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Estate Gifts: One Former Kosair Kid’s ‘Thank You’

When former Kosair Kid® Mary Ann Hines was in the 8th grade, her doctor noticed her spine had begun to curve.

As she approached the 1963-64 school year — her senior year at Elizabethtown High School — Dr. Kenton Leatherman told her the scoliosis had worsened and would require surgery at Kosair Crippled Children Hospital.

But fate would not be kind to young Mary Ann. Her parents, both alcoholics, were unable to cope with the stress of caring for a physically challenged daughter.

When they learned of the planned surgery, they moved out of town abruptly and left Mary Ann to fend for herself. She quit school and found a job, and through the kindness of friends and others, she made it through the several months it took to secure the paperwork to allow the surgery without her parents’ consent.

The spinal fusion surgery in June 1964 was a success, and Hines found a new home at Kosair. “I was angry and sad when I showed up on their doorstep,” she said. “I was a kid. I wasn’t going to be able to finish my senior year. That was a big deal to me. I was scared and lonely and had no family. They kinda just became my family.”

Hines spent a year in a body cast. She eventually earned her GED and a college degree and worked as a registered nurse.

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Meet Kosair Kid® Avaya Campbell

Avaya Campbell was diagnosed with Sensory Processing Disorder when she was 2 years old.

The condition was formerly known as sensory integration dysfunction, and according to the SPD Foundation, it refers to the way the central nervous system receives messages from the senses and turns them into appropriate motor and behavioral responses.

Whether you are riding a bicycle, eating a sandwich or reading a book, at the Foundation’s website notes, completing the activity successfully requires processing sensation, or “sensory integration.”

Without treatment, Avaya can get extremely anxious in crowds. Her skin is easily irritated by things such as buttons and socks, and overstimulation can cause her to fall asleep, have a violent outburst or spin into what her mother calls an “overall meltdown.”

Altogether, her symptoms can make it difficult for her to function in school.

Overwhelmed

After her diagnosis, Avaya received occupational therapy in Lexington, where her family lived. It was so successful that she was able to discontinue her sessions.

But the family moved to Louisville in 2011, and when Avaya started kindergarten late last summer, she fully regressed. “I was at her school every day, trying to calm her down,” her mother, Bridgette Mack, said. “She would become violent because she could not express to her teacher and principal that she was feeling overwhelmed.”

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Filling the gap

Bridgette said she almost lost faith, not knowing how to provide Avaya the help she needed. School administrators wanted to label Avaya as a behavioral problem, which Bridgette protested vehemently based on the diagnosis.

Meanwhile, someone at the Louisville Pediatric Therapy Center, where Avaya had been treated (see related story, pg 5), suggested the family contact Kosair Charities for help.
Meet Kosair Kid®
Avaya Campbell
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Bridgette eagerly submitted her application, and in short order, Kosair Charities stepped in. It has been paying for Avaya’s occupational therapy since March. She attends a 45-minute session every other week, and her mother said it has worked wonders.

“Once therapy began, she finished the school year very strongly,” Bridgette said. “Her teachers were absolutely amazed how much occupational therapy services could assist with her condition.”

Going to class
Avaya loves going to the therapy center to visit Remi, the center’s therapy dog. (Meet Remi p.6) and her therapist, Jamie. Avaya refers to her visits as “going to college” and calls Jamie her “best teacher.”

The center uses a kitchen area for various therapies such as introducing new foods and textures to picky eaters or teaching how to pour from a pitcher to a glass. Avaya is particularly fond of the kitchen because she gets to pour herself a glass of lemonade — and she gets a treat for the road.

And she looks out for sister Amiya, 9, and brother Brody, 4.

“She always asks if she can take home an extra treat for them,” Bridgette said.

Bridgette said the Louisville Pediatric Therapy Center and Kosair Charities have been a godsend for her family.

“As a mother,” she said, “you think all hope is lost sometimes. It seems like all the doors are shut, that she doesn’t really need help.”

“If not for Kosair Charities … Well, I’d be unemployed. And I’m pretty sure they would have put Avaya out of school. I’m so grateful that I found them.”

