



BUDDY TALK

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A WIN FOR MIRACLE LEAGUE



After \$2,000 worth of sound equipment was stolen from the Miracle League's press box at Brahan Spring Park, local businesses, among them BUDS, quickly came to the aid of this well-loved non-profit organization.

On April 17th, Noelia McGee of BUDS presented a donation check of \$1,000 to Doug Schulte, the president of the board of directors for Miracle League of North Alabama. The Miracle League offers a baseball program at no cost to their players and families." If interested in donating, volunteering, or participating, please email hsvmiracleleague@gmail.com.

RISE & SHINE BUDS FAMILIES

To show support for Rise School at UAH, BUDS proudly sponsored a table for eight (a \$1,500 value) for their Inaugural Rise & Shine Celebration on May 11th which features guest speakers Sandra and Sean McElwee of "Born This Way." Eight lucky BUDS parents will be randomly chosen on May 1st to fill those eight seats!



Entries must be submitted by 8pm on April 30th to the Facebook Event Listing or emailed to budsboard@budsonline.org. Thanks!

WELCOME FAMILIES!

Kathy McGee
Zachery Stults
Neil & Libby White
Darcie Maranich
Amy Alexander Ham
Janet Anderson
Michael & Fritzie Swan
Andra Hunter Wilson
Brady & Caitlin Earl
Harold & Nyla Sidler

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BUDS' BUNDLES OF JOY

- ♥ Bennett Michael White
January 10, 2018
- ♥ Bentley Cole Browne
January 11, 2018



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Brayden Durnya ~ April 1st
Pim Meyer ~ April 8th (Adoption)
Kendle Larson ~ April 14th
Coraline Hendon ~ April 22nd
Samuel Evers ~ April 26th
Giovanna Andrews ~ May 11
Ezra Graydon ~ May 12th

Kellan Widby ~ May 13th
Jaelynn England ~ May 17th
Gabriella Andrews ~ May 28th
Blake May ~ May 31st
Jessie Meeks ~ June 3rd
Emma Kuczenski ~ June 4th
Joshua Daniel ~ June 26th



NEW PARENT PACKETS

With the tax-deductible donations that BUDS receives, we are able to provide New Parent Packets to families who have a child born with Down syndrome. This year we have given out 3 new parent packets! Included now in these packets are our new highly-anticipated 2018 Family Outreach brochures! Thank you to all who serve on the New Parent Committee. Your help allows us to respond quickly to the needs of new families.

APPROVAL OF GRANTS



BUDS has given out two emergency grants (\$1,000), one medical grant (\$500), five mini grants (\$2,329.12), and three conference grants (\$450) since January of this year. This totals to \$4,279.12 which BUDS has been able to provide to our members. Grant applications forms can be found on our website so apply now!

FAMILY EVENTS

FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK
April 28th ~ 10am to 2pm

RISE & SHINE DINNER
May 10th ~ 6pm to 8pm

BIRMINGHAM ZOO-VENTURE
May 26th ~ 9am to 5pm

BOWLING NIGHT
June 23rd ~ 3pm to 5pm

LADIES LUNCHEON

McALLISTER'S DELI
May 17th ~ 11am to 12:30pm

MOE'S @ BRIDGESTREET
June 21st ~ 11am to 12:30pm

NOTHING BUT NOODLES
July 19th ~ 11am to 12:30pm

Contact Caneilia Patterson
whitecc_99@yahoo.com

DADS NIGHT OUT

TOP GOLF
May 3rd ~ 6:30pm to 8pm

BRICKHOUSE
June 14th ~ 6:30pm to 8pm

PINTS & PIXELS
July 12th ~ 6:30pm to 8pm

Contact Greg Hollingshead
hollingsheadgreg@gmail.com

MOMS NIGHT OUT

TO BE DETERMINED

BUDS is still looking for a mom to coordinate monthly Moms Night Out Events. Please consider volunteering for this!



MILESTONES

Caroline Thomas Collins ~ Our big girl hit a huge milestone today! She is WALKING! We are so proud of her and how hard she works for the simplest of things. We are so thankful for The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs and ALL of Calleigh's therapists that work with her, even on her stubborn and lazy days! We are truly blessed.

David May ~ After his sleep study and surgery, Blake is sleeping much better at night.

Jenny Evers ~ Samuel has lots of new vocalizations.

Stacey Atchley Jones ~ Keegan has started grasping and holding toys and standing more.

Aisha Burwell Snodgrass ~ Kemena started vocalizing consistently this past month.

Kristen Claunch Quick ~ Aiden is starting to comprehend and follow simple instructions and his speech is improving.

Misty Ricketts Brimhall ~ Wyatt is taking small steps and says 8 words but signing many more. Doctors weren't sure how he would progress after his infantile spasms, but he is rocking his therapies and progressing better than anyone anticipated!

Dallas Davis-Graydon ~ Ezra is drinking from a cup without a straw! Like a boss, I might add!

Stephanie Martin Stone ~ Easton had his heart surgery this past February. He is rolling over both ways and just being absolutely adorable!

Michele Chalmers ~ Mila's verbal communication has grown by leaps and bounds this year. We no longer need signs to communicate.

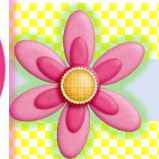
Rebekah Peresich Hollingshead ~ Jaren started kindergarten this year.

Caneilia Christina Patterson ~ Gabriel is nailing the AAC device to communicate with others.

Sheri West Campbell ~ Cooper will be graduating 5th grade in May. He will be starting a new journey at Ardmore High School.

Christine Putnam Rosa ~ Isaac started kindergarten this year and graduated from pump g-tube feedings to completely oral feeds! Soon that g-tube will come out!

TIME TO CELEBRATE!



Rita Lynn Andrews ~ Giovanna Grace and Gabriella Joy will be celebrating their "Sweet 16" this May! Giovanna on May 11th and Gabriella on May 28th. Congratulations young ladies!