

The Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter

SPRING 2010

Message from the Founder

Dear Family & Friends:



Another year has somehow snuck up on us – and it has been a chilly one! The Bailey Family Foundation received over 2,100 applications for the Spring term and we will award 500 scholarships on April 1. I'd like to thank our 250 evaluators who helped award \$2,500,000 in scholarships for Fall 2010 tuition. In

May, we'll honor our newest Bailey Scholars with an awards reception. It is always a pleasure to meet our recipients.

The Bailey Family Foundation hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt in Plant City last month. This year we had over 50 children all on the hunt for hidden eggs. It was a beautiful day and kids of all ages had a great time! The photos to the right highlight the day's events.

Bev and I welcomed our newest granddaughter, Megan Michele, early this year. I must say, she is as cute as they come. Her three older brothers were immediately smitten and have been a big help to Kyle to Michele. In May, we'll take the whole family on a Disney cruise of the Mediterranean. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the Bailey Family Memorial Day Reunion this year.

I hope you have had a wonderful start to your 2010. Please enjoy this latest edition of the Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. Take care.

Ron K. Bailey
President

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Gator rides



Kids enjoying the entertainment

On the hunt



On your mark, get set, go!



Sabastian and Cameron found lots of eggs



What's Happening?

This section is a compilation of submissions we've received for The Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. It is intended to help keep friends of the Bailey Family in touch with each other. We welcome submissions from family members, scholarship recipients, or anyone else interested in the Bailey Family. You may submit information for the newsletter:

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Births



Descendants of George Patton Bailey:

Bailey, Alexander Chase: born to **Joshua J. and Kelly M. Bailey** on February 20th, 2010 at 3:36am. Both parents are recipients of the Heritage Scholarship.



Bailey, Megan Michele: Born to **Kyle and Michele Bailey** on January 11, 2010 at 9:41am. Megan weighed 6lbs, 13 oz and was 19.5".

Megan Michele Bailey

Deaths

Descendants of George Patton Bailey:

Bailey, Dewey George: 86, of Lashmeet, WV went to be with his Heavenly Father Sunday, October 4, 2009 at Princeton Community Hospital in Princeton. Born July 19, 1923 at Lamar, he was the son of the late **Joseph Moss Bailey** and **Della Ethel Roberts Bailey**.

Dewey George Bailey



Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:

Baber, Sandra Milloy: passed away December 10, 2009, at 8:24 p.m., in Washington, D.C. She was a loving wife of **Gilbert** and mother to **Adé**, a BFF Hope for Tomorrow Scholarship recipient.

Other News & Updates

Descendants of George Patton Bailey:



Bailey, Meri: "I am in my fourth semester at Bryant & Stratton and will graduate in August. It's very exciting and I can't wait to take my state boards." Meri is a Bailey Family Foundation Heritage Scholarship Recipient.

Meri Bailey and husband Jon

Jenni Spielman shared this photo taken on Christmas Eve at **Janet Newlin's** house.

Jack Bailey and his granddaughter, Jenni Spielman



Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:



Brickey, Chipper: applied for the Arnold Air Society within the ROTC program and after a rigorous 10 week program was formally inducted in November.

Chipper Brickey and retired Chief Master Sergeant, Richard A. Ortega

Der, Lauren: was featured in a Tampa Tribune article on February 1, 2010 highlighting her reign as 2009 Florida's Strawberry Festival Queen. On April 11 she and her court members appeared on Good Morning America.

Lauren Der, 2009 Florida's Strawberry Festival Queen



Downey, Michael: “I am graduating in May. I was able to graduate in 3 years. I hope to go to graduate school and have currently been accepted to Virginia Tech’s Agricultural and Applied Economics Masters Program with recommendations for a \$20,000 fellowship. I want to thank your organization for all of its help.”



Michael Downey, 2007 Scholarship Recipient

Finley, Heather: “Thank you Bailey Family Foundation for everything! I would like to let everyone at the BFF know that I am graduating from Polk State College this December (2009) with my Associate’s Degree and because of BFF, I was able to higher my education by pursuing my Bachelor’s degree at USE.”



