

New Hope News!

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Jazmine's Genies

Jazmine is a spirited 7 year old with a rare disease called Klippel Trenaunay Syndrome. She painfully suffers through the majority of the long list of ailments caused by KTS which significantly affect her day to day activities.

Jazmine has already undergone 13 different surgeries plus countless procedures and appointments. Her medical needs often require her family to travel from Lake Mary to Tampa or even as far away as New York. As you can imagine, the travel-related expenses and non-covered medical needs cause a significant financial burden for her family, not to mention the emotional roller coaster they endure. Despite all this, Jazmine, whose favorite color is pink and who wishes to go on a Disney cruise with her favorite character Hook, is an energetic, positive little girl.

UCF Cornerstone team Jazmine's Genies "adopted" Jazmine to help make her wish come true. They not only raised \$2,025 for her cruise, they also combined another \$787 plus \$3,303 of in-kind donations to host the most incredible tea party in town! The Orlando Sheraton Downtown provided a dinner room and patio

complete with twinkling lights for her beautifully decorated tea party, "Jazmine in Wonderland". It was complete with a chocolate milk "tea" ceremony, scones, cakes and then a full meal. As DJ Cheyenne played music, Jazmine and her friends spontaneously began dancing and singing. It was beyond precious.

Many caring people contributed to this magical evening. Delicious food came from the Sheraton, Tropical Smoothie and Tuscan Pizza, decorations and supplies from Target, a gift bag full of cruise niceties for the whole family from Wal-Mart, face painting by Clown Service, and new hairdos by Jane Ellis at Unique Hair for Mom, Jazmine and her two sisters. The team even provided a date night gift card for mom and dad!

At the conclusion of their class assignment, Jazmine's Genies shared, "The most meaningful part of the project was feeling the love and appreciation from the Gonzales family." Now they

have everything they need for a fun time on ship Disney Dream!



Jazmine pictured with the UCF Cornerstone team "Jazmine's Genies"

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THE ART OF THE VINE A Food & Wine Experience

experience can't compare to Art of the Vine because we offer outstanding cuisine from many of the best, upscale restaurants in the Orlando area. Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, Antonio's la fiamma, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Café Tu Tu Tango, Houston's, Brio Tuscan Grille and Godiva are just a few of the establishments providing food for the event.

This year we are privileged to offer our guests an exceptional selection of wines, martinis and beers.

So come join us for Orlando's most exceptional event. You can feel good while doing good!



Friday, April 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Fields BMW, 963 Wymore Rd., Winter Park
\$85 per person/\$100 at the door

For more information call 407-331-3059 x10 or visit www.newhopeforkids.org

Art of the Vine - Ten Year Anniversary Edition

Our 10th Annual Art of the Vine fundraiser will be better than ever! This unique event offers an incredible combination of food, wine, entertainment and fun while raising money to help the children in our community. Even the finest restaurant

WIN A BMW!!

Drawing of chance
will take place for a
New BMW 128i!
Get your tickets today!
(need not be present to win)





What is New Hope for Kids?

New Hope for Kids is the largest independent grief center in the State of Florida. We are also one of the oldest wish-granting organizations in Central Florida. We concentrate on children, ages 3-18, and families coping with life-threatening illnesses and/or the loss of loved ones due to death.

How many children does *New Hope for Kids* help?

We assisted 327 children in 2010 through grief facilitation and granted 50 wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. Since inception, *New Hope for Kids* has helped over 4,600 children -- over 3,300 through grief facilitation and over 1,350 children who had their wishes granted.

What programs does *New Hope for Kids* provide?

New Hope for Kids helps children and families cope with significant grief and loss related to a death through our **Grief Program** at the **Center for Grieving Children**. We have parent support groups, community awareness projects, information and referral services, as well as family events and summer camps for children and families.

Our **Wish Program** grants wishes to children who are not yet 19, and are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. The two programs work together to provide a total family support program.

