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Save the Date!

March 20, 2014 Harvey's Hoopla

This year's Hoopla is scheduled for the first night of March Madness! Come out and join us on Thursday, March 20 and watch some great basketball and have a great time for charity.

The festivities take place at Deerwood Country Club. For tickets or sponsorship information, please contact 904-386-5662 or email hbfoundation@comcast.net.

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The Compassionate Assist

The Newsletter of The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation Volume Five, 1st Edition

Dear Friends & Family,

It's that time of year where if you're like me, you reflect on what you're thankful for in life. At the top of my list are all of you who have supported The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation this year.

As we finish the 7th year of The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation, I am continually amazed at all of the help we receive from our friends and strangers. The past two years have been great. At the end of 2012 we assisted 21 local families. I was fortunate enough to help deliver many of the gifts to the families that we met at the United Way offices. These families had no idea what was happening, and some even seemed a little nervous. We listened to the stories of struggles they had gone through, and it was truly moving.

We also had the honor of providing an emergent gift at Christmas to a family from the northside who recently lost their father. The dad died suddenly in October. Three weeks later they had an apartment fire, had to move and lost most of their belongings. Then Mom had a medical emergency as well as one of the five children. One hit after another. We were able to assist this family with 3 months rent and a utilities credit to help them get back on their feet.



Talk about the meaning of the holiday season! It was an awesome feeling and it reminded me how important my job is with the foundation.

We're busy prepping for this year's Holiday Program, and our hope is that it will be even bigger and better for the families who will receive these gifts – these gifts made possible by all of you who continue to support and give of your time and resources. We also continue to screen and provide emergent gifts to our neighbors in need.

We know that Dad is watching us and is full of pride in the work we are doing. He was a dedicated member of our community and as we move into our eighth year, The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation will continue to uphold his spirit and belief in assisting others. We know there are many great causes and charities and we appreciate you supporting The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation. ❤️

Warm regards,

Westley J. Bernhardt, Chairman

How We Help

The mission of The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation is to provide one-time financial assistance for hardship cases related to medical or natural disasters, victims of crime or other tragedies. Recipients must be citizens living and working in the North Florida community. Recipients are referred by members of the community and work with the foundation to determine the best course of action.

To refer a case, please visit
www.thecompassionateassist.org.



Neighbors in Need

It has been nearly 7 years since we lost our father. We were so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to know him and learn from him. He always dreamed of starting a foundation to help those in our local community that are so many times forgotten. Many people fall out of the umbrella of federal funding because they "make too much". Many of these people need help more than anyone. Typically they don't want the help and have too much pride to ask. They might have faced a medical emergency, crime, natural disaster, or economic disaster, which has left them in a dire position. As mentioned before, they typically don't want a handout, but badly need it. We have given several one-time grants to persons that have met these criteria.

For 2013, we met and helped some amazing people.

Hardworking Single Mom Falls Victim to Crime

Heather Perry is a hardworking single mom who works at Native Sun.

She's one of those people her boss can't stop raving about. In the spring, her car died leaving her no way to get her son to school or herself to work. We were in the process of helping her with her car when her Grandmother stepped in to help. Months later, we found out Heather was the victim of a home break-in. Thieves stole her computer, her camera, her TV and her son's toys among other things. The same week, a driver ran her off the road and she lost two tires.

Heather used her rent money to pay for new tires, while we stepped in to pay three months rent and utilities to give her a chance to get back on track.

Small Business Owner Needs A Little Help After Accident

James Wynn is a married father of one child, and the owner of a window replacement company. James was working at a home when the ladder he was standing on went out from under him. He broke both of his legs and one arm – and his

doctors told us this is the kind of accident he was lucky to even survive. James was able to cover most of his bills and mortgage following the accident, but had a JEA bill he couldn't cover. We took care of his JEA bill, and James is on his way to recovery.

Bus Driver Gets Assistance For New Apartment

Nakia Custis is a Jacksonville city bus driver who had to undergo surgery in March. The surgery caused her to be unable to work until May, and she was evicted from her apartment. Nakia found a new place, but needed help with a deposit. We covered her deposit and first month's rent so she could focus on getting back on her feet.

These are the types of emergency programs we offer and try to assist with throughout our community. We hope that with your continued support we will be able to help many more families throughout the Northeast Florida area. ❤️

Rewind: Holiday Helping Hands 2012

This was the 4th year of our Christmas program and the best yet! Assisted by the United Way and many other agencies, we helped families that do all the right things, but just didn't have enough left to provide anything extra to their children throughout the holidays. We provided 21 families with a \$500 gift card to Publix and a \$500 gift card to Target.

We are proud to support these hard-working, community-oriented families in their time of need and, with your support, look to help other local families in the coming months.

Thanksgiving Gifts

This Thanksgiving, we were able to help many deserving families in need. We're thankful to all of you who helped us make a difference in our community.

Turkeys for Mandarin Food Bank

When the Mandarin Food Bank came up short 100 turkeys for Thanksgiving, we were able to step in and provide the turkeys they needed to make sure all 500 families who signed up were able to get one.

The organizers of the Mandarin Food Bank were beyond words that that we could help, and this donation was the first of what we

think will be a beautiful partnership with this organization.

Honoring Military Families For the Holiday

We also provided Thanksgiving food baskets for nine military families in our community. We heard that some junior enlisted families were having a difficult time finding the budget to put together the holiday meal. We were happy to provide the items they needed to make it a brighter and happier holiday, and we hope they know how much we at The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation appreciate their service and sacrifice.

Mad About March!

What a great time we had at our 6th annual Harvey's March Hoopla! This was the third year we offered a cash grand prize of \$5000 for the reverse raffle, and two winners split the prize – Michael Oakman and Ted Pelot. They generously donated \$1,000 back to the foundation out of their winnings.

The new NBA 3-point contest proved to be the most competitive. Derek Siewart was unstoppable – until the last shot. We will be hosting the 3-point contest, so lace up your sneakers and get to practicing. If you hit the NBA-three, you win \$1000. We also had our 50-50 basketball shoot and Larry Berry was the big winner.

Deerwood Country Club was again a great host. Our amazing silent auction items ranged from spa treatments to sports autographed memorabilia. The most hotly contested items were a Bubba Watson-autographed Master's flag and Tim Tebow Autographed picture.

Milton McGee of McGee Entertainment donated his time and emceed the party and David Dehof Photography donated his time to take some fabulous pictures of our party.



Jack Leone, Montana Reinschmidt, Sherry Reinschmidt, Joanne Leone and Jeanine Leone

The Hoopla raised more than double in previous years – just over \$40,000 to benefit the community of Northeast Florida and will go a long way in our mission.

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