

Donny Schroeder and Family Bring Our Hospital a Generous Gift . . .



It takes a family to celebrate good tidings, and we did that recently with Donny Schroeder's marvelous family, who pose in the photo, left. They brought a gift of \$10,000, which Donny holds with the help of a small nephew. Dr. Jeffrey Ackman, Donny's physician (far left), joined the celebration.

Back to the beginning: In 2014, three members of the Schroeder family--Donny's mom Cindy, dad Terry, and twin brother Dylan, were taken in a tragic highway

accident in Missouri. Donny came under the care of Dr. Ackman as a result of the accident and has been a patient since then.

On June 13, 2015, a small, tight-knit community came together to remember, celebrate, and honor the lives of Cindy, Terry, and Dylan and to show support for Donny. The Schroeder family had spent countless hours golfing and fishing at Tall Oaks Country Club in Toluca, IL. Terry also served on the Board of Directors for a time, and the family was always involved in club events.

Terry and several of his fellow golfing buddies had talked many times about how to improve the golfing experience at the club. One idea that often came up was to have a pavilion for family picnics and cookouts at the lake, located at Tall Oaks Country Club. It was this wish from which an idea was born: Let's "Raise a Pavilion" to celebrate the lives of Cindy, Terry, and Dylan. A committee was formed, which decided to host a Draw Down, dinner, and band, to raise funds for the project. The initial goal was to break-even on costs of the pavilion. Needless to say community support and generosity were overwhelming!

Over 40 families donated to the fundraiser. Labor, concrete, electrical materials, rock, and lighting for the pavilion were also donated. A gift from the Jaclyn Park Foundation added to the success of the project. The event culminated with a dedication ceremony at the pavilion with approximately 200 people in attendance. Although the day was filled with rain, clouds parted and the three symbolic luminaries on the pavilion's gable (photo, right) seemed to rise through the evening sky at the conclusion of the dedication service. It was an amazing experience for all.



The event was so designed that any excess funds be donated to Chicago Shriners Hospital: Thus, the \$10,000 gift from the family. Donny continues to receive treatment from Dr. Ackman and his staff, and the Schroeder family members are grateful for SHC - Chicago medical team's dedication to Donny, whose recovery has been remarkable.

In the meantime, Donny's neighbors and family friends, McKensie, Maddison, and Carlie (left) held a lemon aid stand fundraiser in Donny's honor and raised \$40.31 for SHC - Chicago, which was presented on the family visit. We are grateful to all! Blessed with such nice friends, we are ever thankful for their thoughtful generosity!

