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national craniofacial acceptance month

Beyond the Face is a Heart

across the nation, CCA families, friends, volunteers and related support groups are widening the circle of acceptance of individuals with facial differences. The goal of this grassroots effort is to educate the public to realize that **beyond the face is a heart** and the true person within.

In addition to raising awareness and acceptance, CCA is raising funds to support the programs and services available to children and adults with facial differences and their families. When you receive your **widening the circle of acceptance** envelope, we hope you will join this important effort.



message from the program director

Is it just me, or is the smell of chocolate still in the air? Have you ever seen as much chocolate in one place in your life as you did at this year's CCA Family Retreat in Hershey, PA?

This year was the largest retreat, and might have been the most rewarding for the CCA staff—we hope it was just as rewarding for all who attended.

With a huge crowd also comes a huge amount of preparation. CCA is so fortunate to have many families and friends willing to jump right in and do any

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Lester and his mom, Darnell, have fun at the dinner-dance at this summer's retreat in Hershey, PA.

Lester LaBrake is two years old and lives in Lee Center, NY. He lives with his mom, 14-year-old brother Jason and 12-year-old sister Ciara.

Lester attends a United Cerebral Palsy Center twice a week for speech therapy and developmental play group. He is doing a great job in speech therapy and has made lots of progress. The play group helps Lester interact with children his age. At the group they color, work on craft projects, participate in gym activities and go for walks.

Lester loves to play outside, no matter the weather—he loves playing in his pool during the summer and sledding during the winter. When

indoors, he likes to be read to, and will walk up to a family member and say, "Read me."

Lester was born with a cleft lip and palate. He has had four surgeries and will need many more in the future. Surgeries have been scary for the family, but they are constantly amazed at what doctors can do for children like Lester.

They are also glad to have been introduced to CCA. With CCA's help, the LaBrake family was able to attend their first family retreat in Hershey, PA. Lester made a very good friend, Nick, and his parents met some wonderful families as well. They look forward to keeping in touch with them throughout the year.

meet lester labrake



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meet kayla smith



hello! My name is **Kayla Smith**, but all my friends call me **K.J.** I was born on April 12, 1991, in Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore. A few days later I was diagnosed with Apert Syndrome at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

I hear my mom telling people about when and how I was born, and, of course, I don't remember any of it. I do know that I have had 27 surgeries; a number of them have been at the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

The medical stuff is for my mom to share. I want to share the fun stuff about my life.

First, I have a passion for music. My favorite kind of music is Christian music. I've sung a few times in front of large audiences, including my school, church and church camp. My favorite songs are "Every Move I Make," "There's No One Like You," "Sing Like the Saved," "Nothing But the Blood" and "The Grand Ole Flag".

Next, I love to play sports. I have earned many ribbons while participating

in the Special Olympics. My two favorite sports are basketball and swimming. I also like to participate in other sports like track and field, softball, mat ball, kick ball, dodge ball and bowling. I also like to watch football with my mom. My favorite football player is Ben Roethlisberger.

Finally, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. In the summer, one of my favorite family activities is going to amusement parks. I really had a lot of fun at Hershey Park this year with all my new friends I met at the

CCA Family Retreat. I also like to go camping and biking during the summer with my family.

During the winter, I like to play board games and watch movies with my grandparents. My favorite board games are "Outburst" and "Scattagories." And my favorite movies are *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *Daddy Day Care*.

Well, it's time for me to go have some fun. I'm trying to decide if I want to go visit my grandma, go swimming or listen to my music.



meet chad tucker

Blake Tucker's Younger Brother

hi. My name is **Chad Tucker**. I am the younger brother of **Blake Tucker**. Most of you know Blake through CCA, and he is well known in our area for his great attitude and his ability to do anything he sets his mind to.

As a matter of fact, he is the first blind black belt in Jhoon Rhee Tae Kwon Do. Actually, all three members of my family tested and passed our black belt tests this year. My brother and I are also on the competition team together, and I have won two national championships and several local championships. I help

teach the tricks class and the Little Dragons classes. I am the second youngest black belt at twelve years old in the Jhoon Rhee school of Tae Kwon Do.

Blake and I are very close. I know everything about him, and I can always tell what he is thinking. He helps me, and I help him. As a family, the three of us—Mom, Blake and myself—get along great and do many things together. My

mom always makes sure that I get to follow all of my interests, and the same goes for Blake.

I have been involved in theater and writing for sometime now and aspire to be an author. I have been in several plays, and my favorites so far are *The Music Man*, where I played Winthrop and *Merrily We Roll Along*, where I played Frankie Jr. I just finished *Searching for Gold in a Salt Mine*, a play that I wrote and also where I played the role of Jack Dimwitty. It was put on as the end-of-the-year performance at my school.