Heather Finley, 2009 Scholarship Recipient

Freeman, Jasmin: “I have decided to graduate a year early from the University of Florida. I have also accepted a position at the law firm Santucci, Priore & Long, P.L. and I plan to enroll in law school in 2011. This scholarship has truly been a blessing during all 3 of my years at UF and I’m not sure how else I could have paid my tuition without it. I really just want to thank you and the rest of the Bailey Family Foundation for awarding me this scholarship. The money was much needed and appreciated and I cannot thank you enough for the Foundation’s investment in my education. In addition, being an evaluator on the Scholarship Selection Committee has been a great opportunity as well. Thank you so much!”



Jasmin Freeman, 2007 Scholarship Recipient

Harlow, Jensen: “I just wanted to give you an update on how my first semester at UF went. I joined Alpha Delta Pi sorority as well as Gator Smiles, an organization dedicated to raising money for children with cleft lip and palette. I continued attending the Gator Wesley Methodist church on Sundays. In addition, to having fun with football games and philanthropies I was able to take 14 credit hours and receive straight A’s! Once again thank you so much for granting me this scholarship, words cannot describe how grateful I am.”



Jensen Harlow, 2009 Scholarship Recipient

McElroy, Brad: sent us a poem he wrote:

Brad McElroy, 2008 scholarship recipient



Almost as Well

*Almost as well, people are heard to say,
comparing one to some legend and his old games once played.
Nothing but tiers of levels only insiders can see,
all info passed along encoded in handshakes as hidden keys.
The forming of corporate man must be continually boned,
almost as well as to finally make the perfect breasted clone.*

*These facts are very important, teachers are heard to say,
comparing one to some scholar and the rules he once obeyed.
Squeezing thoughts into lemons and lemons into days,
the mind grows immune and the soul is lost in a daze.
Ironically some celebrate these lapside accomplishments,
when it’s but a funeral, the could of beens left in bereavement.*

*Spinning tops are not forced into set paths they must blindly seek,
instead they weave about naturally, unlabeled as freaks.
If the goal is to unify then maybe a means is unification,
but if the goal is to conform then maybe it is the end of creation.
Though absence of sameness prevents identicalness,
even greater is the absence of identicalness,
which finally reveals the individual.*

Melanson, Megan: “I just wanted to let you know what an amazing fall semester I had at USEF! I ended with a 3.38 GPA after an A, A-, A-, B, and another B. I was a BeefStud this year as well and was able to attend a lot of the football games! I even made it on television a few times! Thank you for everything.”



Megan Melanson, 2009 Scholarship Recipient

Mickle, Anthony “Von”: “I’m perpetually grateful for the skills and confidence I was able to gain in my MBA program. With that I can’t say enough about how grateful I am to the Bailey Family for providing me some much appreciated scholarship funds to help offset my tuition costs. I pray that you continue to inspire people to reach for the stars.”



Anthony “Von” Mickle, 2002 Scholarship Recipient

Warner, Cory: “I want to thank the Bailey Family Foundation again for the support provided to me.”



Cory Warner, 2008 scholarship recipient

Photo taken during one of Cory’s cinematography classes at UNC School of the Arts:



Watson, Sarah: made the Dean's List at Virginia Tech.

Sarah Watson, 2008 Scholarship Recipient

Wetherington, Erika: "I just wanted to update you on some of my college life. I am having a great time at USF! I joined the sorority Alpha Delta Pi, and have had so much fun! Our philanthropy (service project) is the Ronald McDonald House. Recently some of my sisters and I made Halloween baskets for some of the children there and decorated the house. It was such a great experience to help those children out! I also, have been doing well in classes."



Erika Wetherington, 2009 Scholarship Recipient

Foundation News & Activities

News from Stan Elmore in our Virginia Office:



As you know, Virginia and the DC area were hit hard with a series of snow storms this winter. Luckily Stan was able to dig himself out and send us a couple photos.

That looks pretty deep!

