

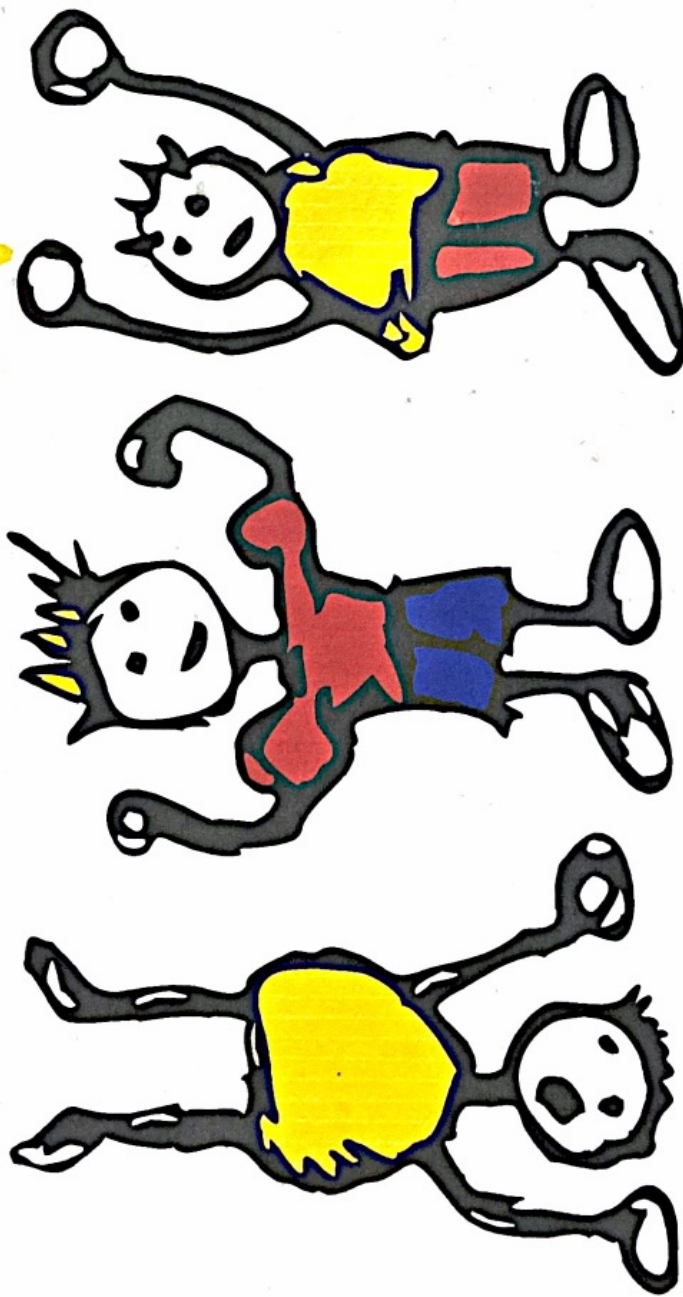
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Sugar Land Middle School teacher,
Mrs. Dozelle and Brandon playing games.

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August 1997

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A Day for Brandon

When I started Neighborhood Day it was with the intention to help people-all people. The past few years the elderly residents of this neighborhood seemed to need the most help with repairs on their homes. This year Gary Thomson will again organize tree trimming crews for Neighborhood Day; however the rest of the day will be dedicated to someone very special. If you are a senior citizen and you have a repair that is a safety hazard please call me.

A few weeks ago, five year old Brandon Reyes, Lakeview Drive resident became very ill. The doctors discovered Brandon was suffering from Medulla Blastoma Cancer, also known as "P.N.E.T." The cancer was in his brain and he immediately underwent surgery. Brandon is now recovering at home, but unfortunately the cancer has spread to his spine. Brandon will need chemotherapy every day at Texas Children's Hospital. He could possibly suffer loss of hearing and I.Q. over the next few months; with chemo he has less than a 65% chance of survival.

His mother, Brookly Graham is naturally under a tremendous amount of stress and the financial strain certainly adds to it. She has taken a leave of absence from work, and is incurring expenses every day traveling to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. The cost of gasoline, Medical Center parking (a ridiculous \$7.00 per day) and meals is adding up quickly, especially for a single parent. This year I am asking all volunteers to help with fund raising and in giving Brandon a special day of fun at City Park on November 15th. (rain date November 22) Our goal will be to present Brookly with donations from companies and individuals from all over the city, (I am setting up an account at Frost Bank) and as for Brandon he will have a day of balloons, puppets, clowns, games, celebrities, and good ol' fashion fun! Brookly's neighbor, Scott Wilcox, caterer/owner of "Against the Grain" will sell his award winning bar-b-que as a fund raiser. (I tasted it-folks, it doesn't get any better than this) Hopefully, we will get EVERYTHING donated. If everyone uses their contacts and resources "A Day for Brandon" will be a great success. Please make copies of the attached flyers and distribute it everywhere you go-gas stations, hair salons, cars in parking lots, gyms, restaurants, companies, boy scouts, girl scouts, church, organizations, etc. I will be mailing copies of the flyer to many companies in the area.

We are off to a great start, Carol Stearman, block captain on Sixth Street has already acquired a sizable donation from her employer, ECO Resources to sponsor tee shirts, etc. Any donations or assistance you obtain, please write down the donor name, description of donation, your name and mail or drop off at 103 First. All sponsors and volunteers will be recognized, so all volunteers and sponsors need to be recorded.

