Meet Kosair Kid®
Caden Mills
Kosair Kid® Robert H. Gary: 1960s

Robert Hartwell Gary was only 14 years old when he started having chronic back pain. He immediately complained of the pain to his parents and was taken to a doctor. X-rays were taken in order to determine the course of action. Dr. Kenton Leatherman diagnosed Gary with scoliosis of the spine. Gary was admitted to Kosair Crippled Children Hospital to begin therapy to strengthen his spine before he could have surgery to correct the problem.

While at the hospital, Gary had a long and vigorous daily routine that consisted of therapy, temperature checks and physical activity. He had to wear an uncomfortable back brace for hours on end. After the physical therapy to strengthen Gary’s spine was completed, he was put in a half-body cast that was to be worn until the day of surgery.

Finally, the day for surgery arrived. Dr. Leatherman, whom Gary still proclaims as “the best in the business,” operated for 10 long hours, taking fragments from each vertebra and using them to correct his spine. Gary was on bed rest for four months before he started to walk again.

By the end of Gary’s junior year of high school, he was able to remove his back brace permanently. Gary says he cannot thank Kosair Crippled Children Hospital enough for the care he received throughout his time of need.
It’s funny how one thing leads to another.

After their adopted son Caden was born with multiple handicaps in 2007, Tony and Diane Mills began taking him to the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

Beyond providing a case manager to help coordinate Caden’s treatment regimen, the Commission staff connected the Millses with the Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky.

That organization introduced the family to Kosair Charities. Caden has attended several holiday parties as well as the Kosair Shrine Circus, and two years ago, he walked at the Dreams Take Flight gala.

Then just this summer, Caden was selected to receive a custom playhouse as part of Kosair Charities’ partnership with the Homebuilders Association of Louisville, through its philanthropic arm, the Building Industry Charitable Foundation, and YouthBuild (see related story, page 4).

After being displayed during Home-A-Rama, “Caden’s Lake House” now sits behind the Millses’ house in Taylorsville, Ky., next to the 2-acre lake they share with other homeowners.

Receiving the playhouse, Tony Mills says, “was like hitting the lottery. It’s priceless.”

‘A joy to be around’

Caden, now 6, is handsome, charming, determined and outgoing, which could make it easy to forget the challenges he faces. He was born with spina bifida, hydrocephalus, a club foot and a rocker foot.

A shunt removes fluid from his brain. He has had several leg operations and walks with reciprocal braces and uses a wheelchair. His spina bifida disrupts his bladder and bowel functions. He is prone to seizures.

Caring for him is a full-time job, but the Millses could not be happier.

“There were so many unknown factors,” says Tony, a real estate broker. “They didn’t know if he’d come out of the hospital. … (But) he is the most robust, outgoing kid. He is a joy to be around.”

‘He can wear you out’

Swimming is particularly good occupational therapy, and on most days, Tony works with Caden in their pool.

Diane says nothing stops him from plunging into whatever activity is in front of him. Now in first grade at Spencer County Elementary, he loves school, along with music, swimming, riding his three-wheeler and playing in his sandbox.

“He even break-danced in a recent talent show,” Diane says. “He can wear you out,” Tony adds.

Caden has only asked Diane once about his inability to walk. “He’s holding onto the fact that one day he will,” Tony says.

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With Caden’s Lake House open for business, the fish in Taylorsville, Ky., don’t stand a chance. “We’re gonna catch them all,” proclaimed its proprietor, 6-year-old Caden Mills.

The handsome 8’x12’ playhouse, cedar-red with white trim, sits behind the home of Tony and Diane Mills, Caden’s adoptive parents, on a 2-acre lake. A covered deck on the rear is an easy cast from the water’s edge.

The playhouse is part of a 3-year-old philanthropic partnership among Kosair Charities, the Building Industry Charitable Foundation and YouthBuild, which mentors young adults ages 18-24 while they pursue their GEDs.

It was displayed at this year’s Home-A-Rama at Locust Creek before taking up permanent residency in Taylorsville.

‘I am the Captain’

Caden’s Lake House has a nautical theme, with buoys, nets, hooks (the safe kind), floats and porthole mirrors.