Stan working hard in the snow



Stan has also been busy in his workshop hand carving a new podium for the Bailey Family Foundation. He hopes to have it completed in time for our Bailey Scholar Receptions in May.



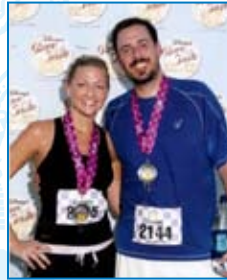
Stan and the new BFF podium

It's currently unfinished, but still looks great!



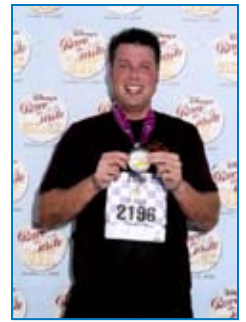
Disney's 10K

In October, Kent, Dan and I ran Disney's Race for the Taste 10K – a 6.2 mile run thru the Disney parks and surrounding areas.



We all finished under an hour!

Wearing our medals proudly!



William Booth Society

Salvation Army's 2009 event, honoring the most prestigious donors, was held at the Red Barn Ranch in Plant City. William Booth Society is named for the founder of The Salvation Army who began helping the destitute in London in 1865. **Ron** and **Kent Bailey** are both active on the Salvation Army's Board of Directors.



Ron w/ his girls – Sofia, Isabella and Lily



Kids of all ages enjoyed the hay rides



The petting zoo was a lot of fun!



The event was followed with a great BBQ dinner

Colorado Meeting

Members of The Bailey Family Foundation attended The Philanthropy Roundtable in Colorado Springs in October.



Ron, Pi and Stan in Colorado

UT 20th Scholarship Luncheon

The University of Tampa's annual scholarship luncheon took place on November 19 and honored scholarship recipients and donors. Thru BFF and Bailey endowed scholarships, 12 scholarships were awarded in 2009 to UT students.



*Back row: Laura Osborne, Ron Bailey & UT Professor, Kim Morris
Front Row: Gezime Ismaili, Ianna Williams, Jennifer Velandia and Nicole Vucic.*



There was no shortage of dancing by the Bailey kids

Salvation Army Tree of Lights

The annual Salvation Army Tree of Lights breakfast held in early December kicks off the Red Kettle Program and is a wonderful way to put everyone in the holiday spirit.



Tree of Lights Breakfast

Bailey Family Foundation Giving: The Next Generation

At a recent board meeting, **Brandon Bailey and Bailey Piboolunruk** each presented a request for a small donation to be made to a charitable organization in the Tampa Bay area.



Bailey chose Metropolitan Ministries for its dedication to serving homeless men, women and children in Tampa.



Bailey and sister Isabella with Morris Hintzman, Pres., and Tim Marks, COO of Metropolitan Ministries

BFF Directors and Staff



Brandon chose the YMCA for its work with children in the Tampa Bay area.



BFF Directors



Brandon delivering check to Cynthia Pressley, Senior Director of Operations

Starship Christmas Dining Cruise

BFF sailed once again on the Starship Dining Cruise to celebrate the Christmas holiday. This year, we were on the smaller sister ship, which was cozy but still had a lively atmosphere.



The whole gang before boarding the Starship

Kyle, Brandon and Cameron outside the downtown Tampa YMCA





TGH Foundation's Night at the Circus

Tampa General Hospital Foundation's Night at the Circus in January benefitted TGH's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



"Everyone had a great time and the show was terrific!" ~ Kyle Bailey

Photo taken at the patron party before the show



Cameron, Justin and Michele

Kent, Sofia, Lily and Cristina

Glitz and Sticks

Tampa Bay Lightning's charity event, held in January, benefits the TGH Foundation and the Lightning Foundation.



Kyle & Michele Bailey at Glitz and Sticks



Michele & Lightning player Steven Stamkos



Haitian Relief



Kent Bailey bagging beans and rice for Haiti with the Salvation Army

BFF Supports the Plant City FFA

Every year the FFA Chapters of Hillsborough County look forward to the participation in the Florida Strawberry Festival. The FFA is a student organization vital to providing leadership and employability skills training to agribusiness education.