I am also writing a horror novel with my best friend entitled *Corner of the Eye*. That is all I will tell you about the book. When it is published, you will have to read it.

I also enjoy music and going to concerts with my family. My favorites for now are Bon Jovi, who puts on a fantastic show, and Nickelback. Blake and I do not always agree on music, but we compromise and I go to some of his concerts and he goes to some of the ones I like. My mom loves it all.

I am also an avid wrestling fan and very much into the

WWE. I watch it as often as I can, and someday I want to go see them in person. WWE is just like many other interests I have—once I like something, I want to know everything about it, so I research and keep files on it.

Right now, I am researching werewolves and have more than 300 pages collected; I plan on writing a reference guide on them. It will include myths, stories, historic events and characteristics. Most important, it will ask the question about whether or not werewolves really exist. If you ask me, the answer is yes. I will keep my reasons to myself for now.

I am also an avid quad rider, Internet gamer and weight trainer. I hang out with my friends and, according to my mom, spend way too much time on the phone. (Hey, that's what almost all teenagers do.) I am also an animal lover; I have six cats and three dogs and if I could have more, I would.

Most of all, I am glad that I am Blake's brother and my mom's son. My family rocks!

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cher convention 2006 raises \$20,000 for cca

The 4th Biennial Cher Convention, held at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, CA, on July 7-9 raised \$20,000 for CCA and gave Cher fans a weekend full of Cher fun. Convention organizers **Judy Didelot** and **Kim Werdman** once again thought of every detail to make the

convention a **Cherific experience** for all fans.

Highlights of the convention included a Friday night dinner with a **30th Anniversary Celebration of the Cher Show**, starring Cher impersonators **Catherine Marie Carter, Chad Michaels, Wayne Smith, Amy Hohimer, Mark Parry** and **Gilbert Gauthier** as Cher, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton, Sonny Bono, Gregg Allman and Frank Sinatra. A silent auction including an array of Cher memorabilia was conducted before and during dinner and concluded after the show.

Saturday was packed with

fun, from the time the fans entered the convention hall in the morning until they stumbled tiredly back to their rooms in the wee hours. Among many activities, Cher fans pitted their knowledge of Cher's career against the Cher impersonators in a game of Family Feud. And the winner was...Cher fans of course!

Conventioneers welcomed **Tim Bagley** from the "Will and Grace" show, who joined the crowd and participated in the Cher poetry readings. Tim and his crew joined the fun and filmed for possible inclusion in an upcoming TV show starring Megan Mulally.

On Saturday evening, Cher fans were entertained by another dinner show and participated in a live auction of some interesting, unique and very collectible Cher-related memorabilia.

Many of the convention attendees have really become a part of the CCA family and enjoy bidding on auction items to raise more funds for the charity. In fact, this year a couple of auction participants raised their own bids to ensure CCA received a higher donation. The best auction strategy? No, but



CCA thanks you for your generosity.

CCA is grateful to all the volunteers that donated countless hours over the past two years getting ready for the convention. Among many are:

- **Judy Didelot** – Originator, Coordinator
- **Kim Werdman** – Originator, Coordinator
- **Mike Werdman** – Production
- **Linda Alamprese** – Public Relations
- **Mary Ladd** – Registration, Bus Tour
- **Brad Wright** – Volunteers
- **Linda Vala** – Donated memorabilia for auctions
- **Fred, Edna, Robyn and Marina Fisher**, who stored merchandise, framed posters, etc.

A special thanks goes to **Cher** for supporting the convention by donating numerous memorabilia for the auctions and all the impersonators for donating their time and expenses.



this year's retreat the biggest ever for cca

CA's 16th Annual Cher's Family Retreat broke attendance records with a turnout of 104 families. There were families coming from 33 of the 50 states, one family from Canada and a family all the way from Australia! Of the 104 families, 35 were first-time attendees.

The retreat started on Thursday afternoon with registration and then continued on to the ice cream social. A yummy ice cream bar, filled with all sorts of wonderful toppings was on the menu. During the ice cream social, the staff presented awards to families who helped raise money for CCA during the past year, as well as a special group of volunteers.

On Friday, the families enjoyed a full day of

swimming. Except for a short sprinkle in the afternoon, the weather was perfect. The group enjoyed a picnic lunch and afterwards, lots of great R&R out by the pool.