There’s a fishing pole-holder (Tony’s request) and a sign that reads, “The Captain is Always Right — And I am the Captain.” A flat screen TV hangs on the wall opposite a bunk bed.

The playhouses are also meant to function therapeutically, so Caden’s has an open floor plan that lets him get around easily on his hands and knees, which he does with amazing speed, and a low butcher block peninsula with blue stools and a Davy Jones locker tucked underneath.

Hands-on experience

Tara Brinkmoeller, vice president of public affairs and communication for the Homebuilders Association of Louisville, which formed the BCIF, said the playhouse project has been embraced by the professional community. This year, contractor Michael Isaac lent his expertise, as did architect Gant Jones and interior designer Leigh Stines. About 10 YouthBuild clients handled the construction.

“We’re excited to partner with YouthBuild and Kosair Charities, not only to provide a playhouse to aid in the therapy and growth of a Kosair Kid®, but also to provide workforce development and mentorship to YouthBuild students,” Brinkmoeller said.

YouthBuild’s Drew Hickok, who oversaw the project, said the project provides hands-on construction experience, and also gives him an opening to talk to students about life issues.

“There’s a profound irony in being able to say, ‘I know you’ve had it rough — there’s no fairness in it — but there are people out there with more challenges than you have, who are happy. So there’s no reason to think you can’t be happy,’” Hickok said.
WWE Superstar Damien Sandow Supports Kosair Charities

On May 8, WWE superstar Damien Sandow arrived in Louisville to support his charity of choice—Kosair Charities. Damien visited Kosair Charities’ campus, as well as the kids at many of our supported agencies such as Visually Impaired Pre-School (VIPS), and Down Syndrome of Louisville.

He also dropped by Louisville Slugger Field to throw out the first pitch on May 10th as an advocate of Kosair Charities.

When asked how he came to make Kosair Charities his charity of choice, Damien replied:

“Being fortunate enough to live in Louisville for 5 years, I came to know the community and Kosair Charities well. As a fabric of this community for over 90 years, they have served hundreds of thousands of children. They allow kids to live their dreams and I want to be a part of it!”

During his visit, Damien also joined the Face It Movement in support of eliminating child abuse. More information on Face It and how Kosair Charities is partnering with numerous local agencies to assist in ending child abuse in Kentucky can be found on page 13.

We are excited about the awareness and energy that Damien Sandow has brought to Kosair Charities. We look forward to continuing our partnership into the future.
Philanthropy (fi-lăn’thrō-pē)

Philanthropy is a fancy word for a simple concept. When we hear it, we tend to think of stories we have heard of the very wealthy making extremely large gifts. That thinking can lead us to believe that philanthropy is best left to the rich and famous. In reality, anyone who wishes to increase the well-being of humanity can be a philanthropist.

At Kosair Charities we depend on the kindness of thousands of strangers who respond to our annual solicitations. These gifts come in all amounts, they are all genuinely appreciated, and they all make a difference for our Kosair Kids®. A variety of ways are available to let our donors give in the way that is most manageable for their budget. For example, gifts can be made online, through payroll deduction at many workplace campaigns, or through monthly credit card auto-pay.

Forward-thinking donors have many options to use planned and deferred giving to help them accomplish their long-term philanthropic goals. Leaving a charitable bequest in a will is one of the most commonly used and simplest ways to incorporate philanthropy into estate plans. Life insurance, individual retirement accounts, trusts and charitable gift annuities also make it possible to leave a lasting legacy to benefit Kosair Kids®. Philanthropists who own appreciated securities may also have the opportunity to make significant gifts now and minimize the financial impact on their net worth.

The ways and amounts that we give may vary significantly, but the joy that comes from our endeavors intended to benefit the well-being of humanity is much the same. Whether considering short- or long-term philanthropic planning, opportunities to work with the experts are plentiful. Financial planners, attorneys, and accountants all have knowledge that can be beneficial.

Kosair Charities staff members are also valuable sources of information and can help in developing personal, custom philanthropic plans. Please call 502-637-7696 for more information.

Join the Big Wheel Bicycle Club

Give a Kosair Kid a new bike for the holidays!

