



## Upcoming Event ...

Benefit featuring  
"The Isaacs" in a Bluegrass,  
Southern Gospel Concert along with  
**George Weeks**

Friday, August 18 at 7pm at  
Gardendale's First Baptist Church

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\* Donations Accepted \*  
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All proceeds go to  
Just Keep Smiling

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The last thing a parent should have to worry about is finances when their child is critically ill. This is not always the case for some of our parents who are sometimes far from home and facing the news that their child may not live. Many are here for weeks, even months away from their jobs. Pay checks stop but monthly bills and living expenses don't. I will never forget overhearing a mother on the phone pleading with an unsympathetic bill collector to give her more time. Her son was hospitalized waiting for a heart transplant. We didn't have anyone to turn to and ask for help, so when **Just Keep Smiling** approached us, we were ecstatic.

What a blessing it has been to be able to provide a resource for a family of a critically ill child for a house, rent or utility payment or meal tickets to enable a parent to be off work to stay with their sick baby or child. With **Just Keep Smiling's** help we have also been able to assist parents with transportation and living expenses at other medical facilities when treatment could not be performed near home. Without this help parents could not have been with their child. Many of the situations our families face have been unexpected and could not be planned for. We wish each contributor to **Just Keep Smiling** could see the relief and gratitude our families have expressed when told their needs will be met. Thank you for all you are doing for our families.

Jane Love, UAB Child Life Services  
Suzanne Deloach, UAB Medical Social Services

*"Just Keep Smiling"  
When a child is critically ill, families find they are in an emotional crisis as well as a financial one. Just Keep Smiling helps meet the financial needs while also ministering to their emotional and spiritual needs.*



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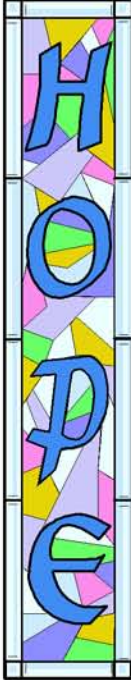
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*This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. The Lord's loving kindness indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail.*

*Lamentations 3:20-21*



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## God's Love Continues to Spread

April 13, 2006

Dear *Just Keep Smiling*:

Just wanted you to know that Haley and Tabitha had their surgeries and are doing well. Charles is still in Boston, but I understand he is doing well. All of them were very appreciative of the help Just Keep Smiling gave them,.

On a sad note, little Blessed died last Friday. **Your help to this baby's mom enabled her to be with Blessed each day she lived.** What I really want to share is how her presence and strong faith touched the staff and other families. Several staff members mentioned that knowing the losses this mom had experienced and seeing the strength she had through her faith brought them closer to God.

Thank you again for all of your help.

Suzanne Deloach, Social Worker

June 19, 2006

Dear *Just Keep Smiling*:

Suzanne and I have had discussions about how wonderful "Just Keep Smiling" has been to our patients over the course of the last year. You guys are doing a great job. As we begin to work with a new surgeon and send fewer patients to Boston, we will probably have even more need for your help.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

E.V. Colvin, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics

The *Just Keep Smiling* family is continuing to grow. We have been called on to help with a variety of needs. In one instance, we provided gas money to a mom who has to travel 200 miles round trip daily to be with her child in intensive care. Out of state trips seem to be an ongoing need as well as a family's monthly expenses, when income is suffering due to extended hospital stays.

May God bless you and your family!

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