

Lukas' Fund



2010 Fall Update!

September 20, 2010

Join us for 6th Annual Lukas' Fund Wine Tasting and Silent Auction!

- What: 6th Annual Lukas' Fund Wine Tasting and Silent Auction
- Where: The home of Madeline and Phil Van Dyke, 154 Sedgefield Way, Athens, GA
- When: Sunday, November 7th, 4:00 to 7:00 pm
- Why: To benefit Lukas' Fund and the NICUs at ARMC and Grady Hospital
- How much: suggested donation of \$50 per person.
- What do you get: appetizers, great wines, a wine glass, a wine charm, and raffle tickets
- More info: ebell@uga.edu or bierema@uga.edu, or call 706-247-4953

Please join us for the 6th annual Lukas' Fund wine tasting and silent auction. Since our founding, we have raised over \$100,000 to help the infants and families at the NICU at Grady Memorial and Athens Regional Medical Center.

This year's auction is at the beautiful home of Madeline and Phil Van Dyke. Located on the Middle Oconee River, it's an incredible place for a party with great indoor and outdoor spaces.

Once again, we'll have great food, amazing wines, and a wide assortment of auction

items for you to bid on.

Last year, we raised over \$7,000 for Lukas' Fund in this event. This year, we hope to do even better to help us outfit two "Lukas' Rooms" at Athens Regional Medical Center, as well as a new family room at Grady Memo-

rial. Each room will give mothers the opportunity to room-in with their "NICU graduate" before going home.

See the next page for information on how to reserve your place, and how to donate a silent auction item.

We'll see you there!



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Lukas' Fund Wine Tasting

Please contact us to donate an item or service for the silent auction. Just call (706-247-4953) or email us (info@lukasfund.org) and a volunteer will be glad to pick up your donation!



If you plan to attend, please reserve your place by visiting the Lukas' Fund Web site at www.lukasfund.org, or by calling or emailing (above). Remember, donations to Lukas' Fund are tax deductible according to the extent allowable by law. We are a tax exempt registered 501(c)3 charity.

Directions: Take Tallassee Road north of the 10 Loop. Approximately 2 miles past the 10 Loop, turn left on Sedgfield Way. Turn right at the T-intersection, and the Van Dyke home is about 0.5 miles on the right at 154 Sedgfield Way, Athens, GA 30606. For directions from Atlanta, please see the Lukas' Fund Web site.



What is Lukas' Fund?

Lukas Willem Bierema Ebell was born prematurely on November 15th, 2002. He spent several days at Athens Regional Medical Center before being transferred to Grady Hospital where he spent over 5 weeks in their neonatal intensive care unit. He died on December 26th of complications related to his prematurity. Lukas' parents, Drs. Mark Ebell and Laura Bierema, were thankful for the wonderful care their only child received, and wanted to make sure that other infants and their families in the neonatal ICU got the help they needed during a very difficult time. Lukas' Fund was established in 2003

Major gifts to Athens Regional, Grady Memorial Medical Centers

The Lukas' Fund board has approved a donation of over \$5000 to Athens Regional Medical Center to outfit two brand new "Lukas' Rooms" adjacent to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We're very excited to make this important contribution that will help mothers make the transition home with their NICU graduate.



Each Lukas' room will include a bed for Mom, a therapeutic reclining chair, coffee maker, art work on the walls, and other homey touches to make it a transition from hospital to home. This is a place where families can spend the night close to their child.

We're also making a similar donation to Grady Memorial to refurbish the "family room" just outside their NICU. We remember arriving in this room late the night that Lukas was admitted to Grady, when it just had an old couch, a

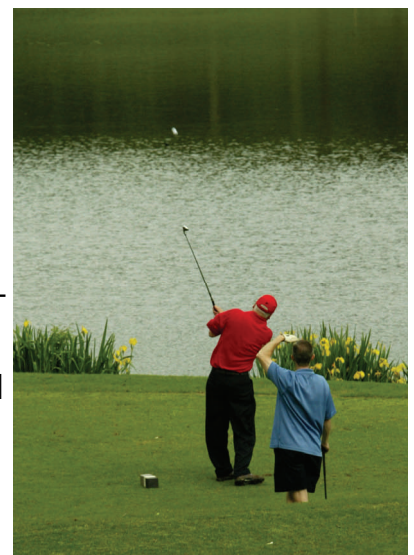
chair, and a cabinet. Now, it will be a pleasant, well appointed space with art on the walls, a calming place during a stressful time. We thank Elizabeth Wagner of Knox-Wagner Interior designs for her design assistance with this project!

Please join us at our upcoming wine-tasting and silent auction to raise money to support this great cause. It's our vision to fund similar rooms at hospitals throughout Georgia, and to support better end-of-life care for those children who can't go home.

Golf Tournament a big success!

The 7th Annual Lukas' Fund Golf Tournament was a great success, raising over \$14,000 for the kids at Grady Hospital and Athens Regional.

Over 100 golfers turned out at the University of Georgia golf course the week after their Nationwide Tour event to enjoy the same course the pros played. What a treat! The course was in perfect condition, and the weather was perfect. We're so thankful to our volunteers, sponsors, and players who made it all possible.





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Donor spotlight: Connie Cousins-Baker

One of the first people we met at Grady Memorial Hospital when we arrived in the middle of the night was our social worker, Connie Cousins-Baker. She was a warm, calming presence who helped us transition into the challenging environment of the NICU. Throughout Lukas' stay at Grady, she was there for us. And now, she is there for Lukas' Fund. One of our original board members, Connie now works as a realtor in the Atlanta area for Harry Norman Realtors. But her commitment to Lukas' Fund remains incredibly strong. In addition to volunteering at our annual events, she has given clients the option of donating 10% of her realtors fee to Lukas' Fund. This has resulted in over \$1200 in donations over the past year, an amazing gift. Join us in thanking Connie Cousins-Baker for her wonderful contribution to Lukas' Fund!