Become a member of the Big Wheel Bicycle Club by donating a new bike and helmet to be given away during our annual Kosair Kids® Holiday Party,
or by making a monetary donation to the Big Wheel Bicycle Club fund.
The average cost of a bike and helmet is $100.00, but every donation—no matter the size— aids in sending a child home from our holiday party with a brand new bike!

Contact Stephanie Smith at (502) 637-7696 ext. 104 or ssmith@kosair.org for more information on how to give.

Please make all checks payable to:
Kosair Charities
Attn: Big Wheel Bicycle Club
PO Box 37370
Louisville, KY 40233

“...Endeavors... intended to increase the well-being of humanity”
Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2013

The Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame held its annual induction banquet on June 13 at the Crowne Plaza. Seven inductees joined the well-respected Hall of Fame’s athletes, coaches, sports personalities and venues. The 2013 inductees, which include Donna Bender Moir, Calvin Borel, Jerry Carroll, Julie Ditty, Pervis Ellison, Bo McMillin and Dwayne Woodruff, 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.

Three of Kentucky’s finest high school athletes, sponsored by Ellis and Badenhausen, were honored as Kentucky High School Athletes of the Year. James Quick, graduate of Trinity High School and future University of Louisville football player, was honored as the male athlete of the year. Makayla Epps, graduate of Marion County High School, and Rebecca Greenwell, graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School, were honored as the co-female athletes of the year.

In addition to honoring many deserving athletes, the induction banquet and silent auction raised over $58,000 for our Kosair Kids®. Congratulations to the seven athletes that became the newest inductees of the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame!

Pictured from left to right:
Back row: Jim Ellis (President of the KAHF Board), Dwayne Woodruff, Julie Ditty, Calvin Borel, Rebecca Greenwell, Dick Gabriel (MC)
Front Row: Jerry Carroll, Jane Bubier (daughter of Bo McMillin), Pervis Ellison, Donna Bender-Moir

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For The Kids
June 13, 2013
Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame
Kosair Charities is Thankful for Give a Day 2013

Mayor Greg Fischer’s Give A Day week was a huge success for Kosair Charities! From April 15-19, volunteers came to the Sam Swope Kosair Charities Centre on Eastern Parkway to wrap gifts, assemble bikes for the holiday party and sort and tag stuffed animals for the Bears on Patrol Program.

The response was phenomenal: 104 volunteers donated a total of 312 hours of services to Kosair Charities over five days.

Thanks to them, we have more than 5,000 stuffed animals ready to be sent to law enforcement agencies, more than 1,500 Beanie Babies ready to be given to Kosair Kids®, 18 bikes ready to give away at our annual holiday party and every gift we will need for the 2013 holiday party is wrapped and ready to go.

Kosair Charities was also lucky enough to have the founder of Give A Day, Mayor Fischer, stop by and donate his time to the Bears on Patrol Program. Mayor Fischer thanked our volunteers for helping Louisville to be the most compassionate city in the world.

Stephanie Smith, Kosair Charities Special Events and Program Manager, said, “When I put the request for volunteers on the Give A Day website I had no idea what type of response we would receive. I ended up opening up more time slots because they filled so quickly. Every volunteer came ready to work. They got what would usually take us about 6 months done in 5 days!”

The volunteers’ efforts allowed Kosair Charities to send out more stuffed animals to more police stations through Bears on Patrol than ever before.
This would not have been possible without the help of Give A Day. Kosair Charities is thankful to all of the individuals and groups that helped, including Metro Corrections, Humana, Horseshoe Casino, Park Community Federal Credit Union, Day Spring and many other companies that graciously allowed their employees to give back to the community.

Thanks to Give A Day, Kosair Charities has formed partnerships with many of the volunteers, and they have continued to give their time, talents and teddy bears to Kosair Charities. We are already looking forward to Give A Day 2014.
Meagan Geary knows firsthand the importance of a medical home. Her 2-year-old son Brayden was born with a variety of complex medical problems. Geary’s University of Louisville pediatrician diagnosed many of his health problems and helped her connect with the pediatric specialists her child needed.