Grief and Rebirth

Carolyn Moor's husband, Chad, was in a tragic car accident and died on Valentine's Day, 2000. When he died, their daughters were faced with the loss of their father and, in a way, with the loss of their mom, at least for awhile. Crushed and overwhelmed, Carolyn locked herself in for 3 months, unable to deal with the details of life. Friends brought in food, checked on her, tried to comfort and console her. Nothing seemed to help. The first ray of light came when a minister suggested she take her girls to a place called *New Hope for Kids*.

Each time they attended *New Hope for Kids' Center for Grieving Children*, her daughters, then ages 3 and 6, would run off with the other kids and get busy with special activities designed for their age groups. Carolyn would sit down in the adult support room and listen to the other parents express their fears, sadness and hope. For 3 months she didn't say a word. Then one day her heart felt a little stronger and she began to share her story.



Out of Carolyn's grief, strength was born. In 2003 she joined the *New Hope for Kids* Board of Directors. She loves being a part of this great organization and seeing it make a profound difference in the lives of others who are grieving. Her strength also gave birth to Moor Alive Interiors. Thanks to the insight gained on her grief journey, Carolyn realized the importance of the home environment in the healing process. Creating transformations in her clients' spaces brings her joy as she watches their lives become transformed in the process. In 2008 Carolyn founded CLOVE Orlando, a group of women who live to build a better community one woman at a time. CLOVE stands for women who are Conscious, Luminous, Open-hearted, Vital and Empowered. Through CLOVE Orlando, Carolyn is partnering with author Jill Butler to bring an event to Orlando based on Butler's book "Create the Space You Deserve". People from around the country will be coming together on April 15, 2011 to enjoy a day of personal growth while sharing their talents and stories with others. *New Hope for Kids* will be one of 5 non-profits benefiting from proceeds of this event.

Carolyn's healing began at *New Hope for Kids* and continues to this day. She admits the journey of grief is a long one, but she is living proof that, with the right help and lots of hard work, joy and purpose can return to life again.

New Hope for Kids 2010 Holiday Season

The holidays are always a busy time at *New Hope for Kids*. We kicked off the 2010 holiday season with our food drive in November. Once again we received enough food donations to provide the ingredients for thanksgiving meals to over 200 families. The season continued to bring opportunities for the families in our grief and wish programs to spend time together. Several family events, including our North Pole Party with Santa's Shop, our family day at Old Town in Kissimmee and special candlelighting ceremonies and a pot-luck luncheon for our grief families made this holiday season a full and memorable one.

The toy drive keeps us incredibly busy each December. Whether we're gathering donations from around Central Florida, organizing them, gathering requests or coordinating "family traffic" at the *Center for Grieving Children*, we are challenged to make sure all goes well right up to the last minute. We are pleased to report that our 2010 Holiday Toy Drive was a great success. Countless individuals and businesses contributed enough toys and financial donations that we were able to distribute 2,815 gifts to 569 children in our programs. Thank you, Central Florida. Your compassion for the children of *New Hope for Kids* is inspiring and overwhelming!



From our Executive Director

One of the unique features of *New Hope for Kids* is the inclusion of the family unit in our wish and grief programs. While children are our focus, we recognize the need for the entire family to participate in the healing activities we offer. In 2010 alone our grief and wish programs served 772 adults and children! As you can imagine, our needs for support and space are growing larger all the time.

With this growth the need for a larger facility is felt more strongly than ever. Our *Center for Grieving Children* in Maitland is at the straining point. Our 3 age groups -- Littles, Middles and Teens -- are currently being held with only 2 age groups at a time due to limitations of the structure. Due to scheduling issues, some families with children in multiple age groups must attend twice a week.

If you have followed our attempts at expansion over the past 6 years, you know that we had hopes of building a new, larger structure in Maitland. When that journey ended in 2010 we renewed our search for a place we could call "home". With our list of criteria in hand, several options were explored. An existing building in Altamonte Springs has been located and we are currently pursuing it with hope of working through the negotiations. If successful, we'll make necessary renovations and move our program and administrative offices some time this year.

When that happens, please consider supporting us financially as we meet the ever-growing needs of Central Florida children. This is a huge endeavor, but we are committed to making sure every child and family who needs our help has the opportunity to be served by *New Hope for Kids*.

