



## 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That's what Woodall Foundation Chairman Martin Woodall did when he learned that Bryan's House was leasing outdated computers for their offices and still had none for the children.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**