If you have any questions please call Kristin Lytle 242-1899, or Kelly McFadden Kelso, 491-3525.

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Friends of Old Sugar Land

Neighborhood Day 97'

Saturday, November 15, 1997

11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

A Day for Brandon



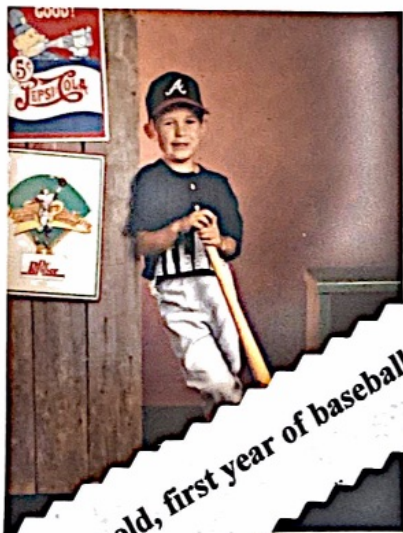
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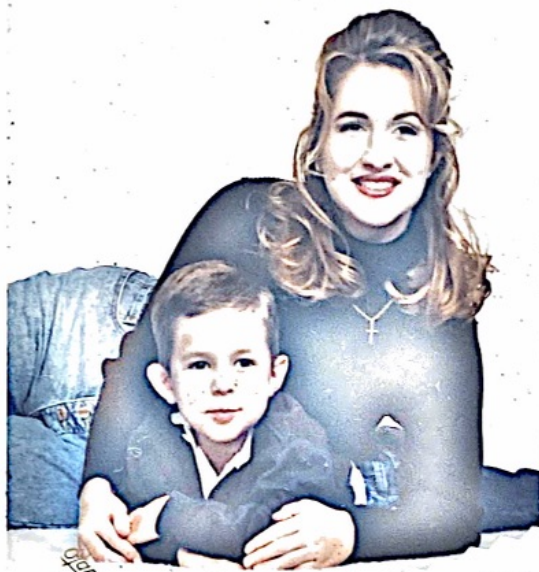
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Brandon Reyes Benefit
103 First
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

PLAY BALL!



Brandon, five years old, first year of baseball.



Brookly and Brandon



Neighbors rally for boy with cancer

By HILDEGARD WARNER
Reporter

Neighbors and friends of a longtime Sugar Land mother are coming to her aid as she deals with her young son's illness.

Brookly Graham's 5-year-old son, Brandon Reyes, was diagnosed with medulla blastoma cancer in his brain this summer.

He underwent surgery in July, but the cancer has spread to his spine.

Now, instead of attending kindergarten at Lakeview Elementary School, Brandon goes to Texas Children's Hospital for daily chemotherapy treatments. He has less than a 65 percent chance of survival.

Some of Brandon's medical expenses are covered by Graham's insurance, but she also incurs daily expenses of gasoline, parking and meals traveling from her home in Sugar Land to the medical center. She has taken a leave of



Brookly Graham with her son Brandon Reyes

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Neighbors rally to help boy with cancer

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absence from work to care for Brandon.

To help Graham out, the Friends of Old Sugar Land homeowners association is dedicating its Nov. 15 Neighborhood Day to raise funds. Graham, a single parent, grew up in the old part of Sugar Land.

Kristin Lytle is organizing "A Day for Brandon" at City Park, Wood and Seventh streets, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. She plans to have game booths, balloons, clowns, puppets, face painting, celebrity visits and much more.

Scott Wilcox, Graham's neighbor and owner of Against the Grain, will sell his barbecue to raise funds. Actors from Theatre Under the Stars will be out in costume for the afternoon.

Lytle says she has already received hundreds of dollars in donations from several businesses and individuals and is setting up a special account at Frost Bank for the family.

She is asking members of the association to spread the word throughout the community to make the fund-raiser a success.

Donations can be mailed to Friends of Old Sugar Land, Brandon Reyes Benefit Fund, 103 First St., Sugar Land, Texas 77478. Checks should be made out to "Brandon Reyes Benefit Fund." Lytle suggests that donors do not send cash.

For more information about "A Day for Brandon," call Kristin Lytle at (281) 242-1899, or Kelly McFadden Kelso at (281) 491-3525.



BRANDON. Brandon Reyes, 5, is battling with brain cancer that has spread to his spine. The family's friends and neighbors are planning a November fund-raiser to help defray treatment-related costs.

Community news

Benefit carnival for Sugar Land boy features variety

By **KAREN ZURAWSKI**
ThisWeek

What do miniature horses, clowns, motorcyclists and Fort Bend Independent School District students have in common?

They all are participating in "A Day for Brandon" on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Sugar Land City Park, Wood and Seventh streets. Brandon Reyes, 5, of Sugar Land is undergoing treatment for a rare cancer called medulla blastoma.

The activity-filled day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., is intended to raise funds to help Brandon and his mom, Brooklyn Reyes, who faces loss of her job because her company is closing, said Kristin Lytle, event organizer.

Both women report Brandon, who is undergoing radiation, is excited about the upcoming carnival. Rain date is Nov. 22.

Miniature horses, courtesy of Mimosa Farms, will be at the park for children to lead. The horses also will be available to pose for photos with children.

Clowns from Shrine Temple Arabia, who perform at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, are planning a visit as are up to 200 members of the Houston Area Harley-Davidson Riders.

