

"We cannot all do great things but we can do small things with great love." Mother Teresa



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B.I.G. Love on Valentine's Day

For Valentine's Day this year, we delivered over 40 large and 70 small Valentine Baskets to TCH and around 20 baskets to ACH. On the 9th floor of Texas Children's Hospital, kids were dashing from the playroom back to their rooms when they heard that someone was bringing a Valentine surprise. They were sitting in the middle of their beds waiting patiently for our arrival. My mom told me that when she entered one of the rooms, a little boy about 10 years old gave her a big smile and then jumped out of his bed and threw his arms around her and "LOVED HER UP."

She said at that moment, she truly understood the mission of BIG LOVE...to make children smile...to bring them joy!

Valentine's Day in Arkansas was just as incredible. One cancer mom explained that this was the first time in her entire life that she had ever received anything for Valentine's Day. We were humbled and honored to bless her. We not only delivered LOTS of baskets and 26 Giant Bears donated by Wal-Mart to all the kids, but we also provided massages and pedicures to all the cancer moms. One Mom was so relaxed after her massage that she fell asleep in the massage chair. Each Mom explained to us that this was their first time to ever receive a pedicure or massage. What a blessing. I think Brooke would probably say, "Now that's what I'm talking about... Love BIG."



Mark the Date!

Upcoming Projects
May 11th
Mother's Day Baskets
June 15th
Father's Day Baskets



Thanks for Sponsoring Valentine Baskets!

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"We were at ACH getting chemo when you and your GREAT group of friends came and gave my son a basket full of cool stuff and me some nice looking finger and toe nails...followed by a back rub that I still dream about. I just wanted to let you know that, that big basket took my sleeping place in the bed with my son. He is still talking about it. I hope that you know how much it meant to me, and my son that you and all the girls took the time to treat us. Honestly, it was nice to just talk about something else, not that I am sick of talking about cancer and chemo, but just to talk to someone different and hear something on the outside. I am sure that you understand what I am talking about...Just know that what you are doing is GREAT and words can't describe how you made a lot of people feel that one day."



B.I.G. Love...to renew your hope, make you smile, and love you up!

B.I.G. Love's Childhood Cancer Walk and Run

Thank you so much for all your help and support of our First Annual Childhood Cancer Walk and Run. Our walk was held on February 9th, one day before our One Year Anniversary of becoming an official non-profit organization. I can't believe how much has been accomplished in one year. The Walk was a great success.

I was greatly moved by the cancer families who joined us for the Walk.

One young man with bone cancer and a prosthetic limb, walked the entire three miles pulling a wagon with a 2 year old cancer kid along for the ride.



Another little four year old girl, who lost her little brother to leukemia less than a year ago, ran with great determination in

the one mile kid's run and told her family that she won the entire race. I wish you could have seen her great big smile when she crossed the finish line. Also, one of Brooke's friends from TCH, completed the one mile kid's run in her wheel chair. Her Dad, who battles MS, ran the mile pushing his girl the entire way. Incredible emotion flooded all of our hearts when they crossed the finish line. It was more than a race...it was a declaration of victory over cancer...the smiles and shouts demonstrating this clearly. Thank you for helping to make this day a GREAT, GREAT success! At the beginning of 2008, we had set a goal to raise \$30,000. Our BIG Love Walk exceeded this goal. We made over \$40,000. We wanted to start small...and then grow and expand as the funds allowed. As a starting place for BIG Love, we began providing weekly groceries and

weekly catered meals to the cancer families in the intensive care unit at

Arkansas Children's Hospital. Since January 2008, we have provided this service every week to approximately two to three families. Our goal NOW will be to expand our scope of service...to hopefully, in the near future, provide meals, groceries, and parking passes to cancer families at Texas Children's Hospital as well. You are a BIG part of all that we have accomplished thus far, all that we are doing, and we greatly appreciate you. Thank you for loving us and for believing in our vision.



Our Beginning

B.I.G.Love Cancer Care Services was established in honor of our five year old daughter, Brooke Alyson Phillips, after her battle with acute myeloid leukemia. After two years of fighting courageously through intense chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant at Texas Children's Hospital, we had to say goodbye to our sweet girl. She waits for us in heaven now...and we daily hold onto the hope that we will see her again one day. Until then, our family is determined to love like she loved us. Although she taught us many things throughout her two years of treatment...like how to trust, believe, persevere, and have faith...she also taught us how deep and long and high and wide love can really be. She had a special love for all her people, and she never ceased in expressing it. Even during her last days in the intensive care unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital, she still managed to love BIG all her people. She sent out hundreds of kisses and gave the I Love You sign to everyone in the room. She would reach for us, pull us close to her chest and hold us tight. She held a picture of us close to her heart and kissed it over and over again. She told us repeatedly, "I love you up the sky." In Brooke's five years of life, she truly captured our hearts, changed our lives and loved us up.

