

'Sponsor a Child for Morgan' Aids Many Children

In a release from Anson County Partnership for Children: Anson County Partnership for Children's 2014 Barn Blast demonstrated the generosity and love of the community during the "Sponsor a Child for Morgan" portion of the fundraising event. Each year the Barn Blast offers guests an opportunity to sponsor one or more children to receive Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for one year, at a cost of \$25 per child. Currently 1,072 children between birth and age 5 in Anson County receive a free book in the mail each month through this program. It is the goal of the Partnership for all of the approximately 1,500 children in this age group in Anson County to be registered for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The generous donors of "Sponsor a Child for Morgan" sponsored 762 children for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library this year!

"Sponsor a Child for Morgan" memorialized Morgan Lastowski, granddaughter of Partnership staff member Bonnie Morgan and husband Ronnie. Morgan passed away on July 1, 2013 at age 2 1/2 due to medical complications. This was a fitting tribute to Morgan, whose love of people was always accompanied by her beautiful smile. The generous response to "Sponsor a Child for Morgan" showed that she touched many in her short life and is touching many more now. Morgan's mom and dad, Emily and Kevin Lastowski of Dade City, Florida, attended the event and spoke about her love of books and her favorite book, *All of Baby, Nose to Toes*, from the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Sponsors were given "I sponsored a child for Morgan" buttons with a picture of Morgan. In addition, sponsors were asked to sign a picture of Morgan for her family to remember the outpouring of love for Morgan at the 2014 Barn Blast. The names of the 2014 Sponsor a Child for Morgan donors will also be featured on a plaque to be hung at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Anson County Partnership for Children would like to sincerely thank the following "Sponsor a Child for Morgan" donors:

- Sponsors of 40 children for Morgan: Rufus and Beverly Getzen; Fred and Lynn Poisson; and Chris Rhue
 - Sponsor of 20 children for Morgan: Ryan and Amanda Morgan; Chris and Wanda Steele; Dr. Danny and Meri Beth Wright; Michael Griffin; Ginger and Ryan Phillips; Logan Scarborough and Ashley Rivers; Emily and Kevin Lastowski, Jordan Carpenter; Michael and Tamara Teal; and Tom McInnis
 - Sponsors of 10 children for Morgan: Cynthia Little; Ronnie and Bonnie Morgan; Don and Elaine Scarborough; Stewart Poisson and Andrew Gray; John and June Witherspoon; George and Cynthia Bower; Scott and Kristina Forbes; David and Teresa Gaskins; Andy and Suzanne Strayhorn; Woodie and Celeste Dutton, Laura and Robert (Mike) Laney; Bud and Emily Jarrell; Franklin and Joyce Cox; Lisa Snow; Jimmy and Jean Flake, Frank Lastowski; and Cal-Maine Foods
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- Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." All profits from the Barn Blast will be used for Partnership programs which address the unique needs of children and families in Anson County, focusing on child care, health, literacy and family support. For more information, contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-694-4036, www.ansonchildren.org.

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NC Auto Insurance Companies Ask for No Rate Change

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin today announced that the Department of Insurance has received the annual auto insurance rate filing from the North Carolina Rate Bureau. The Rate Bureau, which is not part of the Department of Insurance and represents the auto insurance companies writing business in the state, submitted a filing on Jan. 31 that requests no change in rates for private passenger car and motorcycle insurance policies for the coming year.

The rates remaining in effect are the result of a 2009 settlement signed by Goodwin that lowered car insurance rates to just below 2006 levels and delivered refunds totaling over \$50 million to approximately one million North Carolinians.

"The fact that today's car insurance rates are no higher than they were in 2006 shows that North Carolina continues to have a strong and stable auto insurance market," Goodwin said. "In North Carolina, we have more than 150 active auto insurance companies competing for our consumers' business, and we have some of the lowest average rates in the country."

According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, North Carolina has the sixth-lowest average auto insurance costs in the nation.

The current filing will be reviewed by Department of Insurance experts. Additionally, the Department of Insurance is reviewing the auto insurance territories, which is required to be done every 10 years under state law.

Carolinas HealthCare System Offers Free Prostate Screenings

Carolinas HealthCare System's Levine Cancer Institute is offering free prostate screenings on Thursday, March 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. The screenings will take place at CMC-Union in the Outpatient Pavilion.

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