

CLIMB FOR THE KIDS ORANGE COUNTY – JULY 2008

This past July Frank Welling, the owner of Fastraining in Warwick, NY traveled to Tanzania, in Africa, along with his traveling companion Joshua Goldstein, to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. To climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in and of itself is a great feat, but these gentlemen made it even greater by turning it into a fundraiser to help make wishes come true. Frank and Joshua reached the summit of the mountain (19,340 feet above sea level), after a six day trek, on July 19th and with that, they raised almost \$40,000 for the Hudson Valley Chapter.



Frank offered opportunities for people to train at Fastraining to help raise money for his efforts and sold special T-shirts that were designed with the help of his son. And there were many generous supporters who made donations and sponsored Frank and Joshua in their efforts.

Thanks to everyone who took part in this amazing adventure to help make wishes come true! *

DURASOL ORANGE COUNTY - 2008

Durasol Awnings of Middletown, NY, manufacturers of custom-made, motorized canvas awning products, have been raising funds for the Hudson Valley Chapter by donating a portion of each awning and solar screen sale. In August, Durasol presented Make-A-Wish Foundation® of the Hudson Valley President & CEO, Tom Conklin with a check for \$7,500. Since they

started their fundraising efforts in 2007, Durasol has raised over \$22,000 for the Foundation. *



Walk for Wishes

On October 19th 2008, approximately 370 walkers gathered at Playland Amusement Park in Rye, New York for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of the Hudson Valley's 3rd Annual Walk For Wishes®. It was a fun-filled day with participants of all ages who enjoyed, in addition to the 2.5 mile walk, activities including face painting, experiments with Mad Science of Westchester, clowning around with favorite clowns and characters, relaxing chair massages and more!

Thank you to all of the donors, sponsors, walkers, and volunteers who made this community event possible. *



Walk For Wishes®



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A Good Deal – Making a Difference

Thanks for Sharing gives Macy's shoppers the opportunity to do their holiday shopping and also help make wishes come true for children with life-threatening medical conditions. Beginning Sept. 20, shoppers may enroll in the Thanks for Sharing program for \$25, enabling them to receive a reward card valued at 10 percent of most of their Macy's card purchases* made through Dec. 31. The rewards will come in the form of a reward card sent to participants beginning in February 2009. For each Thanks for Sharing enrollment made, Macy's will donate \$10 to charity, with the first \$1.5 million nationwide to benefit the American Heart Association. Macy's will donate additional funds raised to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® and other charities. *Terms and conditions apply, see store for details. To find a store near you, visit www.macys.com. *

Thanks for sharing



Write a letter to Santa and help make wishes come true. Starting November 9, bring your stamped letter to Macy's addressed to Santa At The North Pole, and drop it into the special Santa letterbox. The letters will be counted, and for each letter received, Macy's will donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation up to \$1,000,000. The letters will be brought to the Post Office for mailing to Santa. www.macys.com/believe

CHILDREN'S HAPPY FACES FOUNDATION WESTCHESTER – SEPTEMBER 2008

The Children's Happy Faces Foundation held their annual Golf Outing at Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle on September 16th, and this year they included Make-A-Wish® by designating a special Wish Hole hole-in-one contest to benefit the Hudson Valley Chapter. The day was filled with lots of fun activities for everyone including not only golf but also swimming, bowling, tennis, dominos and a fabulous auction and dinner.

Thanks to the hard work of the Foundation and their dedicated volunteers, the outing raised \$7,500 to help make wishes come true!

Children's Happy Faces assists the families of sick children during the difficult and challenging times they are faced with and strives to help create an atmosphere to allow for some "happy" moments and smiling "faces" to soften these stressful times.

For more information visit <http://www.happyfacesgroup.com/>. *



Happy Faces Treasurer, David Lipson presents Hudson Valley Chapter President & CEO Tom Conklin with a check for \$7,500 at the Wish House.

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