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THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all those who contribute to Anne Grady and to remind you that donations can be found on the Anne Grady website at www.annegrady.org.

Anne Grady Foundation's Enchanted Evening Another Success

Over 380 guests enjoyed Anne Grady's 23rd annual Enchanted Evening at the Parkway Place Banquet Hall in Maumee on Sunday, November 6th. The room was elegantly decorated in black and white featuring appetizer, carving, pasta, mashed-tini and dessert/crepe stations to entice the guests.

Masters of Ceremonies Jerry Anderson and Chrys Peterson, co-hosted the evening's events. James Whiteman, President of the Anne Grady Foundation, introduced Dr. Walter Grady and Patricia Peterson, Walter and Anne's children. They spoke of the importance of tonight's event, thanking everyone for coming and honoring their parents. A video produced by Hart Associates also captured the Grady's life-long involvement with Anne Grady Services and the importance of group homes. Also speaking were John and Carol Stinson, whose daughter Julie presently resides in one of Anne Grady's group homes. The Stinsons told what it meant to them for Julie to be living at the Eileen Group Home and what it meant to Julie to be a part of the Anne Grady family.

The honorary committee, co-chaired by Byrne & Lauren Stapleton, came up with the theme "Continuing the Dream" as this year's funds were to continue the dream of Anne Grady's primary founders, Walter and Anne Grady. The Gradys along with several caring members in the community, started the Anne Grady Center, formerly known as Decem Center. The funds will go towards building a new group home in honor and memory of Walter H. Grady, who died last November.

Dave Boston, Executive Director, thanked Byrne and Lauren Stapleton as this year's honorary chairs, as well as committee members Gale Astles, Wendy Austin, Dr. Stephen and Cathy Bazeley, Michele Kania McNulty, Wade Kohn, Penny Marks, Dr. R.W. and Laurie Mills, Joanne Ollivier, John and Carol Stinson, James Whiteman and Gary Yoder. He also thanked the guests, donors and volunteers for making the evening the success that it has grown to be and stated that it could not be done without each and every one of them.

Seen among the guests who mingled throughout a huge array of silent auction items, bidding high to make sure their bid won, were Mrs. Oddelyn Stapleton, Phil and Amy Kajca, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Torchia, Lee and Joi Powell, Tracy and Bruce Saba, Tom and Gay Martin, John and Renee Ellis, Wade and Tami Kohn, Phil and Linda Davino, Harvey and Connie Tolson,

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*Honorary Chairs
Lauren and Byrne
Stapleton, along
with Sharon and
Frank Unkle enjoy
the festivities
at this year's
Enchanted
Evening.*



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Mary Alice Powell, Aaron and Trava Bieszczad, Rick and Jyl DuShane, Dr. Fran and Karen Rogalski, Bill Reeves and Connie Loganbach, John and Annie Distel, Mike and Barb Berebitsky, Dr. and Mrs. Jon Frankel, Craig and Michelle Joseph, and Josh, Erica, and Tracey Harder. There to encourage them with their bidding were celebrity table hosts Laura Emerson, Tony Geftos, Michael Heinrich, Brian Gump and the Morning Rush crew: Sid Kelly, Sara Hegarty, Demetrius Nicodemus and Meghan Mick.



Along with the auction, there was the Las Vegas raffle won by Rob Wise; the \$500 candy jar raffle was won by John Syx with the \$100 prizes going to Wanda Pore, Phil Barbosa, and Betty Michelson. The winner for the \$300 raffle tree was actually a volunteer at the event...

Janelle Debacker who was ecstatic at winning. Also, as an added attraction this year, Jeff and Shelly Stawiarski of Mug Shots – Contemporary Open Space Photo Booths, set up their booth which guests thoroughly enjoyed.

The evening's festivities ended with music by Hepcat Revival to entertain the guests and provide a little dancing pleasure.

GET YOUR JAMIE FARR TOLEDO CLASSIC TICKETS THROUGH THE BLADE CHARITY TICKET PROGRAM

The Jamie Farr Toledo Classic has once again presented 501(c)(3) charities a new opportunity to raise money, and Anne Grady has been accepted as a charity of choice. They are happy to announce the return of the Charity Ticket Program for the 2012 Tournament which will be held August 6-12, 2012 at Highland Meadows. The Blade program is designed to provide area children's charities with the opportunity to earn 100% of ticket sales for the 2012 PGA event.

