

Rockcastle Hospital receives Crusade for Children grant

Pediatric patients at Rockcastle Hospital will benefit from another grant from the WHAS Crusade for Children.

The hospital is receiving more than \$34,000 to help purchase ventilators plus equipment and materials for the Speech Therapy Department, Occupational Therapy Department, Activities Department and Physical Therapy Department.

Since the hospital began receiving grants from the Crusade in 1991, nearly \$263,000 has been donated to RHRCC.

The Crusade, sponsored by WHAS in Louisville, is a statewide fundraiser that is celebrating its 50-year anniversary this year. Most of the money is raised by firefighters in the Louisville area during a weekend campaign.

Donations are returned to communities through grants to agencies, schools and hospitals that serve special needs children in all 120 counties in Kentucky and more than 50 counties in Indiana. In addition to the merit of the grant requests, community donations are considered during the review and selection process.

"We would like to thank everyone in the community for their help and support with this project," said Linda Gregory, the hospital's director of speech therapy, who leads the efforts

each year. "Nearly every year, we receive grants double the amount of money our community donates. However this year, it was more than 7.5 times what we donated to the Crusade."

Past grants to RHRCC have been used to purchase a van, portable bathing tub, portable ventilators, computers and many other valuable pieces of equipment to help improve the quality of life for pediatric patients.

"We appreciate the Crusade grants, which have made it possible for us to purchase important equipment and enhance our services," Steve Estes, CEO, said. "Each donation we receive helps us further our mission to help provide the highest quality of life possible for our residents."

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit community hospital, which is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. It operates inpatient and outpatient acute care programs, a 114-bed long-term care nursing and rehabilitation center, 60 long-term beds for ventilator-dependent patients, and a home health care service. The hospital was established in 1956 and treats patients from across Kentucky, Tennessee and several other states.

Friday designated Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day

October 10th is the third annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day. This nationwide campaign asks that everyone focus on their own individual behavior when using America's roadways—as pedestrians, bicycle and motorcycle operators, motor vehicle operators and passengers. The primary objective of this campaign is for each person to take an extra measure of care to ensure their safety and the safety of others by sharing roadways and promoting safety.

Traffic crashes cause an average of 116 fatalities every day, that's one dead every 13 minutes. After a steady 20-year decline, the number of traffic fatalities rose in 2002 with 42,815 people dying on our nation's roadways. This represents an increase of 1.5 percent from 2001. It is most important than ever that we educate our communities on using our highways safely. Imagine a day with zero traffic fatalities and Put the Brakes on Fatalities!

The third annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day will be celebrated on October 10, 2003 around the nation to encourage the public to take a greater stand in keeping themselves, and their loved ones, from becoming one of those statistics. The ultimate goal is to unite the country in achieving one full day of zero traffic deaths by encouraging the public to

reduce the tragic toll of motor vehicle crashes by taking protective steps such as:

• "Driving assertively, as if your life depends on it—that means courteously and defensively"

• "Don't drive while impaired, distracted or in an aggressive manner"

• "Buckling up on every trip—every time"

• "Using properly-installed child safety seats for children age 8 and under"

• "Don't speed and slow down to posted speed limits in construction zones"

• "Keeping vehicles and tires properly maintained"

• "Wearing appropriate protective gear when bicycling, skating or riding a motorcycle or scooter"

• "Always stopping and looking left, right, left before crossing streets, and"

• "Working with local officials to remove hazards and improve roadways safety"

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is coordinated by a coalition of more than 40 national safety organizations, federal, state and local government agencies and private sector companies, working together to reduce the death and injury toll of motor vehicle crashes.

For more traffic tips and information, visit www.brakesonfatalities.org

Bittersweet Festival Parade

Anyone wishing to participate in this year's parade please meet at Mt. Vernon Elementary at 11 a.m. for parade lineup.

"It is Written"

In John 6:27-29 we read, "I labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." In this text we learn that we must work for the spiritual food that leads to everlasting life. We work for our physical food, but it will perish, it is only temporal in its nature. But the spiritual food that is found in Christ, is given to us by God's grace. We must believe in the one God sent to die for our sins. We must believe him enough to obey his voice. "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Heb 5:8-9 Jesus is the author or source of eternal salvation to all who obey him. Jesus wants to give us eternal life, but he is looking for those who are willing to work the works of God in their life. What about you? Are you willing to work for the food that endures unto everlasting life? If not, you will die in your sins.

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