“Early intervention helped Brayden overcome challenges that may not have been detected if his care hadn’t been so carefully managed,” Geary told nearly 200 people gathered to celebrate the opening of UofL’s new pediatric medical/dental home on July 10 at the Sam Swope Kosair Charities Centre. “That kind of careful management can only exist in a medical home.”

This new medical/dental home is a joint project of UofL and Kosair Charities.

Kosair Charities donated 12,500 square feet of renovated space for two clinics: UofL Department of Pediatrics at Kosair Charities and UofL School of Dentistry at Kosair Charities. The estimated value of this agreement is $3.7 million over 15 years.

“We are so grateful to Kosair Charities for helping us create a medical/dental home that is welcoming to all children—from the toddler whose autism makes dental care a challenge, to the neighborhood teen who needs a sports physical,” said UofL President James Ramsey.

“This new collaborative project builds on 90 years of working together and positions UofL and Kosair Charities for decades of service to future generations of Kosair Kids,” said Jerry Ward, chairman of the board for Kosair Charities.

The two practices will serve a broad mix of children, including kids like Brayden, whose families participate in Family Scholar House, children receiving services elsewhere on the Kosair Charities campus, neighborhood children, and children who are uninsured or under-insured.

General Pediatrics Office

The general pediatrics office has nine exam rooms, a lab and separate sick- and well-child reception areas. Dr. Erica Labar began seeing patients in the Eastern Parkway office on July 1. A second pediatrician will join her in 2014.

“We offer comprehensive services for children from birth through young adulthood—well-child check-ups, care for acute illnesses, chronic disease management, immunizations, education and testing,” Labar said.

For an appointment with pediatrician, Dr. Erica Labar, call 502-852-7170.

Pediatric Dental Office

The pediatric dental office will open in the fall, under the leadership of Dr. Ann Greenwell. The clinical space will be outfitted with six dental chairs and equipped to meet the special needs of autistic and physically-challenged children.

The dental clinic will provide comprehensive care including routine exams, fillings, treatment for trauma, mouth guards for athletes and orthodontic care.

To schedule an appointment with a pediatric dentist, call 502-852-5642.
Kids in Kentucky and Southern Indiana with special needs received great news on July 26 when Kosair Charities and the Louisville Pediatric Therapy Center announced a partnership to provide an array of much-needed health-care services.

The building formerly known as Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Center—Easter Seals will now be known as the East Campus of Kosair Charities and will house Louisville Pediatric Therapeutic Clinic, Heuser Hearing Institute and Bluegrass Center for Autism. All three organizations will reside on the property rent-free, thanks to Kosair Charities.

Notable guests at the press conference included Jerry Ward and Randy Coe of Kosair Charities, Jeff Ratanapool of Louisville Pediatric Therapeutic Clinic, Brett Bachmann of Heuser Hearing Institute, Susan Fowler of the Academy at St. Andrew’s, Jeffersontown Mayor Bill Dieruf, Louisville Metro Councilman Stuart Benson, Glen Stuckel and, of course, kids and representatives from each agency.

Here at Kosair Charities, we are excited about our East Campus expansion, which will assist in furthering our mission—helping children in need.
Kosair Kid’s Fashion Show Raises Funds and Awareness for Kosair Charities

Kosair Kid® and Louisville Metro Councilman David James and his wife, Michelle, hosted the Fountain for Youth Red Carpet Fashion Show in Old Louisville’s St. James Court on June 1. The inaugural black-tie event featured hors d’oeuvres and desserts catered by Vincenzo’s Italian Restaurant and fashions provided by Rodeo Drive. All proceeds from the show benefitted Kosair Charities.

Kosair Charities is near and dear to the Jameses, because as a young boy, David wore braces on his legs. He has fond memories of Kosair Charities, including the compassion with which both he and his mother, who was in a wheelchair during his appointments, were treated.

The fashion show featured daytime and evening fashions modeled by local celebrities, including Madeline Abramson, Rene Brown, Candyce Cliff, Ken Reiss, Lisa Doyle, Chris Hartman, Major Kim Kraeszig, Tony Lindauer, Barbara Sexton Smith, Jerry Miller, Karl Price, Judge Jennifer Bryant Wilcox and Randy Coe. The show was emceed by Dawne Gee and David James, and Mayor Greg Fischer stopped by to show his support.

