

# Savannah Smiles

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## Newsletter

### *BEE alert...Spelling Bee that is!*

**Ephesians 3: 20 - 21**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever!

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As Savannah Smiles continues to grow, our Board of Directors have discussed for some time now the possibility of a spring/summer fund raiser. With that in mind we are preparing to host the **First Annual St. Tammany Parish Corporate Spelling Bee**. It will be held on Thursday, June 23rd at Salmen High School in Slidell from 5:30 - 8:30pm.

This is a spelling bee for adults that is sure to be a lot of fun. There will be 2 rounds of speed spelling. The team with the most points at the end of the night will be the spelling champions.

Each team will consist of 4 people with 2 members spelling in each round. The spelling rounds will last 60 seconds with each correctly spelled word being worth 1 point in round 1 and

2 points in round 2.



There are 3 levels of participation for this event.

**HONEY BEE \$400:**

4 person team, 4 spectator tickets, advertising on all promotional items

**BUMBLE BEE \$800:**

4 person team, 8 spectator tickets, middle of the room seating, advertising on all promotional items

**KILLER BEE \$1200:**

4 person team, 12 spectator tickets, front row seating, team choice of starting point, most prominent listing on all promotional items, special recognition by MC.

As if the spelling fun isn't enough each team & spectator is encouraged to come dressed in costume. There will be an award for best team costume & best individual costume.

If you know of someone who may be interested in entering a team, please encourage them to do so.

Spectator tickets will be sold for \$10 each so if you aren't a good speller you can still come on out and watch.

There will be prizes, food, drink, and fun. We will have a guest MC, enunciator, and 3 judges. All are wonderful leaders in our community.

Savannah Smiles is excited about this opportunity. We hope to see you there.

## Savannah Manor - Dedication



1st: Many attended the dedication  
 2nd: Jody & George Downey  
 3rd: Jody, Jennifer & Ed Downey  
 4th: Jody & Kayla

March 3, 2011 was a wonderful night full of purpose. Not only would it have been Savannah's 14th birthday, but we had dinner on the grounds of Savannah Manor in honor of the completion of the first phase. Jody spent about 30 minutes thanking all those who were personally involved in the reconstruction of the first 2 apartments.

George Downey of GD's Home Improvements and his family were a huge part of the rebuilding, not to mention the encouragement he constantly gave us to keep going. This project was a daunting task, 7 months full of numer-

ous volunteers giving up their Saturday's to work alongside us to complete Savannah Manor.

### No coincidences !

George and Judy Downey lost their daughter Brianna in September of 2008. Savannah Smiles helped this family with Brianna's burial expenses. George vowed to do whatever he could **one day** to give back to Savannah Smiles. Unknowingly to George, that **one day** came very soon.

George and Judy joined a grief class at a local church, not knowing that the leaders of that class were the Scharfenstein's. It

was truly God's orchestration & His timing is always perfect!

Savannah Smiles was about to take a huge leap of faith to purchase these apartments, apartments that needed much work, not sure how it would all come together but trusting God 100%. Then, there was George, a contractor. How amazing!!

*There are so many more wonderful stories like this one. Look for them on our revised web site.*

## Savannah Manor - Update



As of this newsletter we have put together a great team of people who have worked hard on the ministry side of the Manor.

We have an application, as well as guidelines that potential residents will need to be willing to agree to. We are also working with local pastors who will be refer-

ring families to us for our consideration.

***We are not a facility for the chronically homeless.***

We want to help build stronger families and break the cycle of dependence on government assistance. Most importantly we want to guide them

toward a relationship with Jesus.

### Construction

We still have one more apartment to renovate. We will begin "Sweating on Saturdays" in July. Yea!! If anyone wants to come out, we work from 8am-noon.

## 5th Annual Golf Tournament

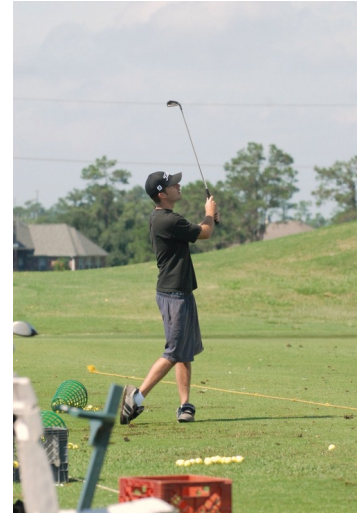
**Mark your calendars!!**

We have already scheduled this year's tournament for Friday, October 28th, 2011.

It will be held again at Pinewood Country Club in Slidell.

We hope you will make plans to join us again this year!

More information to come.



## New Website

We are so excited about this. After many months of work, we are launching a new web site. Some of the changes will be...more information about what Savannah Smiles is doing, testimonials from families helped, pictures, and so much more.

Jason Verges designed a new user friendly sight for us with beautiful new graphics.



**Thank you Jason!!!**

## Testimonials

*Savannah Smiles has again honored the Lord and Savannah and fulfilled its mission of being an extension of the Lord's hand...reaching out to others in need.*

*Because of your generosity, several families associated with STARC received needed, plentiful Christmas baskets...Savannah Smiles became contagious as your kindness and compassion were shared with family after family.*





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### Giving Back

**Final Expenses:** YTD Savannah Smiles has helped 7 Families, totaling \$4,131.

**Benevolence:** Savannah Smiles donated \$1232.50 to local families in need.

We are a Christian Non-profit (501c3) organization founded by the friends & family of Savannah Scharfenstein. We strive to glorify Jesus and to honor Savannah's life through her death.

Our primary mission is to reach out to families who have experienced the untimely death of a child. Our organization provides both financial and emotional support to these families.

This is not our only mission. We also provide financial support to children battling various medical conditions or injuries, toys to children in local hospitals, families with children who have fallen on difficult times, and food baskets during the holidays to families in need.

### 2011 Board Members

Jody & Jennifer Scharfenstein

Andy Glasgow

Brett Groom

Danielle Evans Morrison

Kelly Singletary

Maggie Fredericks

Pam Seale

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Savannah with her 3 sisters Kayla, Grace, and Maddie.

## Savannah's Smile

Grief is a process you go through, but it can easily become your identity. We as a family have grieved deeply, but healthy, and with hope!

Savannah is missed every day. There is not a day that goes by that we don't think of her especially when all the family is together. There will always be

an empty chair at our dinner table, but recently I got a glimpse into one of my daughters' grief. After coming back from a state Bible Drill competition, we were talking and she said, "Mom, I was thinking that Savannah would be in Bible Drill with us right now, but she already knows the whole Bible."

Grace misses her sister, but she knows with all her heart that the relationship with Savannah has just been put on hold for now. There will come a day when she will see her sister again and never be separated again.

