

The Community Counts

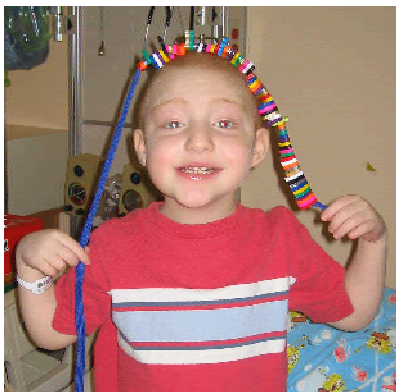
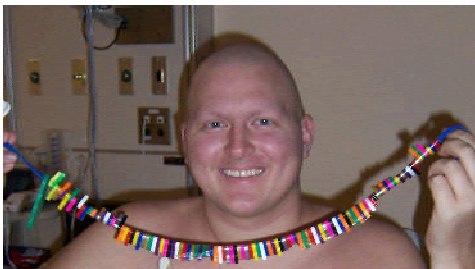
A monthly newsletter for Duke Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant patients, families and supporters



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Newest Members of the Super Steppers Club!

In this edition of Community Counts we want to recognize 2 new Super Steppers! Patients who earn more than 50 footprints (250 laps) become members of the Super Steppers Club and receive a t-shirt with their photo on it. This month, we honor two kids who have been discharged from the hospital. Josh earned 70 feet by walking 350 laps, which is just over 23 miles! Steven earned 129 feet (645 laps), which is 43 miles! All patients work very hard to earn each of their footprints. Great job to all of our Super Steppers!



This month's super Steppers:
Steven (top) and Josh (bottom)

Sale of AFLAC Ducks to Benefit PBMT Family Support Program

Imagine the power of thousands of Aflac Holiday Ducks trumpeting one message - a message of hope. For the fifth consecutive year, Aflac and Macy's are teaming up during the holiday season to sell special, limited edition Aflac Holiday Ducks to benefit 32 of the finest hospitals around the country that are dedicated to pediatric cancer research and treatment. To date, Aflac and Macy's have given over \$1 million through this special program.

On November 6, 2006, local Macy's stores in North Carolina, in partnership with the Aflac Corporation, began selling limited-edition Aflac Holiday Ducks in stores and online to benefit the Duke Pediatric Blood & Marrow Transplant Family Support Program. The adorable ducks, dressed as Santa Claus and available in two sizes (small-\$10 and large-\$15), quack "Aflac" (like on the famous TV commercials) when squeezed. Macy's will also be selling special Aflac Duck holiday gift cards available in any denomination, and ten percent of the sale price of the cards will be donated as well.

"We are thrilled to be the beneficiary of this wonderful and fun program this year," said Jane Schroeder, director of the Duke PBMT Family Support Program. "The ducks will make great gifts, and the donations will go a long way toward helping us support our families."

The Duke PBMT Family Support Staff will also be selling the ducks. Contact Jane at (919) 668-1128 if you are interested in making a purchase. Or go to the Aflac website: <http://www.aflacholidayprogramforhospitals.com/>

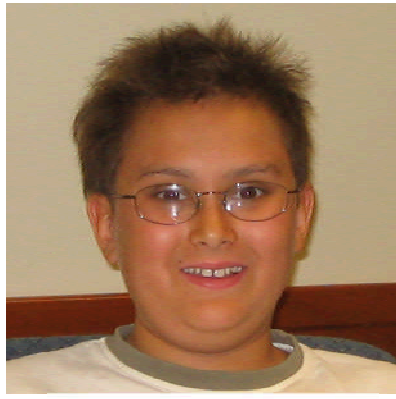
Ester and Kameron show off the Aflac Ducks, which are available for purchase through the FSP staff, online, or at local Macy's stores



New Kids on the Block



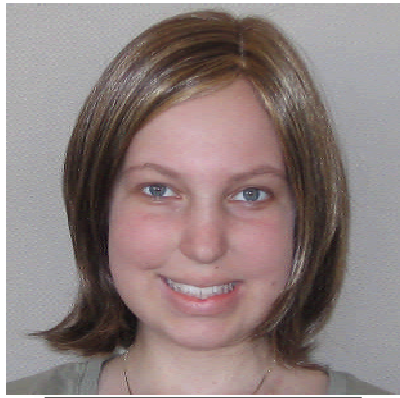
Ester, age 11
Lehigh Acres, FL



Kameron, age 12
Santa Rosa, CA



Wendy, age 17
Mandeville, LA



Kristen, age 14
Whitsett, NC



Noah, age 2
Belmont, CA

"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.

Winners Circle

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

- * Pam Lowe for donating DVD's to 5200
- * Bailey Bihn, sister of Dakota, and her family for donating DVD's to 5200
- * Bob Silverman, the Road to Wellness, for donating yoga supplies for our yoga class
- * Bob and Sonya Evanosky for their donation of children's books and art supplies.
- * Candy Walter for providing weekly massage for caregivers
- * WMU from First Baptist Church of Wilson, NC for the handsewn pouches, which hold the keepsake handprints made for PBMT patients who go to PICU.
- * The following groups who contributed to our Community Meals program for the month of November:

West Raleigh Exchange Club
 Macedonia Baptist Church
 Haw River Christian Church
 Apex United Methodist Church
 Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church
 East Chapel Hill High School Honor Society

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

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