

THE "SLY" SPOTLIGHT

Our first fundraiser in Seaford, was very exciting for us, we were just getting started and we had a lot of support here. A friend at work rushed into my office after spotting a flyer advertising the dance and said "Let me help you, my sister has a Sign business and I want her to make a sign for you. That sign opened a very large doorway for us.

Sly Designs is the business and the graphic artist is Sylvia Brohawn (our fundraiser). Well you might ask yourself, how did they talk her into that? Actually she talked herself into it; after that first sign, there were other projects. Then she nominated us to be the recipient of a 100 foot Mural.

The Delmarva Sign Association donated their talent and efforts to leave a lasting memory of The Kaitlin Marie Bell Foundation. The Day Wall 2000 was made as one we will always remember.

By the time we finished working on the wall together Sylvia told me that she wasn't going to be the fundraiser for the Mural in 2001, she was going to be the fundraiser for the KMB foundation. And so began a very special relationship. She was so excited that her husband caught the bug and we now have two fundraisers! Sylvia has been very dedicated and during one bowling season made over \$1000.00 selling 50/50's at her bowling league night. She is a tireless worker (as is her husband) thinking of ways to earn money. It doesn't have to be a large project as she says the nickels and dimes add up. Sylvia and John we salute you and your hard work.... Thank you!

REFLECTIONS

by Rebecca Bell

In retrospect I can almost visualize all the hours that have gone into The Kaitlin Marie Bell Foundation. Many of these hours are unknown to the majority of people and each of us has given up something else to write that column again, reward the mission statement or revise the application.

There have been countless hours spent on the phone, calling for prizes for a fundraiser, calling someone we heard could give us a special lead, or calling someone back who left a message on voice mail only to find out it was a wrong number. Spending hours decorating for a dance only to find out that the World Series started playing that same night and attendance was poor. Standing all day at WalMart to inform everyone of our foundation and cause. And last, but certainly not least, all of the hours, days, and weeks of doing nothing else but printing, folding, labeling, stuffing, and addressing envelopes.

All of these things were worth it and more. We have also had very loyal followers who were willing to help us. They were and are all volunteers who help at our functions, auction prizes, or sell tickets to help us raise money. Yes, some of this is stressful and hard work, but it is nothing compared to the struggle and hard work that all mentally and physically challenged children and their families have to go through each and every day. I watched Kaitlin work very hard and was constantly amazed at the things she was able to relax and accomplish. Her past hard work is what keeps me going.

Jim and Teisha have worked harder than anybody, living the foundation every single day for almost three years. Now it is time for a fresh start for them in Richmond, Virginia. The foundation has also moved, but not so far south. The foundation head-quarters have moved to Seaford, Delaware. We do not want to lose anyone on the board so we are attempting internet meetings! The newsletter has a new address and phone number for donations and information, as well as a new look. We will have more informative articles so that we can explain the challenges our recipients go through every day. Please join us as we continue to grow!

SLY DESIGNS HOSTS

THE LOWER DELAWARE LATE MODEL CAR SHOW

AND

RUNT RELAY RACES FOR

THE KAITLIN MARIE BELL FOUNDATION, INC.

The Lower Delaware Late Model Car Show at Sly Designs was a huge success with a registration of 99 cars. A portion of the registration was donated to The Kaitlin Marie Bell Foundation, Inc., as the proceeds of the Runt Relay Races. Jack O'Day of Seaford Schwinn donated the Runt bikes for the race.

Thirty relay races took place. The 1st place winner was Frank McConnell, 17 of Seaford. The 2nd Place winner was Raymond Bryan, 10 of Seaford. The Kaitlin Marie Bell Foundation would like to thank Sly Designs, The Lower Delaware Late Model Car Club and all of the participants in this event for their assistance in raising funds for special needs children. (below is the photo of the 1st & 2nd place winners)



1st & 2nd Place Winners

On October 27, 2001 we held a second tournament at Milford Bowling Lanes in Milford, Delaware. Dot and John Brohawn Sr. again registered everyone who played. Approximately 50 people bowled but the winners names were not available when this newsletter went to press. The Kaitlin Marie Bell Foundation would like to thank everyone at the Milford Bowling Lanes for hosting our tournament, especially Jeff Fry who was our contact person. Kudos to you!



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