Louisville Pediatric Therapy Center continues great work at Kosair Charities East Campus

The agency sees a wide range of children with varying needs, Miller said, which calls for a variety of treatment approaches. Each child has an individualized treatment plan to address specific needs.

Despite popular perceptions, Miller said, speech therapy goes far beyond treating speech impairments or difficulty pronouncing certain sounds like “R’s” or “th’s”.

“In speech therapy, we may be working with children who have simple articulation issues — they may find it difficult to pronounce or understand basic words — to children who are totally non-verbal. We also treat children who experience both expressive and receptive language delays, auditory processing and language processing issues.”

The center uses touchscreen tablets to help typically non-verbal children express themselves.

“Similarly,” Miller said, “occupational therapy is more about the self-care activities...”
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Meet Remi!

Remi, short for Remington, is an 8-year-old black lab who has been “working” at Louisville Pediatric Therapy Center for approximately 3 years. He was trained by Paws With Purpose as a facility-based therapy dog. He works at the center during the day and goes home at night and on the weekends.

Remi is loved by all who interact with him, children and adults! Everyone loves stopping by his office and giving him treats. Remi is very smart and performs many tricks to earn his treats. He can do the hokey-pokey, bow, give paw shakes and high fives, fetch a toy, and play “dead dog.” He is also trained to hold still to interact with a child who is nervous about dogs or as part of a therapy session.

Remi is great during therapy sessions—he will hold still while a child is on their tall knees and brushing him, or will wear a shirt while a child is practicing how to fasten buttons. Some kids even read to him, write stories about him, or make him cards. He can get kids moving, too! He can move through an obstacle course in our gym, jumping off the loft into the ball pit or going through the tunnel, which always elicits smiles and even giggles as a child follows behind. Kids are also highly motivated to work hard during speech or occupational therapy sessions.

Remi’s favorite activity is playing fetch; a human will often tire of throwing the ball before he is tired of running after it! But he is so clever that if you say “last one” before the throwing the ball, he will then pick it up and carry the ball back to his kennel. Then it is time to get back to work—or maybe take a nap!

Sharing her experience

Miller has a nursing background and has worked on several startup efforts, including programs she initiated at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Her work previously focused on adults.

Now retired, she began working as a volunteer at the Center in October, then assumed the executive director role, also in a volunteer capacity, in the spring of 2014.

Occupational and speech therapy services for children are badly needed in Louisville, she said. The Center’s services have increased about 40 percent in the past year.

Miller looks forward to continuing to serve as many children as possible, including many Kosair Kids.

“I believe in the program and what we do for children,” she said.

Donor Spotlight: Sam and Marlys Swope

For over 30 years, Sam Swope has served the children of Kentucky and Southern Indiana through his tireless voluntarism and generous financial support of Kosair Charities. His service on the board of directors, for which he also served as chairman, began in 1981 and continues today as an emeritus member.

Sam’s commitment to the Sam Swope Road Rally has resulted in over $700,000 raised by thousands of motorcyclists and classic car collectors. Sam is Kosair Charities’ largest donor and in honor of his philanthropic leadership, the Eastern Parkway campus is named the Sam Swope Kosair Charities Centre.

Sam also played a key leadership role as chairman of the Swope Committee, which in the early 1980’s facilitated a partnership between the Children’s Hospital and Kosair Crippled Children Hospital. That effort resulted in the establishment of Kosair Children’s Hospital, which continues to serve the region’s children today.

Sam was recognized for his continued leadership and dedication to Kosair Charities in 1998 when the Sam Swope Leadership Award was created.

Sam and his wife, Marlys, continue to support Kosair Charities through gifts for special projects such as its commitment to the WHAS Crusade for Children and the establishment of a High Flyer Fund to benefit CASA of River Region. When asked why they are so committed to supporting Kosair Charities, Sam and Marlys gave different but resounding responses. In a declaratory fashion reminiscent of “nobody walks away,” Sam said, “There are many charities, but Kosair Charities is the best.” Marlys thought first of the children as the reason to support Kosair Charities. Her eyes lit up with compassion when she said, “When you see the children, when you know you have made a difference, it warms your heart, and it makes you want to do all you can to help.”
Hunter and Jenna’s Playhouse Reveal

On Thursday, Feb. 27, Kosair Kids’ Hunter and Jenna waited patiently to see their new playhouses for the first time in the Kentucky Expo Center South Wing. Joined by the Building Industry Charitable Foundation, sponsor River City Bank, partners Youth Build Louisville and Kosair Charities, and past playhouse recipients, Hunter and Jenna finally got to see the playhouses they had helped design.