"Volunteers for the booths are student councils, honor societies and Teens Against Drugs from Sugar Land Middle School, Clements High School and Lakeview Elementary," Lytle said. Brandon was scheduled to enter kindergarten at Lakeview this fall. Booths not only will feature arts and crafts but also food — pizza, hot dogs and cotton candy.

Lytle said, "I think parents should bring their kids out. This will be a

good family-type activity."

She said people will be coming not only from Sugar Land but also the Houston area. "There will be a lot of good mingling and conversation — a lot of good people will be there."

This year's event is a continuation of Neighborhood Day, which started three years ago in Old Sugar Land, an area north of U.S. 90A built in the early 1900s for employees of Imperial Holly. Neighbors will be contributing baked goods to the Saturday carnival.

Other activities will include a classic and hot-rod car show coordinated by Sugar Land residents J.C. and Mattie Carrillo; a silent auction; and a barbecue.

About 2 p.m. top auction bids will be announced, donations will be presented to Brandon and his mom and sponsors and supporters will be recognized.

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Kristin Lytle,
event organizer

Because his treatment involves steroids, Brandon has gained weight, Lytle said, suggesting donations of loose-fitting clothing in sizes 8-10 as well as kindergarten-level educational material.

A Houston Independent School District kindergarten teacher visits Brandon three times a week at their temporary residence near Texas Children's Hospital where he is being treated.

"He wants to learn so bad," said Lytle. "He really enjoys it when the teacher is there."

Carnival admission is free, but donations are encouraged. Financial donations may be made to the Brandon Reyes Benefit and sent to Friends of Old Sugar Land, 103 First St., Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

For more information about the event or to offer assistance, call 281-242-1899.

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Community pitches in to help a neighbor

By **NANCY A. DEAN**
ThisWeek Correspondent

An upcoming special event, "A Day for Brandon," has been designed to serve two purposes.

The first is to provide 5-year-old Brandon Reyes of Sugar Land a special time when he and everyone he knows — and even some he doesn't — can enjoy a wonderful time.

The second is to provide his mother, Brookly Reyes, 22, a struggling single parent, with some extra cash to see her through a difficult and expensive time.

Brandon, who should have entered kindergarten at Lakeview Elementary School this fall, is suffering from a rare type of cancer called medulla blastoma. Doctors successfully operated to remove the cancer from his brain but not before it already spread to his spine.

He is recovering from the successful surgery, and is receiving radiation treatments at Texas Chil-

dren's Hospital, which are gradually shrinking the tumor on his spine. After six weeks of radiation and a six-week respite from treatment, he faces six more months of chemotherapy.

Brandon's Day is the result of Kristin Lytle, who along with her neighbors in Old Sugar Land, an area north of U.S. 90A built in the early 1900s for employees of Imperial Sugar, started the annual Neighborhood Day three years ago. This year Neighborhood Day '97 is honoring Brandon. It is on Nov. 15 (rain date Nov. 22) in the Sugar Land city park, Wood Boulevard and Seventh Street, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"There will be two clowns from the Shriner's Hospital, balloons, a petting zoo, Girl Scouts and Indian Guides manning carnival game booths, pony rides, face painting, a silent auction, T-shirts, barbecue, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn — a lot of good old-fashioned fun," said Lytle.

J.C. & Mattie Carrillo, Sugar Land residents and owners of 1930s hot-rods, are coordinating a classic and hot-rod car show for the park event. So far, they have about 40 cars. To register for the show, call 281-242-6529. Car owners also will be able to have their car pin-striped

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Reyes

Brandon

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with proceeds going to the fund for Brandon.

"The Kempner High School drill team, which Brookly was a part of when she was a high school student, will also be there. So will (Sugar Land) Mayor (Dean) Hrbacek and other City Council members. And all the proceeds will go toward helping Brandon and his mother get through this dreadful time for both of them," Lytle said.

The items for the silent auction still are coming in, but there is one object in particular that Lytle knows will be treasured. It is a 2-foot statue of Nolan Ryan done by Bob Pack, the Sugar Land sculptor who created the statue, "The Guardian," that stands in front of the Sugar Land Police and Municipal Court building. Other auction items include sports memorabilia.

"I can't believe the response I've gotten from the community," Brookly said. "He (Brandon) is really looking forward to it."

She said he really enjoys seeing old friends and having visitors. Brandon likes Spaghetti-Os, the Houston Astros, playing T-ball, coloring, watching Disney movies, being outdoors and talking.

A special account benefiting Brandon has been set up at Frost Bank in Sugar Land. The first deposit was a donation of \$250 from Patti Bliss, vice president of the bank. Checks can be made out to the Brandon Reyes Benefit and sent to Friends of

Old Sugar Land, 103 First St., Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

Brookly, who has lived in the Sugar Land area about seven years, has taken a leave of absence from her job, plus is incurring additional daily expenses related to her son's medical treatment.

"There is already several thousand dollars in the account," said Lytle. "Our goal is to present Brookly with donations from companies and individuals from all over the city."

Lytle did not know Brandon's mother before a mutual friend approached Lytle about the possibility of the Friends of Old Sugar Land doing something to help the family.

"Brookly and I met in July," said Lytle, "and A Day for Brandon grew from there."

Already, the response has been overwhelming, said Lytle. "One phone call was from a father who lost his daughter to cancer. Like Brandon, she was a Lakeview Elementary School student. The father has designated 16 pints of previously donated blood to go to Brandon in his daughter's memory. That's a tremendous help, since Brandon is always having transfusions."

