

Reflections

Acts of Grace Foundation • Small Deeds, Big Difference

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A Note from the Founder

Thank you to all of our volunteers! This year National Volunteer Week was celebrated April 21-27, 2013. I cannot say enough kind words about our volunteers. A couple of weeks ago Acts of Grace celebrated its 5 year anniversary; we would not have reached this milestone without the time and talent of every single one of our volunteers. Each individual is appreciated. Whether you are a volunteer that has served or currently serves on our Board of Directors, lends a hand at a bag/box stuffing on a Saturday afternoon, picks up our publications from the printers, fills bas-



kets for Carnival Night, pushes an ice cream cart, updates the book list on an excel spreadsheet, delivers flowers, plans Craft Night, paints nails on Spa Night, creates a new logo, wears a headband at Game Night, drives wine across four states for our Silent Auction, writes descriptions on bid sheets, transports silent auction items to the Children's Museum, updates the website, stuffs grab bags for hours, picks up flowers to create them into gorgrous arrangements, drives 2.5 hours to deliver items like razors or chapstick to our moms: YOU are priceless to Acts of Grace Foundation. Because of YOU we

have been able to transform a small deed into a big difference for pregnant women on hospital bedrest. Because of YOU we are able to reach out to women and their loved ones that find them-



selves in an isolated time that can cause emotional, physical

and financial stress. Cheers to YOU and Thank YOU for sharing your time and your talent to Acts of Grace Foundation.

Marlena

Upcoming Events and News

Local Denver 7 news anchor, Mitch Jelniker, recently honored founder, Marlena Diedrich with a 7 Everyday Hero award. The story will air beginning Mother's Day: May 12 at 10 pm



May 13 at 5 am
May 16 at 11 am
May 18 at 5 pm
May 19 at 7 am

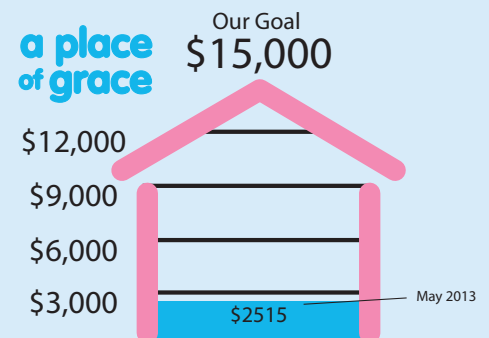
CONGRATULATIONS MARLENA!

The story will then appear on the 7News website beginning 5/14 or 5/15 www.thedenverchannel.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our annual Carnival

Night (Sept. 21). We will need help before, during and after. Please contact us at joseff@actsofgrace-foundation.org if you are interested. We are also collecting items for the silent auction (event tickets, gift baskets, gift cards, etc).



A DVD PLAYER HAS BEEN DONATED!

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Looking for an easy, quick way to contribute to Acts of Grace Foundation? When you are searching or purchasing goods on the internet, use goodsearch/goodshop and help support us! Check it out today! Go to goodsearch.com or goodshop.com to begin contributing. When you see "who do you goodsearch for?" simply type in *Acts of Grace Foundation* then click "verify". AoGF will receive a penny for every search you make. It may not sound like a lot, but those pennies add up quickly and make a big difference every day.



In addition to our other fundraising methods, GoodSearch donations help us fund many of the gifts and services we provide for our families. To those of you who are already participating, thanks for your support!



We currently have 25 recurring donors that participate \$7 on the Seventh. If you are interested please go to www.actsofgracefoundation.org and click on the \$7 on the Seventh logo. small deeds, big difference.

Letters from Families

If you ever wondered if your donation or time is making a difference, rest assured it is. The following letters are notes from a few of our AoGF families. Thanks to the many committed volunteers and donors for making a positive difference for pregnant moms on hospital bed rest!

Dear Volunteers and Donors of AoGF,

This being my first hospital stay I was unprepared. Opening the gift bad to find such simple but much needed items was a blessing. In the hustle and bustle of Air Life you definitely are not remembering you will need a razor or cotton swabs. As I continue to pull out items I realize how much the small things can really mean and how grateful I am to have them. I know very little about this foundation, but it has gained my attention and support. I cannot fine the right words to describe my gratitude so I shall just end by saying Thank You.

Sincerely, Expecting Mom

Dear AoGF,

Thank You for the gift bag. It means a lot to know that someone cares. Thank you for all that you do.

Room 310

Dear Marlana,

I cannot thank your organization enough for my goodie bag that arrived at the hospital today. It totally made my day and was such a nice surprise. Today is day 12 here and I am 30 weeks along. The razor was certainly needed as I did not have one. My daughter has really enjoyed her bag as well. She has especially enjoyed the playing cards. Your thoughtfulness means so much.

A Mom at Wellington Regional

Dear Acts of Grace Foundation,

I wanted to take a minute to thank all of you. I have been a patient at P/SL for 5 weeks now and am from Nebraska. It is very touching to me and my family all

that you do for all of us here. It is heart warming to know that myself and those like me are remembered by you all. All my best and thanks again.

P/SL Medical Center Mom

Dear Acts of Grace Foundation:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness to me in my recent stay at Swedish Hospital in the Labor and Delivery Unit. I received a gift bag with goodies and a bucket with comfort items. It was so nice to know that I was thought of during my 2 week stay. I am so very thankful for your thoughtfulness. Thank you again.

Swedish Medical Center Mom

SAVE THE DATE!



September 21, 6-9 pm