Friday evening was a family night, which included a Chinese raffle, movies, and games. Families had a chance to just sit and visit while the kids had a great time getting to know each other. While family night was going on at the hotel, teen night was going on at Hershey Park. This gave our teenage attendees a chance to get away as a group. Flanked by adult volunteers, the teens were able to preview the park and get a jump on all the rides.

Saturday morning the group headed over to Hershey Park, for a day full

of fun. The park had rides for all ages, and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Many of our families were truly brave and rode the scariest roller coaster there – Storm Runner. It literally shoots you from 0-72mph in two seconds. Wow!

Saturday evening is the event to which the retreat families most look forward, the famous dinner/dance. After everyone fortified themselves with a wonderful buffet dinner, they put on their best singing voices for karaoke. And then, moms, dads and kids of all ages danced the night away. **Scott Guzzo** led the group in the train dance, and **Jaci Samhammer** performed a county western dance.



Andrew Perry sang "Believe" and **Bianca Moon**, from Australia, wowed the audience with a song she wrote called "Truly Beautiful."

Sunday morning everyone gathered for breakfast and goodbyes. There were lots of hugs, tears, smiles and promises to stay in touch. The retreat is so special to all the families that attend as well as the CCA staff. Our families have told us it's the most important service we provide, and we agree! We had a wonderful time meeting all of you and hope to see you next year in **Salt Lake City!**







tie'd to the cause

Vineyard Vines, well-known producer of 100% fine silk ties and other products sporting whimsical motifs, has created a tie especially for CCA donors and friends, using the happy faces on our charity logo.

These high-end quality ties come in a choice of two popular background colors, light blue or royal and may be purchased for \$100 each, gift-boxed and delivered.

The first 100 CCA logo ties are being produced to observe the month of September, proclaimed by CCA as "National Craniofacial Acceptance Month."

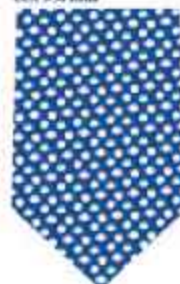
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Please, wear one in support of your charity and to raise awareness that fosters acceptance of individuals with facial difference. Call our office to order your ties!

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great news! from our families

Aaron Guzzo

In June of this year, senior Aaron Guzzo was chosen to compete in the National Speech Tournament in Dallas, Texas. "This is the ultimate speech event. This is it," said Aaron. "I plan on having fun." Aaron worked his way through local and regional tournaments to gain a ticket to Dallas. By making it to nationals, Aaron is in the top 200 in the nation in his category. Congratulations, Aaron!



fourth annual pete's scramble

The **Dankelson family** recently hosted the Fourth Annual Pete's Scramble for CCA at Beacon Hill Golf Course in Commerce Township (Detroit), Michigan. Held on May 20, the outing was another big success, raising a record **\$11,000** in direct donations to CCA! After over a week of solid rain, almost 70 players enjoyed a beautiful day of golf and fun, ending at the "19th Hole" for raffles, prizes and a silent auction. Everyone who golfed received a Pete's Scramble for CCA T-shirt and a CCA golf towel to help spread awareness and acceptance for people with facial differences.

The Dankelsons wish to send their thanks and gratitude to all of Pete's generous individual and corporate supporters as well as several PGA and NASCAR professionals who graciously donated memorabilia for the silent

auction and raffles. Thanks also to fellow CCA friends, **Sandi and Eva Daniels**, who helped at this year's outing by selling raffle tickets and working the "Vegas" competition on the 7th hole. Five-year-old Eva, also with Goldenhar, made a great second ambassador for the event.

The Pete's Scramble event is primarily focused on spreading local awareness and acceptance of craniofacial differences. Eva and Peter along with photographs from the 2005 retreat in Nashville stole the hearts of many players, several of whom plan to support the event again next year as well as spread the word to friends.

Mark your calendars for next year's outing scheduled for **May 19, 2007**, once again at Beacon Hill in Commerce Township. All levels of golf skills as well as support are welcome!



thank you, cca families and friends, for your fundraising efforts



Rich, Karen, Andrew and Alex Hartley of Collegeville, PA.

Each year, **Andrew Hartley's elementary school, Eagleville Elementary**, holds an event to raise money for charity. This year, the school's fundraising committee asked the Hartley Family to choose the beneficiary. Andrew's mom **Karen**, selected CCA from among the causes their family supports.

At the 2006 Annual Family Retreat in Hershey, PA, Karen delivered **more than \$5,500** to Development Director Jill Gorecki! Our sincere thanks to Andrew Hartley and his family and to all involved in the Eagleville Elementary Walk-A-Thon.