"Another caller, a widower, has offered to drive Brookly and Brandon to Texas Children's Hospital."

Still another caller who heard about the family's plight told Lytle she is a professional muralist, and would like to donate her time and talent to paint and decorate Brandon's bedroom.

"We've struck a nerve," said Lytle. "People really want to help."

For additional information about A Day for Brandon, or to offer assistance, call 281-242-1899.

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Hot Dogs

Silent
Auction

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Candy

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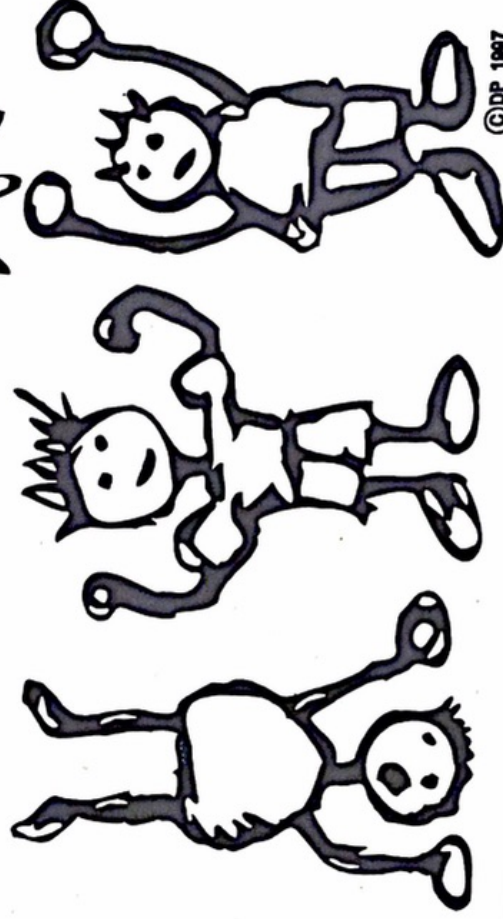
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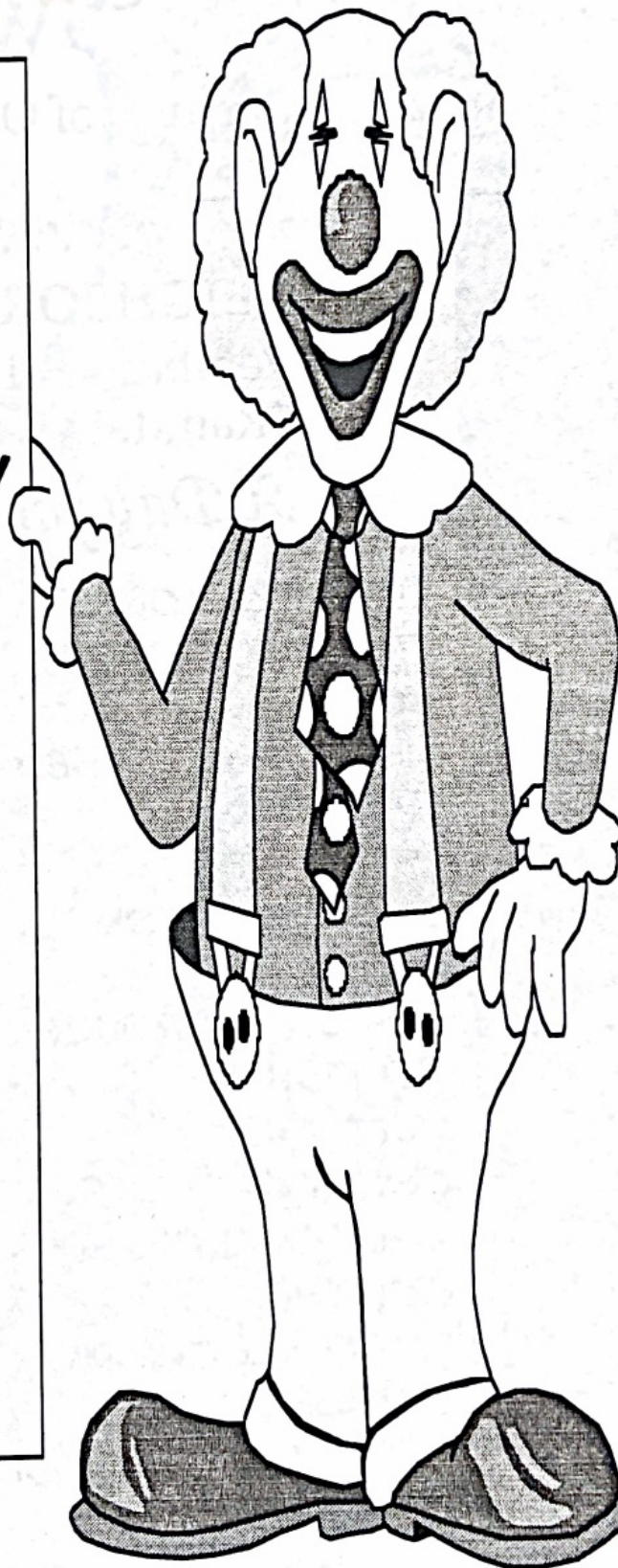
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Sugar Land Middle School Student Council for
sponsoring the basketball booth, and volunteers.
Lakeview Elementary-for sponsoring the caramel
apples booth.
Sugar Mill Elementary-for the loan of carnival
booths.

