



Groups Pull Together for "New Technology" at Bryan's House

What do you do when your favorite children's organization needs an update of its PC technology? Call in a lot of favors, and pull from every resource.

That's what Woodall Foundation Chairman Martin Woodall did when he learned that Bryan's House was leasing outdated computers for their offices and still had none for the children. After evaluating their needs, for both administration and education, Dell computers were selected.

With their current needs, and allowing some room for growth in the future, it looked like we were going to need about \$25,000 to make it happen. Also, we needed to cover the set up of the system.

So...how to pay for it? Martin called on his friend Todd Wagner to help, (see story page 2), whose foundation graciously granted half of the funding needed.

So...who would install the system?

"Kids learn fast with the right tools at their fingertips"



Martin called upon another Woodall Foundation friend, Ken Gibson of Fluent Systems. Ken has managed our website and supplies all of the computer equipment installation for the Woodall Foundation. Ken's firm agreed to set up the entire system at no charge.

So...where do we get all of the software? Martin called Lori Glasser-Seinera, Vice President of Digital Media Services for Arena Media. Lori has been working on bringing the latest and greatest technology to AAC for the last 2 years,

during which time she has acquired quite a few contacts in the field of technology.

Lori called associate Chris Webber, Microsoft General Manager for the South Central District. Lori told him of our dilemma and convinced him to grant Bryan's House all of their software needs...for free.

In a society becoming more computer driven everyday, every child should have access to technology regardless of economic or social background. 85% of the clients at Bryan's House are below the poverty level. Most don't have access to computers at home or school either in some cases.

With so many obstacles already set in place by society, not having access to knowledge shouldn't be one of them.

Martin Woodall, Todd Wagner, Ken Gibson, Lori Glasser-Seinera and Chris Weber are all to be commended for their joint effort.

With the help of our supporters, we are hoping to raise the remaining funding needed by the new year.

"Clowning Around" for Halloween at Bryan's House

There's nothing quite like seeing the smile on a child's face when they realize you're doing something to make their day a little brighter.....and then there are those times when you scare them to the point of years of therapy.

Which is exactly what happened when three Woodall Foundation supporter's dressed up to surprise the children of Bryan's House. Unfortunately, the younger children, 1-2 year olds,

hadn't quite grasped the concept of a clown yet.

But with 75 pumpkins full of candy and trays of about 200 homemade sugar cookies, the 3 volunteers did manage to bring a smile to many of the older children and the staff.

The costumed kids trick and treated their way through the building, stopping at each office and desk for a bag of goodies.



Edna Anthony, Chris Reasor and Paul Pantely prepare to celebrate Halloween at Bryan's House

Bryan's House All-Sports Court

The Dallas Mavericks Foundation along with Mavericks player Shawn Bradley have just given approval for a grant that would provide Bryan's House with an all-sports-court in the back half of their property.

Due to the increasing success of new medicines Bryan's House has seen their clients go from terminally ill newborns, into crawling toddlers, then running jumping kids, and now into active teenagers.

Being physically fit plays an important roll in keeping up the delicate immune systems of children battling HIV and Aids. The court provides a valuable resource for the children, as well as their families and the staff of Bryan's House.



Most "All-Sport" Courts are made to encompass a variety of activities

Thank you to the Dallas Mavericks Foundation and Shawn Bradley for the faith and gift they have given. Once again co-operation and partnership have made for a success story.

Jonathan's Place and AA In-flight Service

American Airlines Flight attendants are part of a community group call "In-flight Service". One of their many beneficiaries is called Jonathan's Place.

Jonathan's Place, is a facility located in Old East Dallas. Children at Jonathan's Place have been identified as being "at risk," either through abuse, abandonment, neglect and/or living with a drug dependent parent. The children are between the ages of newborn and 11 years of age, both boys and girls.

Funding to "In-flight Service" has been cut in recent months, but through AA Associate, Chaz Grelle, the Woodall Foundation has arranged for 10 children from Jonathan's Place to attend a Mavericks game. Keep up the good work.

Todd R. Wagner Foundation Donation

Todd R. Wagner was co-founder of Broadcast.com, and in the years since, has started his own foundation helping to further individuals through athletic and technology programs.

"The Goal of the Todd Wagner Foundation is to improve the odds for inner-city Dallas families by providing them with the tools to learn, grow and compete in an increasingly technology-driven world"

Mr. Wagner was the first individual to come forward and show support for the Woodall Foundation its inaugural year.

"If students don't have a chance to work and play on computers, they fall behind their peers"

www.toddwagnerfoundation.com

Todd has shown his support once again through sharing the expense for a new computer network for the children and staff of Bryan's House. This allows more children access to vital learning tools.

His efforts to continually challenge and assist those in need are to be commended.

No Holiday Party

The Woodall Foundation would like to express our sorrow and deep remorse for the victims and families of the unthinkable attack on our country and it's way of life on September 11, 2001. Due to the circumstances of September 11th, and the economic slow down in the last half of the year, Woodall Foundation has decided not to have our annual Christmas party this year. After a long deliberation, we decided the time and expense could be put to better use through much more focused attention on our beneficiaries. While we recognize the need for funding in New York, we are also aware of local charities that have now fallen short of their fiscal needs because of a slow down in financial giving. The Woodall Foundation Christmas tradition will continue next year.



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