With the help of sponsors, including Brown Forman, a great time was had by all who attended. David and Michelle are already hard at work planning next year’s event.

Above, Griffin Meredith, Sarah Davenport, Charlie and Mindy Farnsley.

Below, Metro Councilman David James and wife Michelle hosted a beautiful evening.
Face It: Kosair Charities and 15 Community Partners Collaborate to End Child Abuse

We find ourselves in the oven called “summer time” in Louisville. Every day seems to get hotter, more humid, and a bit steamier. Those are the exact weather conditions that my wife recalls from her Louisville childhood. And as Judy reminisces about those kinds of summers in the 1950s, she remembers the one absolute issue that panicked her mom – polio.

Her mom traded prevention “folk wisdom” with neighbors – mid-afternoon rest, no public swimming pools, even a special homemade lemonade as some magical elixir. And it’s no wonder. In the early 1950s, polio claimed almost 60,000 victims every summer, including some 3,000 deaths. And then groups like Kosair Charities faced it. They supported the persistent research and a decade later, polio was a forgotten threat.

Now, half a century later, Kosair Charities is stepping up to face another threat to children in the Louisville community – abuse. As Kosair Charities celebrated its 90th birthday this past April, the leaders announced they were intent on eliminating abuse with the same vigor and intensity applied to eradicating polio. The goal of the Face It Campaign – Louisville will be child abuse free by 2023!

The work has begun. Capitalizing on a collaborative effort involving over 15 partner organizations, Face It launched a multi-faceted offensive to protect Louisville’s children. As an example, the Policy Team is developing a research-based agenda around policies that can form a wall of protection around children. That agenda calls for action in Frankfort and at City Hall.

Another aspect of the Face It playbook focuses efforts around primary and secondary prevention with the involvement of certain key groups. Medical and child care professionals, volunteers and leaders in youth serving organizations (e.g., athletic leagues, scouts, community centers), and K-12 educators can be the faces that help end child abuse when they are properly trained. Led by respected professionals in each sector, each of those Face It groups is preparing innovative ways to raise both awareness and skill sets to prevent abuse from ever happening.

One of the Face It efforts that I find most compelling is centered on young people themselves. What can we do to ensure that children know how to protect themselves? And how can we begin to prepare the parents of tomorrow through programs that teach about safe relationships as adolescents mature? Those are the kinds of questions that children and their adult champions are beginning to answer around the Face It youth component.

Every citizen in Louisville can become involved as an advocate to eliminate abuse through the Face It Ambassador Program. Find out more about that phase of the campaign by contacting Theresa Raidy at Kosair Charities at traidy@kosair.org.

It would be easy for Kosair Charities to play it safe at its “age” and high status in the community. It could just continue to pursue the many noble and uplifting programs and projects that have always marked its generosity. But that is not the history of Kosair Charities. This is the group that put iron lungs out of commission. Given that legacy and the unique way in which Kosair Charities has engaged an array of exemplary community partners, I’m willing to make a bet. When the candles are lit on Kosair’s centennial birthday cake, I do believe that we will proclaim that “Louisville’s kids are abuse free in 2023.”

For more information regarding the Face It Campaign, go to www.faceitabuse.org or contact Greta Aschbacher at gaschbacher@kyyouth.org or by phone, 502-895-8167.

Face It Partners

The founding partners of the Face It Campaign are listed below.

