



Help-A-Heart

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Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing to you regarding Help-A-Heart, which is a non-profit organization that we co-founded that solely benefits children with congenital heart defects (CHD's) who are hospitalized during a surgery or other health related issues for an extended period of time. Both of us are directly affected by this because we have sons that were born in 2005 with a CHD. Gabe Graber was born on January 1, 2005, with Hypoplastic Right Heart Syndrome and has had open heart surgeries on July 7, 2005 and May 1, 2007, suffered a stroke on May 8, 2008 and has spent a total of 2 months in the hospital. Dylan Hooper was born on June 1, 2005, with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and has had open heart surgeries on June 9, 2005, October 27, 2005 and March 5, 2008. Dylan survived a cardiac arrest on December 26, 2005 and has spent a total of 9 months) in the hospital. After 3 years of fighting this disease, Dylan courageously passed away on June 30, 2008. You can view more about our personal stories at www.carepages.com under "gabegraber" and "dylanhooper". Due to our personal experiences, we felt compelled to create an organization that provides financial assistance to families in need during their hospitalizations, so that they can focus on caring for the needs of their child. Since inception in May 2006, we have been fortunate to provide almost 70 families with over \$35,000 in assistance during their child's hospitalization.

We are planning our 5th annual dinner and silent auction, "Celebration of Life", at the East Tower of Mercy Medical Center on Monday, July 19th, 2010. This is a family friendly event with a DJ & several kid's activities. We would love for your company to support our cause with a donation for this event. Although this event will be held in Des Moines, it will be directly benefiting children all over Iowa as we support those hospitalized at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines and at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City. Please consider this worthy cause and contact us via email at helpaheart06@yahoo.com or at (515) 210-8927 if you are interested in making a donation.

We are also planning the 5th annual Dylan's Dragon Walk for Help-A-Heart to be held in Ankeny in September 2010. If your company is interested in sponsoring part of this event, please let us know of that as well. We thank you for your time and consideration of these events and look forward to partnering with you to help out these special children and their families.

Sincerely,


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