

May 5, 2017

Dear Business Owner:

“Miracles One at a Time-Jalene” is a fund-raising benefit being held at the VFW Hall in Pontiac Illinois July 8, 2017 to raise funds for an 8-year-old girl who is battling a difficult brain tumor. The funds generated at this benefit will be used by her family to offset the rising medical costs they have incurred during this tragic fight.

The committee planning the benefit is soliciting items for auction which will be held during the benefit on July 8, 2017. Any item(s) that your business donates to this cause would be greatly appreciated. In return, your business will be advertised at the benefit. There is a non-profit Tax ID Number for this purpose.

The event is called, “Miracles One at a Time-Jalene”. Jalene Woolford is an eight-year-old girl who is battling for her life. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor on her spinal cord at the base of her neck that is inoperable at this time. She has been treated at several hospitals including OSF St. James-John W. Albrecht Medical Center, Pontiac, IL; Loyola University Hospital, Maywood, IL, OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL; and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL. There is a team of medical professionals trying to find the most successful treatment plan for Jalene’s condition.

Jalene is a very spiritual and optimistic child. This can be credited to her parents and their strong faith in God and family. Nothing seems to waiver her faith and optimism. Jalene has been preparing to make her first Holy Communion along with her classmates at St. Mary's Catholic School in Pontiac, IL, but her condition wouldn't wait. This was very important to Jalene and so she recently made her first Holy Communion at the chapel at Loyola University Hospital where the staff and her loving family made it very special for her. Her family and the entire community is praying for a miracle for Jalene. Jalene was able to come “home” recently for a few days in between hospital visits and was very excited to be able to attend a fine arts event at St. Mary's Catholic School where she is a second grader. She was so happy to see her classmates and teachers who are all very supportive. Her visit lifted her spirits but took a toll on her physically.

Many people who live in Pontiac travel to your area to work, shop, eat in restaurants, attend concerts and games, and otherwise support your communities. The Pontiac community outreach has been wonderful in supporting this cause, however, Pontiac is a small town and doesn't have the variety of businesses that other areas have. That is why your business has been chosen to support this worthy cause. There is a special bank account at the Bank of Pontiac and a Tax ID Number for the fund-raising efforts for “Miracles One at a Time-Jalene Please find it in your heart to support this worthy cause in any way you find possible.

For more information, please contact any of the committee members listed below. We will be more than happy to pick up donated items or answer any questions.

Please contact a committee member for donation information or questions:

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