The family of CCA Kid **Elizabeth Ivy Dalton** are grieving the death of her Uncle Kevin, but they have transformed sadness into hope. CCA has received numerous **contributions made in memory of Kevin Dalton**. On behalf of all CCA families and friends, we wish to express our profound gratitude to the Dalton family for this kind gesture, and we extend our deepest sympathy for their loss.

Olivia Dean and her mom, **Karla Dean**, held their first **Bingo Social**, which raised **\$1,456** to benefit CCA! Olivia and her friends had lots of fun holding the event and hope to have another during the coming school year! We truly appreciate their efforts!

Olivia and Karla received recognition at the 2006 Annual Family Retreat, along with others who helped raise funds, and awareness, over the previous year.



Carolyn Hall (seated, smiling) and Maria Kowalski encourage colleagues to "dress down" for CCA.

Carolyn Hall and her co-workers at the American Medical Association in Chicago, IL held a **Denim Days** fundraiser to benefit CCA. For more than a year, Carolyn pursued making CCA a beneficiary for the fundraising event. It was worth the wait—we happily, and gratefully, accepted a check for **\$1,107.46!**

north american craniofacial family conference



Rickie Gill, retired ED, About Face; Debbie Oliver, ED, About Face; Annie Reeves, Program Director, CCA; Char Smith, ED, CCA; David Reisberg, DDS, President, About Face

The **North American Craniofacial Family Conference**, which was held July 23-25 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was packed with three days of education, sharing resources and fun. CCA was proud to be the **Leadership Sponsor** of this important event conducted by **Cleft Advocate** and **AboutFace USA**. Children with craniofacial conditions and their moms, dads and siblings attended workshops especially designed for their needs and interests.

Workshops for parents, teens, kids and affected adults were designed to inform, educate and entertain. Some of the many topics covered were applying for and landing a job, ADA laws, employee benefits, navigating the insurance maze, early childhood rights, dealing with bullying and taking

the fear out of hospitalization.

Back by popular demand was the keynote speaker, humorist, **David Roche**. David brings an understanding of living with a craniofacial disfigurement and adds his brand of humor into a compelling message filled with courage, inspiration and laughter. In two workshops, David also coached attendees in telling their stories. David believes that everyone has a message, based on their personal experiences, to bring to the world. He also believes that their stories will change lives.

Another presenter back for the second year was the ever-so-popular **Barbara Krammerer Quale**. Barbara

is a consultant and speaker/trainer regarding image enhancement. She offers behavior skills programs to enable people with facial and body differences to better manage questions, stares and teasing as well as to create a positive outer image.

Dr. Thomas C. Hart, the clinical director of the Division of Intramural Research at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, spoke on the expression and function of defective genes that are associated with oral health.

The Monday evening dinner/dance found kids of all ages twisting, boogieing and doing the chicken dance! Many friendships were made and a great time was had by all!

CCA wishes to congratulate **Debbie Oliver**, the new executive director of AboutFace, and past executive director, **Rickie Gill**, for another job well done.



regional volunteers

Public awareness about craniofacial conditions is important on several levels.

It's important that families find quality medical care, that healthcare professionals are aware of the special medical and emotional needs of children and adults with facial differences, that the public understands and accepts facial differences and that individuals with facial difference are accepted.

CCA has formed a network of regional volunteers across the country who have banded together in an effort to educate and inform the public. The regional volunteers and CCA will now turn to local areas to recruit volunteers who will distribute educational materials throughout their communities.

If you would like to help educate your community and take part in this national awareness effort, call or email CCA Program Director, Annie Reeves at 800-535-3643 or ARees@CCAKids.com.

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Andy Hootman, Ryan Irwin and Heather Lermont-Pape

"monster" assist!

about a year ago, CCA board member **Heather Lermont-Pape** enlisted the help of her employer, Monster Worldwide, to collect used ink and laser cartridges for CCA's rebate fundraising program through Funding Factory. Approximately 10 percent of

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do you travel to receive quality medical care? If you do, and need financial help, CCA has a financial assistance program that will help with food, travel and/or lodging. Call CCA for an application at **800-535-3643**. All we ask is that you apply at least four to six weeks prior to your next appointment.

gifts to cca

you may notice a change in our listing of donor gifts. We are now publishing a list of our donors quarterly (in every newsletter) with levels of giving indicated for total donations to date, so you will have a better indication of your donor level. (See pages 12-13.)

As always, your gift may be made "in honor" or "in memory."

Check for the donor lists on www.ccakids.org as well!

cash for trash!

please save your discarded cell phones and empty laser/ink cartridges for CCA. Send them to us or if you think you can fill a whole box, call us and we will send you a collection box...it's all ready to go, labeled and the UPS shipping is pre-paid.