Each playhouse was built by BIA Louisville registered builders Jeremy Esposito, Mark Simpson, and the YouthBuild Louisville students for Kosair Kids®. Hunter and Jenna worked closely with design professionals to create their dream playhouses, which are aiding in their physical, mental and social development. Needless to say, Hunter and Jenna loved their “Toy Story” and “Pretty in Pink” themed playhouses.

This event was made possible by Brandon Bailey, Beverly Baker, Amy Cinha, Davis Boland, Carl Browning, Mike O’Dea, Jeremy Esposito, Aaron Esposito, Judy Greathouse, Pat Durham, Mark Simpson and Drew Hickok.

The Inaugural Kosair Charities Car Show at Mike Linnig’s

Bob Beatty has been raffling off a classic car to raise money for children’s organ transplants for six years, and has raised close to $1 million dollars for Kosair Charities and Trust For Life. Even with all of the amazing work that Bob already did, he wanted to do more for Kosair Kids®. On May 31st Beatty held the inaugural Kosair Charities Car Show at Mike Linnig’s Restaurant on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Over 250 classic cars and motorcycles made their way to Cane Run Road for a day of fun. Mayor Fischer stopped by and bought a chance on the 1937 Ford Club Coupe that Bob will be raffling off on November 7 at the Crowne Plaza. The Monarchs crooned while spectators munched on fried fish and some even got up to dance! The weather could not have been more perfect and it is safe to say that a great day was had by all who attended. Beatty has already declared that the car show will be an annual event. Thank you to everyone who came out to support Kosair Charities and congratulations to all the winners!

Do You Believe in Magic?

The 7th annual Magic and the Wonder took place on May 18 at its new location—The Kentucky Center’s Whitney Hall. Four internationally acclaimed magicians brought their performances to Louisville to help raise money for Kosair Kids®.

The show opened up with the fun and fast-paced illusions of Dinky Gowen, then immediately switched gears to feature the comedic ventriloquism of Stephen Knowles. Patrick and Janice Miller followed with a fantastic performance of their own before introducing two Kosair Kids® from the Kids Center to perform a dance routine that was truly magical. The famed shock illusion of headliner and America’s Got Talent’s Dan Sperry kept the audience on the edge of their seat, and the show was wrapped up with an impressive bang by Aaron Radatz. To date, the annual magic show has raised over $250,000 for Kosair Kids®, Kosair Charities would like to thank our presenting sponsor, Wendy’s, and all of our program sponsors for their continued support of the Magic and the Wonder. Without you, the show would not go on!
Mayor Greg Fischer’s “Give-a-Day” Week of Service was extremely successful for Kosair Charities! During the week of April 14-18, volunteers from all over the city came to the Sam Swope Kosair Charities Centre on Eastern Parkway to work on the Bears on Patrol Program and wrap gifts.

Like last year, the volunteer sign-up response was fantastic! 130 hard-working volunteers donated a total of 275 hours of their time over 5 days. Thanks to their dedication, we have over 7,500 stuffed animals ready to be sent to law enforcement agencies across the state of KY, more than 3,000 beanie babies ready to be given to Kosair Kids®, and all of the toys and books needed for this year’s holiday party are already wrapped and ready to go.

Marki Goodlett, Kosair Charities’ Special Events Coordinator, said “We still cannot believe the amount of work that was finished in just a week. This year’s group sorted, tagged and bagged every single one of our stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol program by Thursday morning. I didn’t think it would be possible to empty the bear room in a month, much less 5 days!”

On Thursday, Great Day Live! Angie Fenton dropped in to get the scoop on all of the fun volunteer work that Kosair Charities was getting done with the city’s most compassionate volunteers. Our volunteers looked great on live TV and we can’t thank WHAS’s crew enough for coming out to cover our story.

