

We live in a time and place where it seems that all we hear about is hardships and horrors, while the good in this world is often overlooked. The good of our local community and the state as a whole was truly evident on Thursday, February 28, 2008. People opened their hearts to help a little boy's family raise money to purchase a wheelchair accessible van, so that he may leave his home without calling an ambulance. A fundraiser was held at Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford to raise money to help Hunter Pageau achieve freedom and the mobility to leave his home for doctors' appointments. With the kindness of others \$ 12,871.50 was raised at the fundraiser, with more donations coming in everyday. All the proceeds from the fundraiser went directly to Hunter's trust account to help towards the cost of the wheelchair accessible van.

The staff of Gouveia Vineyards and the Pageau family would like to thank everyone who made this fundraiser a success. Donations both big and small, along with people's kind words and prayers came from every corner of the state. The press, especially the Record Journal helped make this fundraiser a true triumph. In addition, we would like to thank all the area businesses that donated their products and services for the live auction and raffle.

The following businesses and individuals donated their time, expertise, products, and services to the fundraiser. Massage on Center, North Haven Therapeutic Massage, Studio Many, East Center Market, Hong Kong Restaurant, Country Cleaners, Carol Meade, Paul Massela, Ricks on Five, ClubKidz, Friendly's Restaurant No. Haven, Cafe Ra, Grand Apizza North, Rustic Oak, Hollywood Video, Hair Dimensions, Craig Jewelers, Canelli Jewelers, Vinny's Garden, Barnes House of Flowers, Rascals Gymnasium, Forget Me Not Florist, Dj Card & Comic, Wallingford Flower Shop, Tikki Golf, Ellie Spiritual Advisor, Bears Stuff, Carol's Creations, Arnolds Jewelers, Wallingford Lamp & Shade, Sabbaticals Cafe, Chefs Equip Emporium, Anytime Sun Tanning Salon, Kogut Florist & Garden Center, Fratelli's Restaurant, Landmark Gallery, The Dressing Room, Club Sun Tanning LLC, Oh Baby, Elite Creations, First Base, George Preisners Jewelers, Laura Michnowski, Linda Mesite, Gerry Mele, Ruthie Vogt, Demirs Restaurant, Rich DiPalma, Chick Kielman, Dora Corsette, BJ's Wallingford, M/M George Dorio, Brunettis Luncheonette, Classic Car Wash No. Haven, M/M Robert D'Amico, Sharon Manley, Eric Segaline, M/M Christopher Iovanna, M/M Robert Hogan, M/M Richard Patry, John Beavais, Marilyn Dering, Becky, Ladies Bowling League as Brunswick Lanes Southington, WPLR, M/M Paul Rish, Corvette Club of Wallingford, the Middlefield Livestock Auction and everyone who purchased tickets or made a donation.

Again the staff at Gouveia Vineyards and the Pageau family would like to offer a deeply heart felt thank you to every single person and business that heard Hunter's story and wanted to make a difference. Thank you.