



The Compassionate Assist

The Newsletter of the Harvey Bernhardt Foundation **Volume One, 1st Edition**

Dear Friends,
It has been an amazing year for everyone associated with the Harvey Bernhardt Foundation. Thanks to many of you, my father's idea of assisting hard-working first coast families who have been faced with an unexpected hardship has become a reality.

The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation has been an overwhelming success. We've held two entertaining and extremely beneficial events raising more than \$43,000. And with your support we were able to move forward with our first compassionate assist.

When faced with an unexpected medical crisis, the Rhodin family of Neptune Beach was referred to The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation. Their situation was

reviewed and the organization was able to provide the assistance needed to keep the family on track through their crisis.



We know Dad is watching over us proudly now, and is grateful to all of you for your generosity and support.

We look forward to building the foundation in the coming year, and we remain committed to helping first coast families in need.

Thank you for your continued support, time and participation. Our best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Warm Regards,
Westley J. Bernhardt, Chairman

The Foundation Makes Its First Assist

The Harvey Bernhardt Foundation's mission to support our neighbors in need became a reality in October 2008. The first gift was approved by the board and given to Arthur Robert "Bob" Rhodin, a 57-year-old resident of Neptune Beach. Rhodin was referred to us by Bob Crouch, a friend of the foundation. Crouch read an email about the Rhodin family's situation and he passed on the information.

"As soon as we read the article, the board was in full agreement on helping the Rhodins," said board member Chris Hodge.

"They are hard-working members of our community and due to an unexpected medical hardship are now in need of community support."

Following an outpatient procedure last April, Rhodin, a teacher and basketball coach at Fletcher High School, contracted a spinal cord infection which left him an

incomplete quadriplegic. Since his release from the hospital in August, Bob and his wife Janice, a teacher at



Brad, Wes, Monica and Regina Bernhardt with gift recipients Janice and Bob Rhodin.

Neptune Beach Elementary, are learning to adjust to life with Bob in a wheelchair. Because Rhodin hopes to resume teaching, rehabilitation is a primary concern. To this end, the Harvey Bernhardt Foundation was happy to purchase for him a standing frame -- a piece of equipment which will help him prevent muscle atrophy, continue to grow stronger, and enhance his life and capabilities. Janice says Bob appreciates the support and that

the frame has been a key element in his rehabilitation.

"We are happy to help such deserving members of our community," said Board Chairman Wes Bernhardt. "We know the Rhodin's will overcome this hurdle so they can continue teaching children in our community." 

Harvey's March Hoopla A Buzzer Beater

The Inaugural Harvey's March Hoopla tipped off March 6th at Deerwood Country Club

with a full line-up of basketball related activities. The event put local basketball fans in the game of helping local families - while also giving participants a shot at tickets to the Men's College National Basketball Championship.

Harvey's March Hoopla 2009 is March 12!

to the Men's National College Basketball Championship in San Antonio, Texas.

Among items auctioned at the event were a Michael Jordan autographed basketball, a football signed by Archie, Peyton & Eli Manning, and a limited edition drawing of Florida's Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

The Hoopla featured a reverse raffle and included a silent auction, a free-throw contest and arena-style food and drinks. The lucky ticket belonged to David Sacks, who won the grand prize of airfare, hotel accommodations and tickets for two

This year's Hoopla raised more than \$28,000 for our cause. We hope to surpass that record for this year's second annual Harvey's March Hoopla on March 12, 2009. Watch for details and mark your calendars now. Who will be the lucky winner going to Detroit this year? ❤️



Winner David Sacks with Jack Leone



Holly Bernhardt, Tatiana Salvador, Diana & Dr. Alejandro Radi



Reppard Weaver, Mary & Jay Waite



The Board of Directors - Wes Bernhardt, Melissa Bernhardt, Chris Hodge, Jack Leone, Brian Donovan, Steve Kaufman, Ron Levin, Monica Bernhardt, Dr. Michael Bernhardt

Foundation Tee's Off First Annual Golf Tourney

The first annual Harvey Bernhardt Golf Tournament was held November 10th at Deerwood Country Club. Golfers from around the area competed to raise money in support of the organizations mission -- providing a compassionate assist to families in need.

Participants in this year's tournament helped raise \$15,000 toward helping our neighbors in need.

The tournament was best ball format and included numerous prizes including awards for closest to pin, a Hole-in-One prize, and a \$10,000 Putting Contest. The golfer who made the hole-in-one would have won a 2008 Honda Accord, courtesy of Lucas Honda.

No grand prize was won this time around, but there was a very tight and exciting competition during the putting contest which ended in a playoff between Kyle Whitman, Kevin Cook and Wes



Rob Metzger, Steve Robbins, Chris Hodge and Mark Taylor



Joel Lamp, Alan Verlander, Mike Blackburn, Bob Higgenbotham



Tommy Zaccour, Dominick Andrews, Brad Bernhardt, Marshall Brown

Bernhardt. Kyle took the final putt and was just a few inches short of the grand prize.

For a first-year golf tournament, the results were impressive. With the commitment of our players, donors and sponsors, the tournament raised \$15,000 and brought the total raised this year for the Foundation up to an amazing \$43,000. Many thanks to all who participated, as well as to event sponsors Deerwood Country Club, Tidbits, Cytch, Lucas Honda and Dr. Charles Perniciaro. 



Cecilia Wakin, Paul Hoffman, Dr. Charles Perniciaro, Travis White

The foundation relies on your referrals and welcomes recommendations of families or individuals that you believe are worthy of assistance. For more information visit:

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**Benefiting the Harvey Bernhardt Foundation
March 12, 2009**

Thank You!

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