Thanks to this year’s “Give-a-Day” Week of Service, no law-enforcement agency or children’s organization needing stuffed animals of any size will be turned away. Kosair Charities is extremely grateful for all of the individuals and groups that helped throughout the week including, but not limited to, Metro Corrections, Metro Technology, Day Spring, The Louisville Zoo, Phi Delta Epsilon, Homecare Homebase, Metro Housing Authority, Strategic Communications and Presbyterian Church (USA). Many of the partnerships and friendships are growing as “Give-a-Day” volunteers continue to give their time, talents, and teddy bears to Kosair Charities. We are already preparing for 2015!
Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2014

The Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame held its annual induction banquet on Wednesday, June 18, at the Crowne Plaza. Seven inductees joined the Hall of Fame’s highly respected group of athletes, coaches, sports personalities and venues.

The 2014 inductees—Susan Bradley-Cox (triathlete), Charles “Redd” Crabtree (saddled horses), Stan Hardin (Fairdale Basketball Coach), Bill Miller (PRP Baseball Coach), Paul Rogers (Sports Media), Rudell Stitch (Boxing) and Valhalla Golf Club—will have their plaques hung in Freedom Hall and their pictures and biographies placed on the interactive Wall of Fame at the KFC Yum! Center.

Two of Kentucky’s most well-respected and skilled high school athletes, sponsored by Ellis and Badenhausen, were honored as the Kentucky High School Athletes of the Year. Nacarius Fant, Bowling Green High School, was honored as male athlete of the year for football and basketball. Alexa Filley, Assumption High School, was honored as female athlete of the year for her achievements in volleyball.

In addition, the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame’s induction banquet and silent auction raised over $60,000 for the kids of Kosair Charities. Congratulations to the newest inductees of the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame!

Fountain for Youth Red Carpet Fashion Show

Kosair Kid and Louisville Metro Councilman David James and his wife, Michelle, hosted the Fountain for Youth Red Carpet Fashion Show at the Sam Swope Kosair Charities Centre on June 21. The second annual event featured catering from Vincenzo’s Italian Restaurant, ladies fashions provided by Rodeo Drive, Boutique Serendipity, The Willow Tree, and men’s fashions provided by Evolve Consignments. All proceeds from the night benefited Kosair Charities.

The show featured daytime and evening fashions modeled by Madeline Abramson, John Y. Brown III, Rebecca Jackson Brown, Aubrey Chetham, Randy Cox, Joan Conrad, Kyle Anne Citrynell, State Senator Julie Denton, Judge Deborah Deweese, Detective Lisa Doyle, Charlie Essex, Eric Flack, Jason Ashley Gardner, Judge Eric Haner, Major Kim Kraeszig, State Senator Morgan Magarvey, Judge Steve Mershon, Karl Price, Marlys Swope, Judge Jennifer Bryant Wilson, Judge Erica Lee Williams, Jason C. Williams, and Councilman David Yates. The show was kept upbeat and fun by emcees—and long-time supporters of Kosair Charities—Dawne Gee, Wayne Perkey and Eric Flack.

The Fountain for Youth Red Carpet Fashion Show’s overwhelming success would not have been possible without our Runway Sponsor, Sam Swope Auto Group, our Fashionista Sponsor, Brown Forman, and our Styling Sponsors, 502 Winery and Joseph Banis, MD.
Camp Quality’s Send-off Party was EPIC!

On Sunday, June 22, Kosair Charities and Epic Insurance hosted a send-off party and cookout for Camp Quality! Camp Quality, a Kosair Charities grant recipient, is a week-long camp for children who have or are in remission of cancer. This year, over 70 campers, their families and their designated camp companion for the week gathered at Kosair Charities for a fun-filled cook-out and send-off party. Upon arrival, every camper had to first receive their medical check and visit the luggage drop station. After that, the fun began with a delicious cookout provided by the men of St. George Lodge, crafts, dancing with the clowns and League of Mascots to our DJ, Troy Royalty, and Dippin’ Dots.

We can’t thank EPIC Insurance and all of their sponsors enough for the hard work they put in to Camp Quality’s send-off cookout and party. This year’s send-off was perhaps the best ever, and we’re already planning for 2015!