You may also obtain discounted Weekly Grounds Tickets at local area Kroger stores! At Kroger, buy one Weekly Grounds Exchange ticket at \$50 and get the second FREE (limit of four free tickets), then designate Anne Grady as your charity to get the full purchase price. The Blade Charity Ticket Program is both online at www.jamiefarrtoledoclassic.com and at area Kroger store locations.

Type of Tickets

A Weekly Clubhouse ticket will allow access to the clubhouse and grounds Monday through Sunday and provides the opportunity to purchase food and beverages in the clubhouse. A Weekly Grounds ticket will allow access to the grounds Monday through Sunday. There will be concession stands located throughout the course for purchase of food and beverages.... Weekly Clubhouse Ticket – \$100; Weekly Grounds Ticket – \$50. You can purchase tickets through the Anne Grady website at www.annegrady.org or the Jamie Farr website at www.jamiefarrtoledoclassic.com which allows anyone purchasing tickets online the opportunity to designate Anne Grady Foundation as their charity of choice.

Purchasers of the Weekly Grounds Exchange Tickets

offered at Kroger stores at a price of Two for One can designate a charity for the total purchase price of their exchange tickets bought at Kroger. Participating Kroger store locations can be found on the tournament website. Buy one Weekly Grounds ticket at \$50 and get the second free (limit of four free tickets). Purchasers of the Weekly Grounds Exchange Tickets at Kroger need to exchange the ticket at the gate the week of the tournament to get their Weekly Grounds Badge (explained on the ticket). Details

on the charity designation process are on the Weekly Grounds Exchange Tickets (outlined below).

Go to: www.jamiefarrtoledoclassic.com; Click on Charity Ticket Program for list of eligible charities; Choose Anne Grady Foundation as your charity of choice; Write your choice on the tear-off portion below; Mail original tear-off portion (no copies or faxes) to: Jamie

Farr Toledo Classic, Charity Ticket Program, 4405 Dorr St., Toledo, OH 43607

Note: Only Weekly Grounds Tickets are available at Kroger stores (Weekly Clubhouse Tickets are only purchased through the tournament website or the Ticket Order Sheet).

We encourage everyone to visit the site at www.jamiefarrtoledoclassic.com to purchase Clubhouse tickets or use the website or discounted Kroger option for Weekly Grounds Tickets.

Purchase tickets for a great event and also help the kids at Noah's House, Anne Grady's respite program for children with special needs/developmental disabilities. With birthdays, etc., coming, this is also a great gift idea (even if it's for yourself). It's a win/win situation.



A Year of Thanks!

Over the past year, Anne Grady gratefully accepted a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the France Stone Foundation for Anne Grady's Prescribed Pediatric Center (PPC) which is the medical day-treatment program that provides nursing services and early childhood education to infants, preschoolers, and school-aged children from birth up to 18 years of age. A grant was also received from the Carl B. Mockensturm Trust for \$1,500 for their social skills program. Besides grants, Anne Grady received a donation in the amount of \$98,000 from the estate of Mr. Steve S. Sobb. We were also left a home in Texas from the will of the Francis Derrick estate, whose daughter used to live at Anne Grady.

ANNE GRADY... A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Jamie Westfall, B1 Staff Coordinator

The holiday season is upon us once again and I can't help but think of family. My family is in my thoughts and prayers daily. They all live in California so I don't get to see them much. Working here at Anne Grady though, makes me think of the families of our individuals. I have worked in this field, in one capacity or another, on and off, my entire adult life. What I have seen in special education classes, facilities like Anne Grady and community living is that there is often little or no family involvement. Birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas go by and no one comes to visit the remarkable people who live in these various places. However, when I came to Anne Grady I was really shocked. I was amazed at how many staff worked here which allowed more personal attention to each individual and I was excited to see the number of family members who came here on a very regular basis. I'm thrilled that families feel comfortable enough to come and bring their kids or grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc.