- Boys and Girls Haven
- CASA
- Center for Women and Families
- Department for Community Based Services (DCBS)
- Doctors and Lawyers for Kids
- Exploited Children’s Help Organization (ECHO)
- Family and Children’s Place
- Home of the Innocents
- Jewish Family and Career Services
- Kentucky Courts
- Kentucky Youth Advocates
- Louisville Metro Police Foundation
- Maryhurst
- Our Lady of Peace – Kentucky
- One Health
- Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
- Sunrise Children’s Services
- University of Louisville Uspiritus

By Dr. Terry Brooks, Executive Director, Kentucky Youth Advocates
Kosair Charities FallFest, celebrating 90 years

In celebration of our 90th anniversary, the Kosair Charities FallFest, presented by Sam Swope Auto Group, will be a Saturday of family fun with live music, a massive children's play area, festival food, a car raffle, and, of course, the Kosair Kid® Reunion Tent. Inspired by the Kosair Charities Picnic from the 1950s, the Kosair Charities FallFest will be held at The Sam Swope Kosair Charities Centre, 982 Eastern Parkway, on Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Do you know a Kosair Kid®? The reunion tent will be dedicated to all Kosair Kids®, young and young at heart. From those who were treated at the Kosair Crippled Children Hospital to those who were helped by our supported agencies, the Kosair Kid® Reunion Tent commemorates our mission: helping children for 90 years and counting.

Admission is free, and the entire community is invited. J.D. Shelburne, ‘The Monarchs, Kosair Kid® Randy Mullins, Reminisce, and June Kelly & Roy will perform music from every decade from the 1920s to now. The Fun Zone includes activities, games, and bouncies with the option to pay to play per attraction or choose an unlimited attraction wristband!

FallFest would not be complete without everyone’s favorite concessions, including corn dogs, fries, and rib-eye sandwiches plus soft drinks and draft beer.

We also have a treat for car enthusiasts. Bob Beatty will be selling chances to win a 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air with a 265 engine, with the proceeds to help Kosair Kids®!

The Kosair Charities FallFest will be an unforgettable experience to applaud 90 years of giving. Volunteer opportunities and partnerships are available. Please contact Erin Fischer, Kosair Charities Director of Communications and Special Events, today at 502-637-7696 ext. 108 or efischer@kosair.org to get involved. Come celebrate Kosair Charities: 90 never looked so good!

Please join Kosair Charities for a light lunch, fellowship with other Kosair Charities supporters, and an opportunity to hear from top medical leaders in the region.

Lunch & Learn is presented compliments of Kosair Charities but space is limited. Call 502.637.7696 or email traidy@kosair.org to make your reservation.

October 23, 2013 — 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Terry Brooks, Executive Director
Kentucky Youth Advocates

Mr. Brooks will discuss child abuse and the startling statistics that go along with it, and what we can do about them. Join us to learn more about the Face It Movement and how through information, engagement, and action we can all be a part of putting an end to child abuse and neglect.

We hope to see you soon!
High Flyers

Pam Miller Memorial Golf Scramble:
The third annual Pam Miller Memorial Golf Scramble took place May 18 at Valley View Golf Course in Southern Indiana. The tournament, hosted by Annetta Treitz and friends, began as a way to remember their friend and Kosair Kid®, Pam Miller, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2010. This year, the scramble raised over $11,700 for Kosair Charities. Thank you to all who attended and made the scramble another huge success.

Fourth Annual Co-Ed Softball Tournament:
The Palmer family hosted their annual softball tournament for Kosair Kids®, like their daughter Lexi, on July 27 at Dawley Park in Radcliff, Ky. The day included a double elimination softball tournament and a huge kids fair. This event was fun for the whole family, and raised $15,200 for Kosair Charities. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this tournament and to the committee and sponsors who made it possible.

Derby City Comic Con:
Thanks to everyone who came out to the Kentucky International Convention Center on June 29 for Derby City Comic Con. For the second year in a row, Kosair Charities was the charity of choice for this event. The silent auction brought in $700, and our volunteers had a great time hanging out with some self-made superheroes.

The Magic and the Wonder:
The annual Magic and the Wonder show took place on May 19 at the Louisville Palace. The show included performances by The Great Kaplan, quick change artist David and Dania, illusionist Jason Bishop, Pat and Janice Miller, and surprise guest Mac King. Proceeds are split between Kosair Charities and The Kids Center; this year’s show grossed over $65,000.
Louisville Free Public Library:
Thank you to the Louisville Free Public Library for donating used children’s books to Kosair Charities. These books will be used in the waiting rooms of the new University of Louisville pediatric and dental clinics on the Kosair Charities Campus. (See page 10)

Stanley Walker Day:
On May 18, Stanley Walker’s hometown of Grand Rivers, Ky., held a special day in his honor, at which he played guitar and helped raise money for Kosair Charities. Stanley, a Kosair Kid® in the 1940s, spent five years in and out of Kosair Crippled Children Hospital after developing a rare bone disease. Stanley became a professional musician, and has been inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame.