Thanks for helping!

planned giving

about half of what you leave behind at death goes for estate tax. It pays to plan in advance. When you consult an attorney or investment professional regarding your wishes for distribution of your assets in your will, consider a provision for CCA.

Help enable the charity you have embraced to continue good works in your name.

Your planned gift in the form of an endowment will live on after you.

matching gifts

Many companies offer a matching gift program, and will match your gifts, the gift of a spouse or retired employee. This could double or even triple your gift to Children's Craniofacial Association! For a matching gift form or more information, please contact your Human Resources office.

calendar of events

date	event	contact
September	Craniofacial Acceptance Month	ARees@CCAkids.com 214.570.9099 800.535.3643
October 14	Second Annual Friends of Jeremy Golf Event Willowcreek Golf Club Big Flats, NY	gdale@stny.rr.com
December 9	CCA Dallas Holiday Party Medical City Dallas, TX	ARees@CCAkids.com 214.570.9099 800.535.3643

ccaprograms

and services in the spotlight

Families of craniofacial patients often call CCA to seek emotional support, discuss problems and identify resources. Through our database, we are able to network families with support groups and/or others who have similar conditions and experiences. We also keep a list of helpful resources and are always willing to listen and offer emotional support to family members who need a shoulder upon which to lean. For further assistance or information call Annie Reeves at 800-535-3643 or email AReves@ccakids.com

programs we offer

- Toll-free hotline
- List of qualified physicians
- Information and support
- Educational booklets
- Financial assistance
- CCA Network, a quarterly newsletter
- www.ccakids.com Web site
- Annual Cher's Family Retreats
- Public awareness
- Family networking
- Advocacy

now open

Our new online Web store is now open. Look at all the great items featuring our logo which you can purchase to help spread awareness of CCA!

www.ccakids.org or
www.ccakids.com

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thing that needs to be done. The volunteers at this year's retreat were no exception.

Diana Sweeney of Philadelphia, PA, **Martha Brown** of Snyder, NY, and Roseanne Opdyke of Chalfont, PA, helped throughout the entire retreat. They spent hours helping stuff goody bags, sort and fold T-shirts, assist with room prep and do anything else that needed to be done.

Catherine Burzio of Berryville, VA, helped with the bag stuffing and took time off the dance floor to make sure each family received their goody bags during the dinner/dance.

After traveling all the way from Australia, **Bianca Moon** joined **Lady Jane Goodman** of Boca Raton, FL, to help set up tables for all our goodies.

Cher sent Hershey Bucks for each family to splurge on treats at Hershey Park. She also sent lots of goodies for the goody bags, including T-shirts, CDs, DVDs and hats.

Mary Lou Smith donated Hershey bags for each family filled with all sorts of delicious treats, T-shirts, and caps.

Back in Texas, the much-awaited retreat T-shirt was designed by **Bruce** and **Robin Williamson** of Carrollton, TX. And, as usual Robin designed the retreat program and nametags.

Lou Anderson, "CCA's Angel" as she is referred to in the CCA office, spent all year in her hometown of New London, WI, making a special gift for each family. In the past, she has donated her handmade blankets and backpacks. This year, she made travel-sized pillows with pillowcases. Wow! That's a lot of pillows!

And **Janice Macut** of Harrisburg, PA, worked tirelessly on awareness, not only in the Hershey area but also statewide. She was even successful in getting the Pennsylvania legislature to proclaim June 24 as Craniofacial Awareness Day. **Representative Ronald S. Marsico** attended the dinner/dance and made this exciting announcement to everyone.

Robert J. Grim of Capital Blue Cross also attended the dinner/dance and presented CCA with a check from his company.

CCA is so thankful for all of these wonderful people. Without them, the retreat would not have been the success it was.

Now, let's start the countdown to next year's retreat in Salt Lake City, Utah. See you there!

Annie Reeves,
CCA Program Director

3cheers for volunteers!

In order to save costs, CCA has always planned retreats without a site visit. This becomes very difficult when we have as large a crowd as we did in 2006.

With nearly 400 attendees, space planning became paramount. This year, two volunteers stepped forward to help take the guesswork out of this task.

Former CCA board member and long-time volunteer **Diana Sweeney** and new CCA volunteer **Janis Macut** took time out of their busy schedules to travel to the Hershey Lodge on several occasions. They assisted CCA program director Annie Reeves to ensure everything would be perfect for the families. Diana and Janis met with Hershey Lodge staff from early in the planning stages right through to the pre-retreat final details.

CCA staff extends a special thanks—and three cheers—for these two special volunteers!



Diana Sweeney



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