

Dear Friends,

The Ryan Scott Kappes Foundation was established just over two years ago. Never could we have imagined the support and generosity of our friends allowing us to raise over \$250,000. The Foundation was started in the memory of our son, Ryan, a very courageous little boy that battled a congenital heart defect for all 72 days of his precious life. Ryan passed away on January 30, 2006, but his legacy remains alive and well.

The mission of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance to families of critically ill children so that the family can remain together during extended hospitalizations. In an effort to help ensure the well being of the family and offset the costs associated with a lengthy hospital stay, the Foundation provides grants to help with travel, lodging and living expenses. To date, the Foundation has provided financial assistance to almost 50 needy families. In addition, the Foundation seeks to promote the advancement of pediatric cardiac research through contributions to organizations and individuals dedicated to this endeavor.

The Foundation has great support in many different states. We have two annual fundraisers. The first is a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction in Bethany Beach, Delaware. This year's event featured over 100 premium wines, great food, live music, and door prizes. The silent auction items included, wine, artwork, restaurant gift certificates, sporting event tickets, golf packages and much more. Please be on the lookout for next year's event to take place in late May or early June.

The second event is our Annual Golf Tournament held at Mount Vernon Country Club in Alexandria, Virginia. This event has two Honorary Chairmen, Congressman Mike Rogers (MI-08) and Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson (MO-08). This is a fun tournament featuring great golf, speakers, breakfast, lunch, door prizes and awards. If you are interested in playing, or know of a company that may be interested in sponsorship, please contact Karie Kappes at (302)-893-9522.

Thank you for your support over the last two years, with your help, we can continue making a difference.

Yours Truly,

The Kappes Family