



# Latest Happenings

May, 2014

## News:

A big thank you and congratulations to Sue Wendel. Sue has worked hard by filling out and submitted the requirements to Johnson & Johnson (JNJ) which has permitted JNJ to accept Happy 2 be Home as an approved organization within the matching gifts program of the company. What this means? JNJ matches donations to approved organization at a ratio of 2:1, so a \$50 donation from an employee or retiree becomes \$150 after the JNJ match. We are very excited about this opportunity!! Way to go, Sue!!!!

We are teaming up with Pennsylvania Foundation Online. They provide searchable databases which will be very beneficial as we look for grants/funders to help us continue our mission of enabling families to provide a suitable home environment for their children with chronic, long-term, multiple disabilities.

To help ease the process of making a donation to Happy 2 Be Home, a PayPal account has been established. Along with a donation button being added to the website, this account can be used for future fund raising events held for Happy 2 Be Home's benefit.

A \$15,000 Grant from Joyful Blessing has been received.

## Current Projects:

Renovations for our current families are progressing nicely. A site visit is being scheduled for Elliot & Henry, 7 & 10 year old brothers. Both have Duchene Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), and are requesting the garage be converted into an accessible bedroom & bathroom.

## Fundraising:

As a reminder, the MOMS Club of Pottsgrove/Pottstown is holding a fundraiser on behalf of Happy 2 Be Home. Join us for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. There will be fun entertainment for the kids, as well as a basket raffle for the adults. See you Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at Applebee's (rt. 100/State Street) from 9 – 11 am. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, if purchased in advance; slightly higher at the door. For information on how to purchase tickets in advance, please contact the MOMs Club at [pottsgrovemomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:pottsgrovemomsclub@gmail.com)

Ethan Schwartz's family has scheduled the Second Annual Ethan's Heart Journey Walkathon to help benefit "The Ethan Schwartz Special Needs Trust" and Happy 2 Be Home. What's fantastic about this is while the family has organized this walk in Chester Springs, PA; Ethan's Grandmother is also organizing a mirror walk to be held in Virginia. The local walk will be at 10 am on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at West Vincent Township Park (729 St. Matthews Road, Chester Springs, PA). If you are interested in participating additional information can be found at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/213933405/Second-Annual-Ethan-s-Heart-Journey-WalkaThon-Pledges> or Happy 2 Be Home's website.

Additional fundraisers you should 'save the date' for:

- September 22, 2014 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jared Pishock Memorial Golf Tournament
- October 24, 2014 – 3 Annual Concert benefiting H2BH (featuring: Clay Crosse and Kim Hill)