



JUNE 7, 2014 AT LAKE EOLA, DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

Dear Make 'm Smile Buddy,

We are excited that you are planning to “be a Buddy” at our 12th Annual Make 'm Smile festival on **Saturday, June 7, 2014** at Lake Eola in downtown Orlando. Thanks for joining with us to make this a special day of celebration for our VIP friends! Please carefully review the following “Day Of” information and map.

- **Parking info:**

The parking map will help you become familiar with the FREE parking lots we have secured close to Lake Eola. As a Buddy, please park in lots labeled General parking. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Registration:**

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. When you arrive, you must check in at one of the two registration areas located near Robinson & Rosalind and Robinson & Eola Drive. Just look for the **GREEN tents!** Due to our growing number of participants and our desire to best serve our VIP families, only VIPs and their immediate family members will be receiving free wristbands. All extended family members, friends, and **buddies will be asked to make a minimal \$3 donation to receive a wrist band.** From there you will be directed to meet your VIP and begin the Buddy Stroll. Please let the volunteers at the Buddy Match-Up area know if you can assist a VIP that speaks Spanish or uses ASL. ***Please note that we cannot determine the arrival times of our VIP families, so you may be asked to wait until our VIPs arrive. Thank you for understanding.***

- **Your role:**

Your job as a Buddy is to be a friend to your VIP family for the stroll, and accompany them through the exhibit area as well. We encourage you to invite them to attend the main entertainment program at the amphitheater at 10:00 a.m. If your VIP family cannot stay for the full event, please feel free to come back to the registration area to “Buddy up” again with another family. We are always in need of Buddies! ☺

- **VIP kids are our honored guests:**

Make 'M Smile offers continuous fun for the whole family! Though you will enjoy the events of the day, please remember this day is especially for our VIPs, and we want to make every effort to serve them. Please be sure to accommodate their wishes as you enjoy the event together. We will have some special gifts and goodies just for “VIP kids” since they are our honored guests. ONLY

VIPs will be receiving FREE T-shirts. Event T-shirts may be purchased for a minimal donation at a DONATION STATION (Blue tents).

Weather: RAIN OR SHINE – COME!

We will be there... unless there is a tropical storm or hurricane in the area!☺ Be sure to bring your umbrella, just in case! **For any important last minute “Day-Of” information**, please visit www.NathanielsHope.org. Click on the Make ‘m Smile link and then on “Day-of Event.”

You can also tune into **Z88.3** or visit www.wftv.com. You can also follow us on Twitter @NathanielsHope or on FaceBook!!!!

Be sure to check out...

- The **“FUN Zone”** sponsored by Walgreens, where VIP kids can bounce in bounce houses, engage in a dance party with a live DJ, and ride a train!
- Visit our NEW **“Buddy Break Boardwalk”** sponsored by Children First. Here you will be able to play games, visit Character Corner, and learn about our FREE kids’ respite program all over the state!
- **“Animal Land”** sponsored by Leland Management. Visit all kinds of animals, including llamas, Chris P. Bacon -the special needs pig, Gatorland and petting zoos!
- Get cooled off at the Westgate Resorts **“WET Zone”** located on the South Side of Lake Eola on the bridge.
- Visit the **“Health & Sports Zone”** where you can play soccer and learn how to live a healthy lifestyle!
- The **“Party Place”** at the Amphitheater is where you can meet special characters, such as SeaWorld’s Shamu & Cookie Monster. Also, enjoy music with contemporary Christian recording artists Heather Williams and Carolyn Pankalla! This year we are also featuring “THE STARS,” a performance music group from the Chicago area, made up of young adults with intellectual disabilities who will be performing a Disney Medley!

We want to let our VIP kids and their families know that the community cares about them. This is a day that is dedicated to honoring, encouraging, and celebrating VIP kids. God places great value on this community and has purpose for all of us. As you take time to get to know a new friend that you may never have had a chance to meet, your willingness to be a Buddy with our VIP kids and their families will be a tremendous blessing to them, and we believe that in turn you will be immeasurably blessed by your new friendship. Remember, VIP kids are just kids like any other kid ...with lots of abilities and possibilities! ☺

If you know of any others that would like to participate as a VIP or Buddy, they can register at the event. Thank you for choosing to make a difference by helping to “Make ‘m Smile.” See you soon!

Sharing the Hope with Smiles,

Tim + Marie ☺

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