



Volunteer Connection

The Rainbow Report - June 2019



40th Annual Dobson

This year, we are celebrating our 40th Annual Dobson! In honor of this milestone, we are offering a special Green Sponsorship featuring a custom designed pin flag with the sponsoring company's logo. The flag is made out of a special material to make sure it is always taut and the logo is always visible. This \$1,000 sponsorship is limited to 18 companies.

We are on par to OVER SELL the course this year. That means sponsors will be exposed to more than 150 community and business leaders from companies like our leading partners: Xpert Technologies, Prudential Financial, Willis, DTE Energy, Grant Thornton, Wells Fargo, Plastipak, and more!

If you work at a company or know of a company that would like to be part of this memorable celebration, please contact Jessica at 248-601-9474. You can also [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up as a Green Sponsor or to learn more about other available sponsorship opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities



Kaizen Dojo Golf Outing Saturday, July 20th 12:30 - 5 PM

Volunteers are needed to assist with a golf challenge activity on the course.

38th Annual Allen Park Arts and Crafts Street Fair



Friday, August 2nd and Saturday, August 3rd
Shifts: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, 1:30 - 5:30 PM and 5:30 - 9 PM

Click **HERE** to sign up for an available shift.

Volunteers are needed to greet visitors at a Rainbow Connection booth and sell merchandise.



Arts, Beats and Eats

Saturday, August 31: 9:45 AM - 3:30 PM
Downtown Royal Oak

Volunteers are needed to help collect tickets and wristband guests as they enter the festival. Volunteers receive free entry into the festival all weekend and a lunch voucher for Saturday!

To volunteer, please reply to this email or contact Karen at 248-601-9474 or kjohnson@rainbowconnection.org.

Volunteer Spotlight

Kohl's Cares

This spring, over fifty Kohl's associates from nine different local Kohl's stores volunteered at The Rainbow Connection. They helped prepare our Impact Report mailing and assemble favors for our Dream Makers Ball. All of their efforts that day helped raise \$9,000 to grant wishes for our kids!

Thank you, Kohl's associates and the Kohl's Cares program, for helping us make dreams come true!



From the Wish Department

Tommy Schomaker ... A wish and more!

Battling Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome has made the road for Tommy anything but easy. In May 2008, The Rainbow Connection received a call from Tommy's mom. We had just recently met Tommy and his family and learned he wished to go to Disney World. As his condition was progressing, Tommy's family received news that he was going to be put on a heart

transplant list.

Not knowing what the future would hold, Tommy's family and medical team wanted Tommy to go on his wish as soon as possible. Without any hesitation The Rainbow Connection made all of the arrangements and less than a week later, Tommy and his family were on their way to meet Mickey Mouse!



Click on the video to the left and watch as Tommy learns his wish is coming true. Warning... you may want to have a tissue close by!

As Tommy reflects back on his wish trip, he shared that, "I see so many ways it has impacted my life. We had such a long road ahead of us after we returned home from our wish trip and it gave us the boost we needed to take on what was before us... Everyone at The Rainbow Connection worked so hard to make sure my family had this trip together at exactly the right time before I became too sick to go... My wish trip stands out as one of the most impactful and memorable experiences for my family and me."

Fast forward to this week, when Tommy walked across the stage at his high school graduation ceremony after recently celebrating his ten-year heart transplant anniversary! Tommy's heart donor's mother attended his graduation as Tommy's special guest so she could celebrate this amazing gift and victory as well! Tommy will be continuing his studies this fall at Michigan State University and we are excited to be awarding him a scholarship at our Annual Scholarship Breakfast taking place this week.

WDIV Click-on-Detroit has also been following Tommy's story. Click [HERE](#) to see their coverage of Tommy's incredible journey for the last 14 years.

Tommy, we are so proud of you and honored to be part of your amazing and brave story!

Happy June Birthday!

Vivian Ader * Derek Boczkowski * Ryan Buchzeiger
Patricia Carrillo Baca * Penny Conforti * Rachel Deceuninck-Huck
Samar Elhouar * Julie Evered * Corwin Ferguson * Robert Kilgore
Margie Kubasta * Becky Laeder * Mary Lemelin * Staci Lowe
Kristin Millmine * Melanie Mitchell * Fred Mommersteeg
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