If you'd like to be kept up to date on this and other news about our organization, please visit our website and sign up to receive our e-news updates. Rest assured, we will never rent, sell or share your contact information with any person, business or organization.

Respectfully,
Dave Joswick

Come visit us online!
www.newhopeforkids.org

To help us through volunteering,
individual and corporate donations,
or to refer a child, please call us at:

(407) 331-3059

Meet Anthony C. Martin



Tony to his friends- is the newest member of the *New Hope for Kids* Board of Directors. A 25 year real estate veteran, Tony works with Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company, as Vice President and Asset Manager, handling their condominium and residential portfolio.

A dedicated community activist, Tony has worked with numerous non-profit organizations and served as president for HBA of Metro Orlando, HBA Foundation, Florida Citrus Sports and UCF Knights Boosters. He has been a longtime supporter of *New Hope for Kids* and serves as Chair for our ever popular and successful Art of the Vine fundraising event.

We are very happy to welcome Tony to our *New Hope for Kids* family!

Wine on Wednesday

Come join us for Wine on Wednesday, a weekly event that raises money for *New Hope for Kids* programs. You'll meet some great people and enjoy some great wine, all for a good cause.



Brio Tuscan Grille in Winter Park will host Wine on Wednesdays, providing selected wines for our guests in return for their \$8 donation per glass. All proceeds benefit *New Hope for Kids*.



Brio Tuscan Grille
(In the Winter Park Village)

Wednesday's - February 2nd through April 6th
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Celebrity Mascot Games

Here they come again!
Your favorite mascots are
coming back to town
★ July 28th-30th!



Bring the whole family out to the 19th Annual Celebrity Mascot Games and enjoy watching the crazy antics of our beloved (and very competitive!) mascots. Come support your favorite team and your favorite Central Florida non-profit, *New Hope for Kids*. We would like to thank the Central Florida Sports Commission for hosting this event each year, helping to raise funds for our *Center for Grieving Children* and *Wishes for Kids*. ★

★ This event is a guaranteed good time no matter what age you may be. We hope to see you there this summer!



Keep up to date with *New Hope for Kids* and join us on Facebook!

Wanted: A Few Good Men

Men, I need some help over here! As Volunteer Coordinator I am surrounded daily by nothing but women! I can't complain too much... But for our kids, having more positive male role models in their life is crucial. Many of our children have lost their father and they truly thrive having a male presence around, even if it is just while they are here at the Grief Center.



So, if you enjoy working with kids and want to be a part of helping ours get through a very difficult time of their life, please consider becoming a Grief Facilitator. You get to work with our kids in an activity-based grief group, then have fun with them playing foosball, air hockey, or just bouncing off the walls and hitting the punching bag in our Hurricane Room! Not to mention painting, arts and crafts, and sand play.

I am a trained Grief Facilitator myself and cannot begin to explain how enjoyable it is to work with these kids. If you have the time and are looking to give something back, there's no other experience like it.

Take a look at what some of our current male grief facilitators have to say about their experience...

• *"My time at New Hope For Kids has truly been a life-changing experience. Managing the communications department for a large company, I had always interacted with non-profit organizations, but this was the first 'roll up my sleeves and get involved' moment of my life. In a word: humbling.*

• *To watch the growth of the kids you work with is overwhelming. I would highly recommend involvement with this outstanding organization. It is rewarding. And the work you are doing for those who need it most lasts a lifetime."* - Ryan

• *"A few years ago I was introduced to a truly wonderful organization called "New Hope for Kids". Being a huge "kid" person I was immediately drawn to New Hope and wanted to get involved. The idea of being able to impact a child's life in a positive way is a gift like no other, but little did I know they would impact my life in such a positive way. It never ceases to amaze me just how resilient, strong and adaptive children are to the most tragic of circumstances. It is something that is not only uplifting to me, but awe-inspiring as well. As I said it is a wonderful organization that is only made better by all of my amazing fellow volunteers, the exceptional New Hope staff, and all the strong families that walk through the door."* - Lou

Contact me if you would like to set up a time to meet and discuss more details.