Brooke not only loved all her people, but she cared deeply about the cancer kids around her. She prayed for them when they were crying and took them things to cheer them up. It is our desire to honor Brooke by serving and extending big love to other cancer kids and their families who are having to endure the intense burden and strain that we ourselves have had to face. We will follow the example of our sweet and loving Mermaid Princess!

A big thanks to all our walk sponsors

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thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to make our

First Annual Childhood Cancer Walk a Great Success - Peni and Chris Green, Suzelle Martin, Sherri Foster, Natalie and JJ Molock and the young adults from First Assembly of God Church Angleton, Angleton Recreation Center, Gaby and Jean Farkas, Chad and Alena Phillips, Kent and Kyle Phillips, Sharon and Butch McReynolds, Betty Timm, Art Attack Graphics, Dan Martin, Brazosport Christian School Cheerleaders, Kirk and Leesa Green, Lynsey Colvin, Lyndie and Nick Slaughter and Band, Ryan Manes, T.C. Lipe, Jennifer and Scott Cooper, and Stephanie Luna Theriot.



In Loving Memory

♥ Conner McMahan



Conner McMahan went to rest in the arm's of the Lord on February 21, 2008 after a valiant 10 week fight with cancer. Conner was diagnosed with hepatoblastoma which is one of the most common malignant liver tumors in early childhood. Conner was a precious, happy, loving and giving child. He loved dogs and the Arkansas Razorbacks. One of his favorite past times was going fishing in the fish tank...which he successfully knocked over several times with the help of his twin brother. He was strong and courageous throughout his illness. He underwent three rounds of chemotherapy which was considered successful and plans were made for Conner to go to Chicago to have surgery to reduce the tumor to allow his own liver to regenerate. A liver transplant would be needed should the surgery fail to do what it was intended to do. Conner developed lung problems which prevented the trip to Chicago and the subsequent treatment. When Conner left this world peacefully, his mother thanked God for losing His own Son so that she would be reunited with Conner again someday. He will be deeply missed...not only by his entire family, twin brother, eight year old brother and ten year old sister, but by his nurses, doctors and many, many others who came to love and adore him!

♥ Victoria "Tori" Jo Enmon



In January 2004, Tori, at the age of 11 was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. At the time of her diagnosis, Tori competed at the state and national levels as a gymnast. After her first year of treatment, she was able to finish her 7th and 8th grade years of school. Her spirit was evident as she was elected to the freshman cheerleading squad as an 8th grader. Having completed a two and a half year protocol for treatment of the ALL, it was discovered in July of 2006 that she had relapsed. The decision was to move forward and prepare Tori for a bone marrow transplant. After 4 months of intense chemotherapy, radiation, fungal infections and other complications, Tori was in remission and ready to proceed to BMT. She received her bone marrow transplant in November of 2006. Having kept up with Tori's story through her carepage, I learned about her incredible faith and her strength. I remember meeting her for the first time on one of our journeys to TCH to deliver Big Love baskets. She introduced herself to me, and she had a strikingly, beautiful smile. She was very active in her church and her youth group and was very active in the quest for finding a cure for childhood cancer by helping raise money for Texas Children's Hospital. In August of 2007, Victoria relapsed once again. She was again prepared to fight this battle again with her sights on remission and another BMT. Due to various complications, this was not possible. In her mother's words, Victoria's faith will remain her greatest legacy and for those who knew her and loved her, her vivacious spirit will live on. By: Suzelle Martin

We Lovingly...

Honor Jana and Neil Herbst
by Roy and Gen Bagley.



We Lovingly...

Remember Dr. Jeff Clark for his
dedication to medical research.

A Testimony of Big Love

"After Christmas 2006, our family decided we were going to have a Jesus Jar. The Jesus Jar is where we put loose change...money that we found in the dryer, etc. The money that was collected would be for Jesus' Birthday gift. I explained to my children that when you do things for other people, especially those in need, it is doing for Jesus. So, we decided that Jesus' birthday gift (\$74.47) would go to BIG Love. Thank you for loving BIG and God Bless you."



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Thank You's

BIG Love was very successful in bringing Christmas cheer to the hospitals this holiday season. For Texas Children's Hospital, we were able to cater a chopped beef sandwich lunch as well as give hand made blankets, board games, DVD movies and restaurant gift cards to all of the 36 rooms on the cancer floor. For Arkansas Children's Hospital, we were blessed by Mimi's Café who gladly donated a large Christmas meal for the entire third floor.

They provided turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and desserts. They not only cooked all day on Christmas when the restaurant was closed, but they delivered all the food and helped us make plates and deliver meals to each room. Their generosity greatly blessed our hearts. We would also like to thank: Gaby Farkas for cooking all the brisket, Jana Herbst and Anita Owens for making all the blankets, and Barbara Ostdiek, Rita Benton, Helen Darden, Kellie Runkle and family, Wendy Warden, Beth Quintanilla, Ashley Phillips, Carolanne Norris and Carolyn McCarley and family for all the gifts you gave and for all your help!

Mimi's Cafe at Arkansas Children's Hospital Christmas Day - 2007



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