

Ben's Buddies Newsletter

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Ben's Buddies is a non profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising money for the Benjamin Walker Hanson Neonatology Fund - a perpetually endowed fund supporting research and education in the Neonatology Division (newborn medicine) of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota

Ben's Buddies mission is to empower and support families and friends who have suffered the loss of a child while raising funds for newborn research and education.

Spotlight

Ben's Buddies 4th Annual Birthday Bash

What: Celebrate the birthdays of little loved ones lost and the imprint they have left on our hearts

When: Saturday, April 24th 2010

Where: Kieran's Irish Pub-**600 Hennepin Ave**
(Kieran's has moved to Block E)

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door

Includes: Live Music, Complimentary Appetizers
Raffle and Silent Auction

Auction items include a limited edition photograph by noted Irish landscape photographer Peter Cox and a team autographed Minnesota Wild hockey stick.

To purchase advance tickets go to our website
www.bensbuddies.org
or call Barb at 612-845-2837

If you or someone you know would like to celebrate an infant at this year's Birthday Bash, please contact Kate Hanson at 651-493-4826 or email her at info@bensbuddies.org. We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating with you at this year's Birthday Bash.

Donations of single items or themed baskets are needed for our silent auction and raffle.

Sponsorships to cover event costs are also available.

To donate an item or arrange a sponsorship please contact us at info@bensbuddies.org. or call Barb at 612-845-2837.

We hope to see you all at the Birthday Bash!

Honors

We are thrilled to announce that Ben's Buddies has now raised over \$50,000 for the Benjamin Walker Hanson Neonatology Fund. In recognition of this milestone the University of Minnesota has honored us with membership in the President's Club.

This honor goes to all of you who have supported newborn medicine through your participation in Ben's Buddies events.

Congratulations!

Our Community

Al Farmes of **Coldwell Banker Burnet Realty** has generously offered to donate to Ben's Buddies 20% of his commission from any completed real estate transaction where his *client mentions Ben's Buddies*. To date Al has sold 2 homes resulting in significant donations to Ben's Buddies.

Contact Al at **763-412-1262**
Email: AEFarmes@CBBurnet.com

Maria Jondahl of **River City Mortgage Corporation**. has generously agreed to donate to Ben's Buddies 20% of her commission from any closed loan transaction where the *client mentions Ben's Buddies*. Maria has recently completed a transaction which resulted in a generous donation to Ben's Buddies.

Contact Maria at **763-422-0888**
Email: maria@rcmortgage.com

Chris Hickman of **Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.** has generously offered to donate \$25 if a prospective client meets with him and *mentions Ben's Buddies*.

Contact Chris at **651-635-1721**
Email: christopher.j.hickman@ampf.com

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Updates

Ben's Buddies is accepting nominations for our Board of Directors. We currently have 3 board members and are expanding to 7. If you would like to nominate someone to serve on our board please contact us at info@bensbuddies.org by March 15th.

The 2009 golf tournament was a great success. Once again we had a great turnout. We were blessed with fabulous weather and a great day of golf. Over \$6000 was raised for the Benjamin Walker Hanson Neonatology Fund. Joslyn Biever of the Minnesota Medical Foundation presented the President's Club award to the organization in recognition of our fundraising efforts.

We have welcomed new families to the community this past year and hope to continue to meet more of Ben's Buddies in 2010 and celebrate the mark they have left on this world, however brief their stay.

We wish all of you the very best this year and thank you for your continued commitment to our mission.

Because of all of you, we will make a difference and save families the heart breaking loss of a beautiful and precious baby.

Everything is Possible!

Volunteers

Volunteers are vital to the success of all Ben's Buddies events. We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has donated time and energy to our organization these past four years.

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for a 2010 Ben's Buddies event, please send an email to Barb at barb@bensbuddies.org or call her at 612-845-2837. Please include your contact information as well as any specific indications of interest. We look forward to working with you this year!

2010 Golf Tournament

Please join us for the

5th Annual Ben's Buddies Charity Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 12th, 2010

Majestic Oaks Golf Club. Ham Lake

Gather your family and friends and join us for a great day of golf and support this worthy cause.

Register by September 1st to secure your spot!

The individual golfer fee is **\$105** and includes a continental breakfast, greens fees, power cart, contests and prizes at many holes, including a hole-in-one contest, goody bag, complimentary round of golf at Majestic Oaks and buffet lunch.

The fun starts at 7:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. The shotgun scramble start begins at 8:30 and is followed by a lunch buffet and events program.

Register by **June 1st 2010** for the early bird special price of **\$95**.

Go to www.bensbuddies.org

Cookbook

The Ben's Buddies Cookbook

containing over 350 recipes submitted by Ben's family and friends is now in its 2nd printing! Over 250 copies have been sold. Cookbooks are available at Ben's Buddies events for \$10.00 or can be ordered by mail at \$15.00.

Please see our website for more details or mail your request and payment to:

**Ben's Buddies
791 Carla Lane
Little Canada, MN 55109**