Neighbors who have helped organize this event.....

Dennis & Becky Parmer-Lakeview Dr.

Kelly McFadden Wilcox and Scott Wilcox-Lakeview Dr.

Amanda Riddle-Sixth St.

Marla Van Overbeke-Main St.

Dixie & Erin West-Main St.

Mary Von Tungeln-Councilmember

Richard & Carol Stearman-Sixth

Bridget Yeung-Venetian Estates resident

Gary Thomson-Fourth St.

**Thank you to these Hill residents who have already donated to
Brandon's Benefit Fund....**

Theresa Callis

Chris Cheaney

Ricky Nentwig

T.C. Rozelle

Nadine Anderson

W.H. Louviere

Roxie Strickland

Mel J. Niscavits

Van Overbeke family

Thank you to these neighbors for sponsoring a booth:

Tim & Amy Howard & family

Van Overbeke family

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RE/MAX-Jeanne Gregory

Mary Von Tungeln-Design Printwear

Gifts for Brandon...

Many of you have asked about bringing a gift for Brandon on November 15. His mother gave me some suggestions:

His clothes no longer fit; loose fitting (his back burns) jogging suits, pajamas, tee shirts (loves the Houston Astros), etc. size 8-10 (he has gained alot of weight from steroids)

Materials to help him with kindergarten studies (HISD teacher visits him twice a week at the hospital)

Movies-he has five movies he watches over and over; any Disney, family oriented movies

REMEMBER, there are plenty of ways you can help....make a card for the banner, bake something for the bake sale, work a booth at the carnival, purchase Brandon clothes, learning materials, movies, attend TUTS "A Night for Brandon", obtain donation items for the silent auction, etc. **Everything is 100% profit for Brandon's account.**

The November/December newsletter will not be distributed until December. Have a nice Thanksgiving, enjoy your family time and keep Brandon in your thoughts and prayers.

How is Brandon?

Brandon just started a six week session of radiation. He will be finishing a few days before the carnival. He has had a very tough time, two transfusions, a spinal tap, surgery on the central line in his chest, and has been very ill from radiation. His mother, Brookly said he is very excited about the carnival and it has given him something to really look forward to. The last MRI showed no cancer in the brain (after brain surgery) and the cancer on the spine is shrinking, however the insurance company considers some chemo to be experimental and will not pay for it. Following this radiation Brandon will have the toughest treatment ahead of him in January 1998.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH A DAY FOR BRANDON-

I need a trailer (that comes with muscles) on Friday, November 14th to pick up tables and chairs at S.L. Community Center.

Sherwood Florist has generously donated balloons for decorations, someone needs to pick these up on Saturday, November 15th around 10:00 a.m.

Many games have to be picked up on Saturday, November 15th, around 9:00 a.m. at Cullen Amusements on FM 1092.

Need lots, and lots of goodies for a bake sale booth, these can be brought to the park on Saturday morning before 11:00 am or you can drop off at my house (103 First) on Friday, November 14th. (it will be safe, I am not eating until Thanksgiving!)

Volunteer for tree trimming or to work a booth!

VERY VERY IMPORTANT-

Brandon recently visited his former day care center, he wanted to be around kids, unfortunately he left very upset. Right now, Brandon does not look like the little boy you have seen in the pictures. Kids today can be so cruel. Explain to your children his illness has caused swelling, loss of hair, etc. and not to stare or ask him about his appearance. It is critical that Brandon not catch any outside illnesses, since this event is outdoors he can attend; however please refrain from hugging, touching, kissing Brandon, we don't want him to catch anything. There will be a huge banner along the fence for cards, please encourage your child to make him one, these will be good for Brandon to practice reading and to decorate his hospital room.



Jeff Fitlow photo

For Brandon

Inclement weather didn't cancel the Nov. 15 benefit for Brandon Reyes — just moved the event — from Sugar Land City Park to Sugar Land Middle School, said Kristin Lytle, event organizer. Reyes, 5, is receiving treatment to fight a rare cancer called medulla blastoma. Lytle said the event raised \$9,000. Above, Brandon

throws balls in a game, helped by Mary Ann Dolezah, left, and Sharon Bhonn, right, with his uncle Kevin Rhodes nearby. Three years ago, Friends of Old Sugar Land started Neighborhood Day, which turned in to A Day For Brandon after neighbors learned of Brandon and his mom, Brookly, and decided to help.