Cory Johns, Volunteer Coordinator
407-559-0909 x2 or cory@newhopeforkids.org

Volunteer Spotlights:

In the fall of 2008, Bethany Root began as a Grief Facilitator for our children's groups. Since she started, there has never been any doubt that Bethany would always come through for our kids every single time she was needed. Bethany even committed to one night every week rather than the standard bi-weekly obligation. Her passion to help others shines through to everyone she encounters. Bethany has also helped us with other needs. She volunteers at countless family and marketing events, and she was even brave enough to perform a belly dance routine at our Hold em & Roll em fundraiser last November (a quiet hobby of hers...until now!) We thank you Bethany for everything you have given to make us a better organization!



Our volunteer coordinator has often asked himself, "What would we do without Lou?!" Lou joined our Grief Facilitator team in 2008. It's no secret that it has been a struggle for us to find good male Grief Facilitators. Thankfully, Lou asked us very early on if he could commit to one night per week (instead of every other week) to work with our kids...and they love him! The children are naturally drawn to his enthusiasm and energetic nature. Many of our kids have lost a father figure and Lou is able to give them that positive male presence each week at group. He is also a huge help at our fundraising events and is not afraid to do the "dirty work" (i.e. trash duty and heavy lifting). Lou is one of the most dependable volunteers with which we've had the pleasure to work and we are truly blessed to have him on our team. Thank you Lou!

Upcoming Volunteer Needs:

- through April 8th - Help sell BMW tickets
- April 8th - Art of the Vine
- June - NHFK Kamp
- July 28th-30th - Celebrity Mascot Games

Ongoing Volunteer Needs:

Grief Facilitators: Do you want to work directly with our children? *New Hope for Kids* is always looking for special people to become Grief Facilitators. We are looking for individuals who are able to commit to one night, every two weeks, from 5:00-8:00pm. On these nights you will help facilitate activities for kids who have experienced the death of a loved one. Volunteers are asked to make a one year commitment after training. Male and bilingual facilitators are always needed.

Marketing Volunteers: Staff the *New Hope for Kids* booth at various events throughout the community. Research new leads on how to further spread our mission. Speak in front of different organizations on how they can get involved with our program. Help recruit volunteers.

Grief Center: Organize playrooms; assist with gardening; cleaning or maintenance; office assistance.

Family Events: Be a part of the planning committee, help decorate for children's events, be a friend to the kids during the events.

Wish Program: Visit a wish child, do Internet research, help grant or celebrate a wish.

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Our programs are successful because of generous people like you! Please consider making a monetary donation or donating items from the list below. As a non-profit organization, we depend on the kindness of others who donate supplies, gifts, funding and time.

To make a monetary donation, make your check payable to:
New Hope for Kids - 900 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL 32751
To make a donation by credit card, call 407-331-3059 x10
or visit our website www.newhopeforkids.org.

Our Wish Lists

- Items for Art of the Vine Silent Auction (gift baskets, misc. items for creating baskets, gift cards, spa items, etc.)
- Cookies, salty snacks & Capri Suns
- Gifts for teens: Video games, DVD movies, CD/DVD/MP3 players, etc.
- Low-odor dry erase markers, scissors (ages 4 & up), white paint paper (9"x12"), Tempera paint, craft supplies, play dough & 1.5 inch buttons for making bears
- Gifts for birthday closet for ages 3-18
- Assorted greeting cards, scrapbooks, paper & supplies
- Gas station and store gift cards

Win a New BMW!

It's our 21st Annual
Drawing of Chance
to win a BMW!

This year enter to win a
New 2011 BMW 128i!



- Tickets are \$100 each, or sets of 2 for \$150
- Only 2000 tickets available!
- The drawing takes place on April 8, 2011 at our 10th Annual Art of the Vine event.

(admission to event sold separately, need not be present to win)



**For more information, tickets and rules, call 407-331-3059 x10
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Upcoming Events

- Feb 2nd - April 6th - Wine on Wednesday
- April 8th - Art of the Vine...Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!
- April 8th - BMW Drawing of Chance
- July 28th-30th - Celebrity Mascot Games

We need your help! If you would like to volunteer for any of our fun and exciting events, would like to become a grief facilitator or contribute to our wish program, please call Cory Johns at: 407-599-0909 x2.