the following individuals.

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Sisters, continued

Syndrome and related health issues. Elizabeth is treated for a respiratory condition and underactive thyroid. Therapists at Child's Way work with both girls for various developmental, physical, and speech needs.

"It's been a savior," Judy says of Child's Way. "Not just for day care, but I rely on the staff for advice about Elizabeth and Makayla's conditions. I don't think the girls would have done as well somewhere else."



To honor a loved one with a tribute gift this **Mother's Day**, please visit our Web site or call the Development office at 412-441-4884. We will send a letter notifying the honoree, family, or a friend of your thoughtful gift.

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In memory of: _____ In honor of: _____

Please send acknowledgement of my gift to the following person(s): _____

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