When you hear the name Kosair Charities, do you immediately visualize the beautiful Tudor mansion on Eastern Parkway? Do you think of the hospital at Floyd and Chestnut? Or maybe Kosair Charities East Campus on Bluegrass Parkway? The mission of Kosair Charities extends well beyond a short list of street addresses, thanks to our more than 90 Kosair Charities Supported Agencies that serve children throughout the region.

Over the years, the ways Kosair Charities cares for children have changed but our focus remains the same, helping Kosair Kids®. Likewise, the way we strengthen our Kosair Charities Supported Agencies continues to evolve. Kosair Charities has become much more than a funding source for non-profits. We have become the foundation upon which a sturdy network of non-profits dedicated to serving children has been built.

Evidence of this can be seen downtown at the Home of the Innocents campus or by a visit to Down Syndrome of Louisville on Hurstbourne Parkway, where state-of-the-art facilities have been built with support from Kosair Charities. Both the Eastern Parkway and Bluegrass Parkway campuses of Kosair Charities offer rent-free space to our non-profit tenants. This allows the agencies that call Kosair Charities home to focus their funding on programs and services for children.

Kosair Charities’ foundational support of children’s charities goes beyond buildings. We continue to look for new ways to support our agencies in their efforts to become strong, sustainable non-profits. Our matching and challenge grant programs have provided the impetus for many donors in the community to partner with Kosair Charities and increase the level of funding available to selected agencies.

St. George Community Center in west Louisville was recently the beneficiary of $10,000 from a donor-funded challenge grant. Kosair Charities sent along bags of books, puzzles, and games for the Center’s children along with the check. This year, Kosair Charities launched its Combined Federal Campaign Federation allowing 20 agencies to participate in the federal employees’ workplace giving campaign. Other new programs that will continue to redefine the term “Kosair Charities Supported Agency” are under development and will be announced soon. In the meantime, know that your gifts to Kosair Charities contribute to a powerful network focused on building a community that protects the health and well-being of all of our Kosair Kids®.
United Health Care Workers Put ‘Bears on Patrol’

Have you ever been buried in teddy bears?
Judging by photos of United Health Care employees and friends who were, it looks like a lot of fun.
The people in the pictures were having some laughs recently after UHC capped off a wildly successful Bears on Patrol campaign.

It’s the second time that UHC has collected bears for the program, which is a cooperative effort between Kosair Charities and local law enforcement. Officers from Louisville and Southern Indiana use the stuffed animals to comfort children who are exposed to traumatic situations.

Photo opportunity
Finding a place to keep the bears was challenging, she said. It took Holland two days to count them all.

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The efforts worked beautifully and the bears began rolling in, including 5,000 during the last week of April. They smashed the record by collecting 13,532 bears.

“The poor UPS guy had his hands full,” Holland said with a laugh.

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J & J Hairbows
Jessica Radling, owner of J&J Hairbows, held a stuffed animal drive for Bears on Patrol this spring. Each customer who brought in a new or gently used stuffed animal received a discount on their next order. They collected over 125 stuffed animals for Kosair Kids! A special “thank you” goes to Jessica’s 2-year-old daughter, Addie, for donating some of her own stuffed animals to the pile.

Nasty Gal
Thank you to the online women’s clothing store, Nasty Gal, for hosting a book drive in April. They collected over 275 new books in just 30 days. They had so much fun with the concept that they even had a “dress up like your favorite book character day!” Kosair Charities loves the enthusiasm they have for helping kids.

Jeffersontown Elementary
4th grade Class
raised over $165 for Kosair Kids. Thank you to Mrs. Townsley and her daughter for bringing it by!
High Flyers

The Hurt Family
Dr. James Hurt’s great-grandchildren were on Kosair Charities’ campus in early April to volunteer their time by wrapping presents for our annual Kosair Kids® Holiday Party. The Hurt family has always been a great supporter of Kosair Charities. Thank you to the entire Hurt family for four generations of great volunteers!