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Friends of Old Sugar Land

January/February, 1998

*Friends of Old Sugar Land raises
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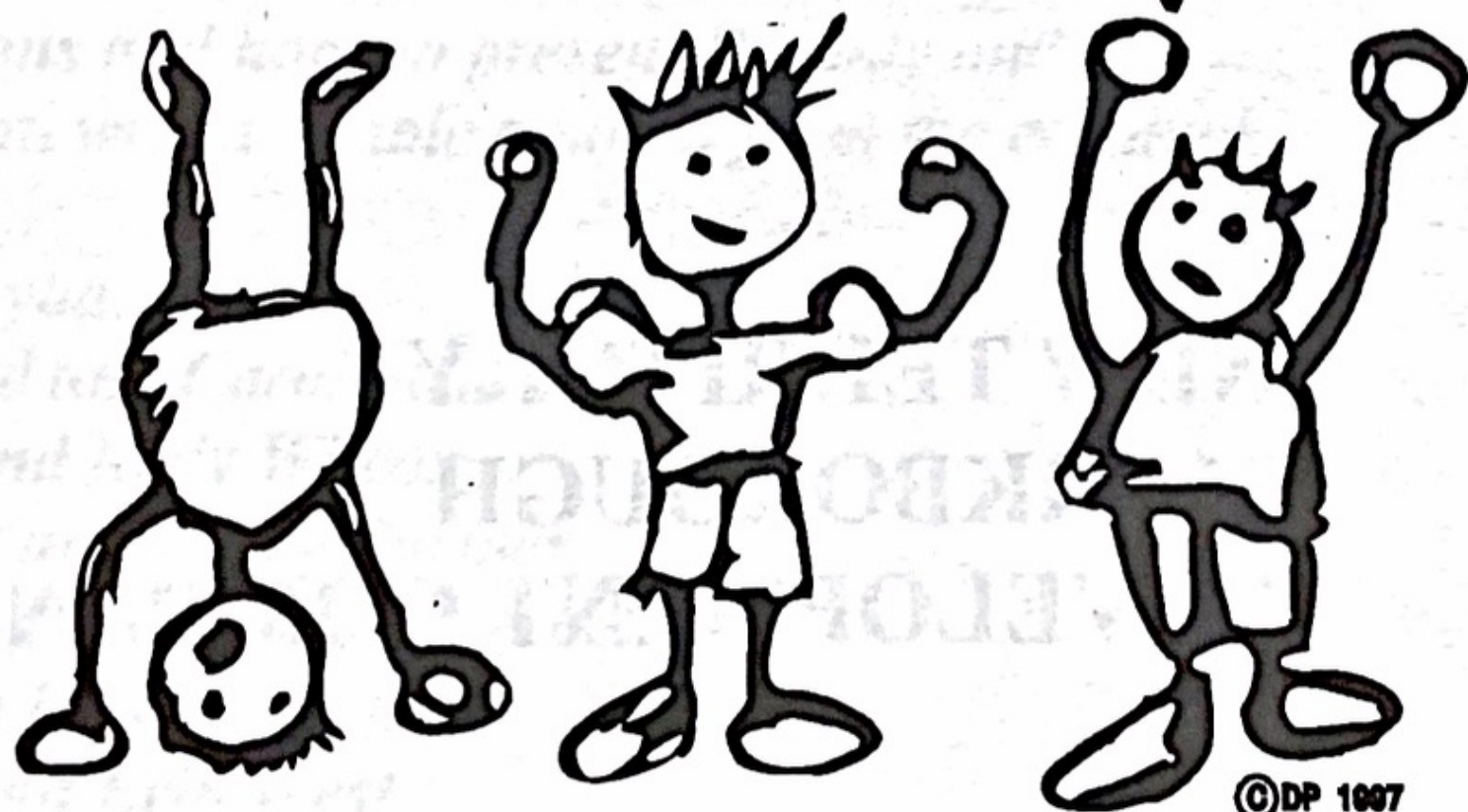
Good friends and neighbors...

Your efforts and generosity stretched from Houston to Missouri City, Stafford, Richmond, Rosenberg, Katy, Klein, Pearland, Needville, Bellville, Garland, Picayune, Ms., Louisville, Ky, all the way to New York! You should all be proud knowing your baked goods, craft items, checks, etc. helped raise more than \$23,000 for Brookly and Brandon.

Brookly had every intention of writing thank you notes to everyone but one week after the event Brandon was badly burned on the back of his head. I saw him in December and could not believe a month later how bad it was. He is currently undergoing the toughest of all his treatments (isolated radiation) at Texas Children's, he should get to go home at the end of February and will continue chemo through May.

Friends of Old Sugar Land

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Special Thanks to.....

Brandon has been looking forward to this day for months. The response drew checks from as far away as New York! Sugar Land can be proud of the efforts and generosity that began in Brandon's hometown and stretched to Houston, Missouri City, Stafford, Richmond, Rosenberg, Katy, Klein, Pearland, Needville, Bellville, Garland, Picayune, Ms., Louisville, KY, all the way up to New York!

There are a few key people that helped organize this event and deserve a pat on the back for making "A Day for Brandon" a success story. To date we have received more than \$13,000 in donations and hope to present Brookly and Brandon with a sizable amount from the carnival.

Thank you....

Richard and Carol Stearman

Scott and Kelly Wilcox

Dennis and Becky Parmer

Phil and Marla Van Overbeke

Sharon Bhonn

Dixie and Erin West

Mary Von Tungeln

J.C. and Mattie Carrillo

Rich Fields

Mike Rhodes

Becky Walger

Glen and Mary Harris

Kristin Lytle

Event Coordinator

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Kristin Lytle, Sugar Land Police Officer Neil
and National Guard and Brandon



Special thanks to these residents who helped make "A Day for Brandon" a success.



Jimmie Walker

I completely left Jimmie off the program, I guess because he did so much "behind the scenes"; picking up generators, helping cook bar-b-que (in the cold, cold, outdoors), you name it, and I think he did it. I am so sorry I overlooked someone who worked this hard. Thanks Jimmie.

Mary Harris and Harris Construction

Mary was one of the first on the scene and she brought a crew of muscles! She worked hard from start to finish, setting up; then she handled the entire silent auction, I don't know what I would have done without her. Plus, Harris Construction sponsored the program!