Nicholas Fernandez (Strawberry Crest FFA) and Angus



Alex Fernandez (Turkey Creek FFA) and Brooke

Bailey Scholar in Kenya



Loitemwa Lesachore, age 15 1/2, receiving his award from the head teacher at Samburu Community School.



Loitemwa with two classmates

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Cork UMC Block Party

Cork United Methodist Church held their annual block party at the Red Barn Ranch.



Ron & Bev decked out in cowboy gear



It was a great day for tractor rides



Kent performed with the band

Holidays

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

Here are some holiday photos from the Bailey family:

Halloween

The kids before heading out to trick o' treat



Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Day at the farm

Christmas

The Bailey Family around the Christmas tree



FOCUS Article

Early this year, the Plant City Edition of FOCUS magazine, featured an article on Ron Bailey's life. Currie Dickerson's article touched on his childhood, his career at Strayer University, as well as the Guillain-Barré syndrome that changed his life. In this moving article, Mr. Bailey credits his faith for making him the successful man he is today.

Ron K. Bailey: 2010 "King of Sparta"



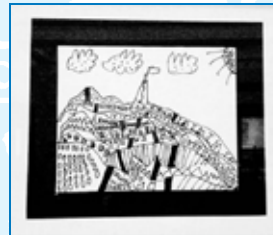
Before the 2010 Gasparilla Invasion Parade, nearly 200 UT Brunch attendees, including **President Ron Vaughn**, witnessed the first annual crowning of the "King of Sparta." The Royal Krewe of Sparta and the president of Tampa Alpha presented the story that led to Mr. Bailey's selection for this honor.



Ron wearing his new King of Sparta helmet

Justin Bailey's Art

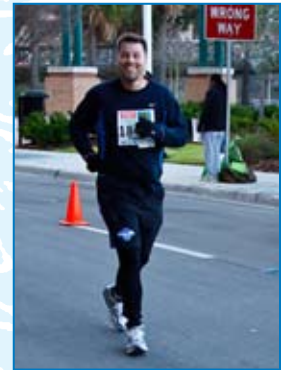
Justin Bailey's artwork was selected to be framed and displayed in the school lobby at the Academy of Holy Names.



Justin's artwork on display

Kent Bailey runs 26.2

Kent running the final Gasparilla Marathon



Grandparents Day

Ron and Bev attended Grandparents Day Mass at the Academy of Holy Names.



Ron with 6 of his 8 grandchildren: Justin, Brandon, Bailey, Cameron, Lily and Isabella.

Hockey Bay, USA

The Bailey boys have taken a liking to ice hockey. Even without the readily available frozen pond, each has become a great hockey player!

Here they are at some recent practices.



Brandon Bailey



Justin Bailey



Cameron Bailey

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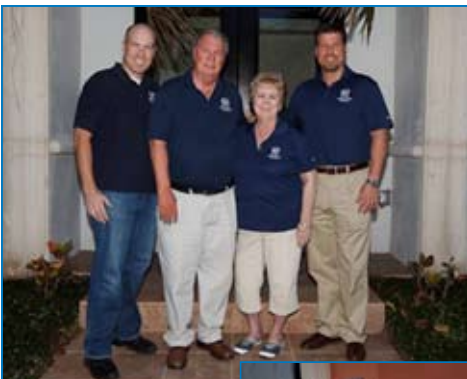


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Staff Photos

All of us at The Bailey Family Foundation work hard to serve you: our family, friends, and community. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Directors and Staff Photos...



*Directors: Kyle, Ron,
Bev and Kent*

*Staff: Pi, Laura,
Wes and Kimberly
(Not pictured –
Stan Elmore)*



Message from the editor:



Kimberly Czabaj

It has been my pleasure serving as editor for the Spring 2010 Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. Thank you to everyone who shared photos and stories with us. Please keep 'em coming! If you have any questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me. As always, I would love to hear from you.

*My husband **Dan** and I have some exciting news to share - we are expecting our first child this August!*

Don't forget to send me your news!

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