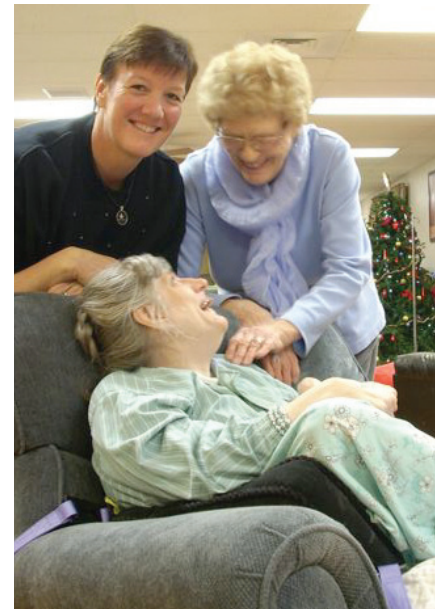
It was not that long ago that folks with special needs were warehoused in institutions because doctors told the families that it would be better if they put their developmentally challenged child "away" and don't look back. Many parents thought that their child would get specially trained care from the people who worked in those places and they hesitantly placed them there and gave up their rights, which was usually required. Little did they know the deplorable conditions that their child would be subjected to. Many did just walk away. Others, however; would visit for awhile, but as time marched on, it became harder and harder to see their loved ones in those places and their guilt for putting their loved one there became overwhelming. The time between visits became further and further apart until eventually no one came.

The incredible thing about Anne Grady is that it was started by parents who would not settle for the options that were presented to them by the other institutions. They

wanted more. They wanted better for their kids than what was out there. Anne Grady has gone through many changes over the years and has grown bigger than what anyone ever expected. We, unfortunately, don't live in a perfect world and thus, Anne Grady is not perfect. Things break, things deteriorate, funding from the government is cut... but, from my experience, Anne Grady has much more to offer than any place I've been to and/or worked at.

I know that Thanksgiving is over but I thought it was worth saying, "Thank you," to the parents, families and guardians that persevered and continue to this day to advocate for their loved ones with special needs. We couldn't do our jobs as well without you, without your insight, nor without your presence.

Also, I'm thankful for the staff that work here, especially the ones who have made this their life's work. In the absence of family, we at Anne Grady become their family, but nothing replaces the glow that the individuals show on their face when their family comes to visit. Some individuals are able to say thank you, but most are not. Let the light in their eyes be their way to say, "Thanks for loving me and sticking around."



Jamie stops to see Mrs. Ingham visiting with her daughter Deb.



REMINDER...

FAST DOLLARS FOR ANNE GRADY



Shop at Kroger and earn dollars for Anne Grady at no cost to you. However, even if you were already registered, you must re-register every April. Simply go online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up and pick the Anne Grady Foundation as your charity of choice.

Also, use "GoodSearch" for your search engine when you go online and "GoodShop" where you can purchase items online through hundreds of well-known retailers. By using these two resources, you can make the most of your online purchases and searching.

OUTPATIENT THERAPY AT ANNE GRADY

Anne Grady's outpatient therapy office has been in full swing since August, and has been busy treating a variety of patients and diagnoses. Their treatment approach is unique as they continue to schedule one on one, giving all patients individualized attention and treatment plans. A prime factor for Anne Grady's Outpatient Therapy Department is the availability of the 92° therapy pool which plays an important role in many patients recuperation. It greatly facilitates strengthening, flexibility and pain relief.

Therapy hours are convenient: early mornings and some late evenings to accommodate patients' work schedules. Anne Grady accepts most major insurances as well as worker's compensation. For any potential therapy needs you may have now or in the future, please call 419-866-6500 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



NEW VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Anne Grady's Community Transit Service (CTS) is the recipient of three new handicap accessible vehicles from the Ohio Department of Transportation this year. In 2011 CTS completed a successful grant application and will receive the vehicles in 2012. This is the second consecutive year Anne Grady has been awarded this grant from ODOT.

Anne Grady will receive two vehicles which are gas powered and one vehicle which is a hybrid, utilizing both gasoline and electricity. Anne Grady, along with one other agency in Ohio, have been selected as test sites for the use of hybrid busses.

Anne Grady will receive \$164,850 in Federal funding towards the purchase of the three vehicles. Their cost is approximately \$206,062. Anne Grady's Foundation will cover 20% (\$41,212) of the total costs.

Santa Comes to Anne Grady