Henryville Playground:
Henryville was among the Indiana communities devastated by a tornado in March 2012. More than 2,000 families lost their homes, and the town’s elementary school, as well as many safe places for the town’s children to play outdoors, were damaged or destroyed. When a major donation to rebuild a playground in Henryville fell through at the last minute, the town thought it may not be able to happen. Fifteen minutes after hearing the story, Kosair Charities stepped in to fulfill the $15,000 donation that had been lost. On May 18, the playground was built and opened to the public.

“Building this playground is a symbol of this community’s resilience in the wake of the tragic storm 14 months ago,” said Jon Banet, general manager of Henryville Youth Sports Association. “We are grateful to the AmeriHealth Caritas Partnership, MD-Wise Hoosier Alliance, St. Francis Xavier and Kosair Charities for helping us bring Henryville back as a stronger, healthier community.”

Order of the Eastern Star Donation:
Members of the J.R. Dink Dink Chapter 347 OES are pictured presenting a check to Kosair Charities. The chapter held various fundraisers to help support our Kosair Kids®.

BBQ, Blues, & Bike Festival:
The Elizabethtown Heritage Council held their inaugural BBQ, Blues, & Bike Festival on May 25. Proceeds from the bike ride were given to Kosair Charities. In the photo are members of the board of directors of the heritage council and city officials.

Hooters Hop:
Sean Arms and The Kentucky Widow’s Sons held their fourth annual Hooters Hop on June 15. The event was open to all motorcycles and cars. Participants drove to multiple Hooters locations for a poker run and ended the day with some delicious wings. This was the second year the Hooters Hop benefited Kosair Charities, and this year it brought in $5,000 to support our Kosair Kids®.
Thank you to all the individuals and groups who made in-kind gifts or donated their time to Kosair Charities from mid-May through mid-July. We are always collecting stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol Program, and new bikes, wagons, toys and books to be given away at our Holiday Party, as well as looking for volunteers to help with day-to-day office work. We truly appreciate all those who have helped us in the past few months:

Elaine Heller at Goss Lane Kroger
Clarksville Elementary School
Christina Arnold
Kathy Kirchdorfer
World Exposition
Josie and Emmie Matter
Robert Ray
Faurecia Interior Systems
Shannon McMichael
Xtel Financial Services
Norman at Rite Aid (Jeffersonville, Ind.)
Pat Combs
Kristen Byrnes
Ebonique Griffin
Hunter, Sarah and Chris Showalter
Joe Vittitow
Rock Creek Academy
Major Ashby & Metro Corrections
Julia Wheeldon
Erin Nevitt and her Girl Scout troop
Melissa Tucker
Charlie and Kathy Dobson
Art and Dorothy Davis
Jim and Carol Simpson
Brianna Thurman
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Bob Harker
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Debbie Rathbun
Dr. Tom and Joy Raley
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Ruben Pavlov and Metro Corrections
Lisa Schaffer
Amy Sprinkle
The Casey Family

** Only names of those who gave their information at the front desk or with their donation are listed. If you have given a non-monetary donation between May 15 and July 22 and are not listed, please email Stephanie at ssmith@kosair.org so you can be included in the next issue of Kite Tales. **

Camp Quality:
On June 23 Kosair Charities once again hosted the Camp Quality send-off cookout. Camp Quality, a Kosair Charities grant recipient, is a weeklong camp for children who have cancer or are in remission. A very special thank you goes out to Phi Delta Epsilon and Triangle Fraternity for volunteering for this event, and to members of the St. George Lodge for manning the grill and making a donation to Camp Quality.