Teresa Pierce

Teresa also had the task of selling tickets, and she was one busy lady! She's a hard worker so she was definitely placed in the right spot. (Teresa and husband Bob were recognized in 1996 Volunteers of the Year for our neighborhood.)

Phil and Marla Van Overbeke and her parents, Sandra (LeNormand) and Leo Toman

I bet they counted money in their sleep. They had the task of running the ticket booth, and popping popcorn to boot! It was a busy, busy, job but it gave them good experience, Sandra recently opened a resale shop on 359 in Richmond.

Scott and Kelly Wilcox

I have a feeling they did not see Sunday morning. From Friday until late Saturday night Scott and Kelly were cooking, slicing 200 lbs of brisket, and preparing all the food. Bless their hearts, I don't think they ever sat down! Scott owns "Against the Grain" bar-b-que catering service and donated his time for this event. And Kelly managed to obtain a generator, petting zoo, train ride, etc.

Dennis Parmer

What a guy! He secured the game booths from Sugar Mill Elementary and organized the lay-out. He worked on the event for several months, taking care of so many details!

Richard and Carol Stearman

Carol obtained ECO Resources as a sponsor for the tee shirts, and got the groceries donated from the new Beldon's Grocery Store. Meanwhile, Richard had way to much fun helping Scott bar-b-que! They did prep work, posters, etc. and took care of lots of details.

And these families who ran game booths: Liscums, Barrett, Ferguson, and teenagers: Chad Harris, Jennifer Thomson, and Jason Pierce.



