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1st annual *Nathaniel's Hope*
MAKE 'm SMILE
North Carolina



the Biggest Party
Celebrating Kids
with Special Needs

our VIPs ... of all ages!



August 24, 2024
Rotary Centennial Pavilion | Gastonia, NC

presented by:
Gastonia First Assembly

WELCOME TO MAKE 'm SMILE North Carolina!

We are honored to have you with us today for our Inaugural MAKE 'm SMILE North Carolina, the biggest party celebrating kids and adults with varying abilities, our VIPs!

Today the community joins together arm and arm, and heart to heart to cheer on, be Buddies, and help MAKE 'm SMILE! We have a lot of fun family entertainment, games, characters, animals, food, helpful resources, and tons of smiles planned for our VIP friends today!

The MAKE 'm SMILE party started as a way to remember the birthday of our son, Nathaniel Timothy Kuck, "A Treasured Gift of God", who was born with multiple special needs. Surgeries, therapies, sickness, and hospital visits all became a normal part of his life. After beating the odds and overcoming many physical challenges, Nathaniel had a change of address to heaven at an early age of 4 1/2. Nathaniel taught us that each life has **Value and Incredible Purpose**. What may appear to be imperfect in the eyes of humans is perfect in the sight of God. **That is why we gather to celebrate every VIP here today!**



MAKE 'm SMILE has been hosted in Orlando, FL for 22 years! Since then, the party has spread to Ohio, Southern California, and now North Carolina, with plans to continue to expand around the country.

We hope that you will be encouraged to know that you are not alone. **You are loved by God and this community!**

Always remember, no matter what you face in life there is ALWAYS HOPE... because **"HOPE LIVES!"**

Sharing Hope and Smiles,

Tim + Marie ☺

Tim and Marie Kuck
Nathaniel's Dad and Mom

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." - Hebrews 6:19

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Check out the other FREE programs we offer all year long that enrich the lives of VIP families.



including
Buddy Break

A Parents' Day Out / Respite Program
Available in your area
Hosted by First Assembly of Gastonia



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GREETINGS FROM YOUR LOCAL HOST



As a church family, we are so honored to celebrate so many special individuals and families at MAKE 'm SMILE! With such radiant spirits and boundless potential, you are examples of the beauty and diversity of God's creation! You are God's image-bearers!

Our church, along with our community and many sponsors and volunteers want to say "THANK YOU" for your immeasurable contributions to our community. Your courage, resilience, and joy inspire us to live more fully and with greater compassion.

Dennis Boyce
Lead Pastor
First Assembly of Gastonia



We began our partnership with Nathaniel's Hope in August 2022 when we hosted our first Buddy Break. Now in 2024 we have been blessed to be able to host our inaugural MAKE 'm SMILE event in Gastonia, North Carolina!

We are thrilled and blessed to have you with us today. We hope by attending our event you are blessed, encouraged and have tons of fun!!

You are amazing, beautiful and so valuable! We hope that your day with us reminds you of your value and incredible purpose and that you know going forward that we, as part of your community, love you beyond measure.

Blessings and Smiles all around,
Brandi Proffitt
Special Needs Coordinator
First Assembly of Gastonia

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy the **FUN** at MAKE 'm SMILE
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Family Entertainment | Animals | Mascots
Games | Helpful Resources | Food

Special visits by Nathaniel, Boomer, Chubby, & Lugnut

At the Pavilion

11:00 am - Official Welcome

By Pastor Dennis Boyce, Pastor Jared Lilly, and Brandi Proffitt

11:30 am - Special Guest Greetings

Gastonia Mayor Richard Franks, Tim and Marie Kuck, Nathaniel's Hope Co-Founders

12:00 pm - Music by Bailey Marie Griggs

**1:00 pm - Dance Party | Drawings for Prizes
Music Enrichment with the TrebleMakers**

3:00 pm - We all go home Smiling!

Lunch served all day

(While supplies last. Coupon received at check-in required to redeem your free meal)