Pam Miller Golf Scramble
The fourth annual Pam Miller Memorial Golf Scramble took place on May 10 at Valley View Golf Course in Southern Indiana. The tournament, hosted by Annette Treitz and friends Keri and Susan, began as a way to remember their friend and Kosair Kid®, Pam Miller. The tournament raised over $12,500 for Kosair Charities. Thank you to everyone who attended, participated, and volunteered to make this scramble another great success. We can’t wait to see what the fifth year has in store for us!

Holy Cross High School
Seniors from Holy Cross High School completed their senior service project by collecting stuffed animals for Kosair Kids®. Thank you, Holy Cross, for helping to collect multiple boxes of stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol program!

Sacred Heart Preschool
Sacred Heart Preschool collected 475 new books for Kosair Kids this spring. Because of their help, every child attending our annual holiday party will walk away with a set of books from Santa!

KidStuff Sale
Suzette Decker and staff had another great KidStuff Sale and donated over $750 to Kosair Charities. We are very grateful for our long friendship with such an amazing company. We couldn’t do what we do without help from generous business owners like Suzette Decker. Visit kidstuffsale.com for future KidStuff Consignment sale dates and find out how you can donate and shop at the same time.

Immanuel United Church of Christ
Thank you for donating 225 stuffed animals to Bears on Patrol. The church has had an annual collection for many years. We truly appreciate your support.

Shepherdsville Nichols Family Resource Center (Friends of Rachel Club)
The Shepherdsville Nichols Family Resource Center’s Friends of Rachel Club is a group of 14 fifth graders who have a mission of changing the world through kindness. During their April meeting, they made scarves for Kosair Kids®. This was a great example of kids helping kids and we can’t thank them enough for their hard work and dedication to making the world a better place.

Maupin Elementary School
Students from Maupin Elementary School’s fifth grade class held a stuffed animal drive during March. They collected over 200 stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol program. Thank you, Michelle Goulet, for coordinating the stuffed animal drive and getting the other fifth grade teachers involved in helping Kosair Kids®.

Brotherhood Banquet
Proceeds from the 49th annual Brotherhood Banquet for Kosair Charities were presented by members of the Riasok Shrine Club and the Elizabethtown Knights of Columbus in the amount of $22,000 to Randy Coe, President and CEO of Kosair Charities. Both organizations are already preparing for the 50th anniversary celebration on Feb. 28, 2015.

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Oaks Eve Bash
The inaugural Oaks Eve Bash benefiting Kosair Charities was held at Woodhaven Country Club on May 1. With a donation to Kosair Charities, attendees enjoyed complimentary appetizers, live music and dancing from 7pm-2am. Special thanks to our hosts Steve Linebaugh, Mark Krish, Tom Mercer, Chris McClellan, Sam Phillips and Nick Clark for helping us raise over $20,000 for Kosair Kids®!

Flexible Packaging
Thank you to Flexible Packaging and the Edlin Family for another wonderful year of the Flexible Packaging Golf Scramble. The 2013 tournament raised over $44,000 for Kosair Charities and the Home of the Innocents.

Stopher Elementary School
Stopher Elementary School’s fourth grade class collected stuffed animals for Bears on Patrol. Thank you for helping us help Kosair Kids® in need!

Heads up Pub Triathlon
The second annual Heads Up Pub Triathlon was a huge success. On May 10, competitors teamed up and tried their hand at darts, cornhole and pool to benefit Kosair Charities. Over $1,000 was raised and Kosair Charities donated the money to The Kids Center in honor of Verlon Hogan’s grandson, Kosair Kid® Easton, for his Walk and Roll Team Easton’s Flyers.

Troop 89 from Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thank you to Troop 89 from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, who donated $300 of the money they raised through cookie sales to Kosair Charities. They even brought cookies for our Kosair Kids®.

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For more information on each event, visit Kosair.org

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3rd-5th: St. James Art Fair
4th: Dreams Take Flight
5th: Kosair Kids® at the Zoo
15th: Night at the Zoo
16th: Flexible Packaging
18th: 5K & Parade
20th: UPS Golf Classic
25th: Just “Fore” Kids Golf Classic
26th: Boo to You Halloween Party, Eminence, KY
29th: Kosair Classic
3rd-5th: St. James Art Fair
9th-Nov 2nd: Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular

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