Watterson Elementary Donation:
Students from Watterson Elementary held a penny war during March Madness and all proceeds were donated to Kosair Charities. Fifth grader Aubri Stevenson wrote the following about her penny war experience: “When people think about competition, they think there is only one winner and one loser, but in this case, everyone is a winner. Numerous kids gave up a few pennies or a few dollars and gave it to a great cause. And that’s what being a winner is all about. I think what I learned during the penny war was, little kids, like us donating a little spare change can make a huge difference. Every kid donated a few pennies or a dollar – and that made us winners. And that’s what’s most important.”

NSRA Appreciation Day:
On June 23, street rods filled the Kosair Charities parking lot for the National Street Rod Association Appreciation Day. Chances were sold on the 1955 Chevy Bel-Air that Kosair Charities will be giving away on Nov. 8, and the crowd enjoyed a cookout and mingling with other car enthusiasts. Kosair Charities is grateful to have a wonderful partnership with the NSRA and appreciates their efforts to help us raise funds for children in Kentucky needing organ transplants.
Sam Swope Road Rally:
The 14th annual Sam Swope Road Rally was held on July 21, beginning at Sam Swope Auto Group on Hurstbourne Lane, heading south to Makers Mark, and ending at the Kosair Shrine Temple. The weather was beautiful, and hundreds of bikers, including former Kosair Kids*, riders from Florida, and supporters from around the state, came out for some “fun with a purpose,” as Sam Swope calls it. In its 14 years, the Sam Swope Road Rally has raised over $1 million for Kosair Kids*. Sam helped to raise $143,000 this year. He says, “We ride so Kosair Kids* can walk.”

ReRun Adopt a Thoroughbred:
Mine That Bird, 2009 Kentucky Derby winner, painted a “Moneigh” while at the Kentucky Derby Museum, and the painting was auctioned off, with proceeds benefiting Kosair Charities and ReRun, a thoroughbred aftercare program. The painting brought in over $500. Another Mine That Bird original will be auctioned off at the Just Fore Kids Golf Classic this summer to benefit the two organizations. We are excited to have this new partnership with ReRun.

Heads Up Pub Triathlon:
Usually when you hear the word triathlon, you think of swimming, biking and running – this triathlon was a little different. The inaugural Heads Up Pub Triathlon consisted of darts, cornhole and pool. On May 11, Verlon Hogan and his friends raised $1,800 for Kosair Charities. Kosair Charities donated the money raised to The Kids Center in honor of Verlon’s grandson, Kosair Kid® Easton, for his Walk and Roll Team “Easton’s Flyers.”

BBC Art Fair:
Bluegrass Brewing Co., local brewery and restaurant, hosted an art fair on June 22. The goal was to show support for local artists and raise money for Dare to Care and Kosair Charities. The festival brought in $280 for Kosair Kids*. Thanks, BBC St. Matthews!
Bluegrass Indoor Karting:
Bluegrass Indoor Karting held a Race-A-Thon on July 23 to raise money for Kosair Kids. The endurance race featured three heats in which kids ages 7 and up drove 100 laps to raise money for Kosair Charities. Kids asked friends, family and local businesses to pledge money for each lap completed. The event raised $5,813.

HomeFit:
Each month, a small portion of every member’s monthly dues at the HomeFit Personal Training Center in St. Matthews goes to charity. Members vote on which charity should receive the donation each month. In April, HomeFit members chose Kosair Charities as their charity of choice and donated $200 for our Kosair Kids.

Whayne Supply Co.:
Whayne Supply Co. is celebrating its 100th birthday this year, and during this celebration, their staff collected 667 stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol Program. Thank you, Whayne Supply, and best wishes for your next 100 years.

Media Reception:
Thank you to everyone who attended the Kosair Charities Media Reception on July 23. A special thanks goes to Horse-shoe Winery for providing refreshments.
Kosair Charities

FallFest

Music Performances by:

- J.D. Shelburne
- The Monarchs
- Kosair Kid® Randy Mullins
- Reminisce
- June Kelley-Roy

Live Music - Beer
Kids FunZone - Festival Food
Kosair Kid Reunion Tent

Where: Kosair Charities Campus
982 Eastern Parkway
Louisville, KY 40217

When: Saturday, October 12th
Time: 11:00am-10:00pm

Celebrating 90 Years

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