Robyn Mundy sings to Brandon

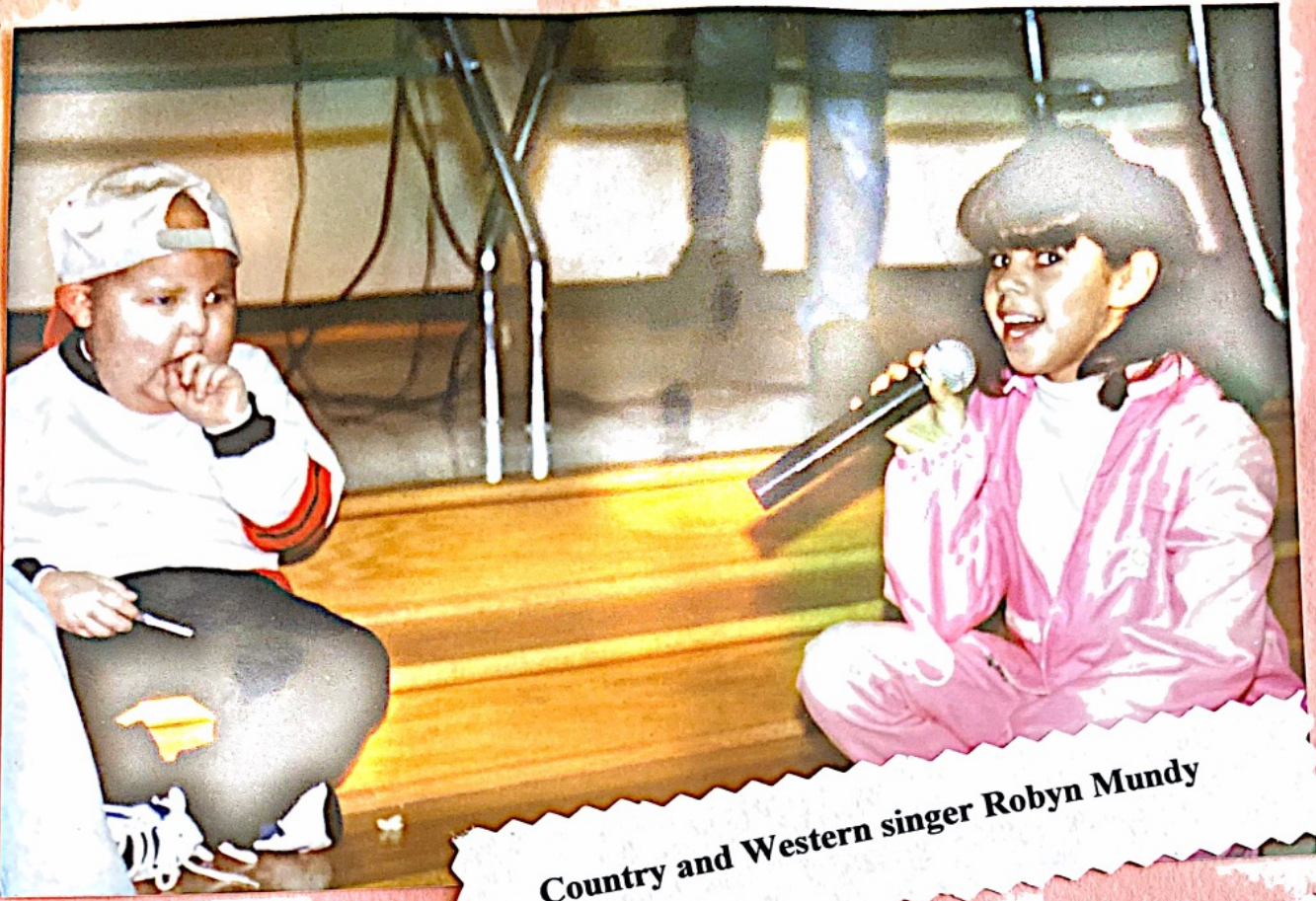


Brookly and Brandon



Brookly helping Brandon dance

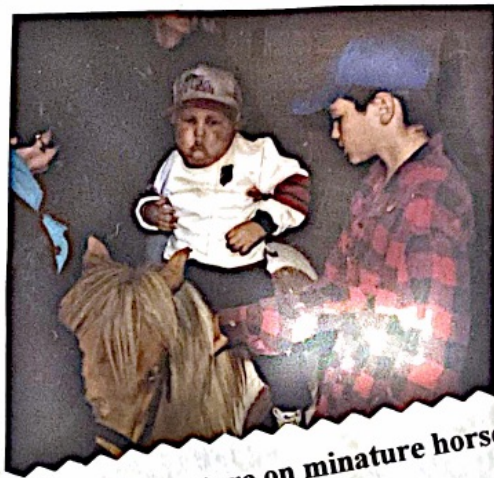




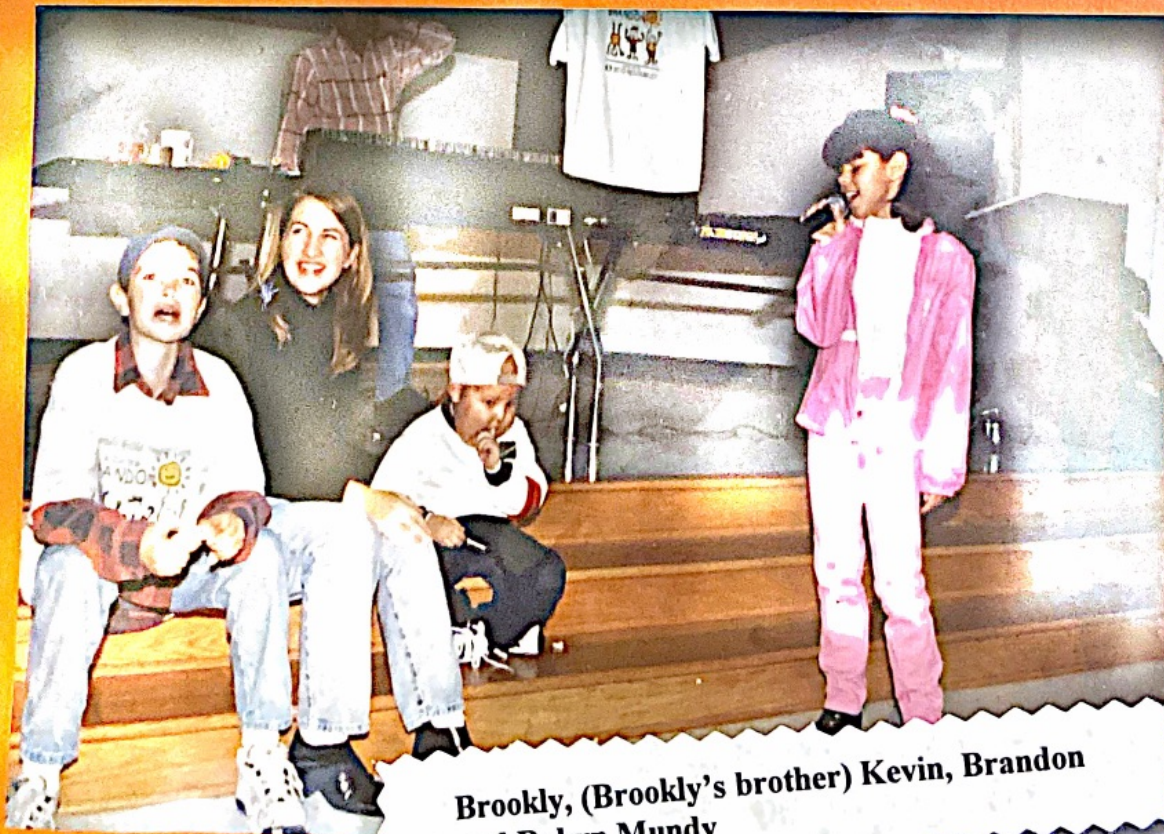
Country and Western singer Robyn Mundy



Sugar Land Middle School teacher and a volunteer help Brandon play games



Brandon gets picture on minature horses
from Mimosa Farms



Brookly, (Brookly's brother) Kevin, Brandon
and Robyn Mundy

Brandon is a Boy Scout!

Many of you have asked about Brandon, I am thrilled to tell you he is enjoying first grade in HISD and is now a boy scout! Right now Brandon is not undergoing any chemo treatment. His body just couldn't take much more, after suffering heart failure, illness and serious side effects, the doctors and Brookly decided to give him a rest. They plan to do another MRI in December to see if the mass shows any growth or changes before pursuing any further treatment. Brandon would love to receive a card, drawings from kids, etc. in the mail: 4131 Lehigh Houston, Texas 77005.

Brandon Christmas 1998 with Dalton Lytle



.....and they lived happily ever after

Brookly and Brandon recently moved to San Francisco with her fiancé, John Rosen. John was offered an incredible opportunity in management with Waldorf Hotels. Brookly decided to cease chemo treatments after Brandon suffered through several near death episodes. MRI's still indicate the cancer mass of the brain and spine have not changed or grown. Brandon attends school and is excited about his mother's upcoming marriage to John. They will be married Memorial Day weekend at Oak Alley Plantation in Louisiana. I will run a photo of the Rosen family in this summer's newsletter.