



It's beginning to look a lot like Adopt-a-Family...

Now, it's that time of year when we begin to see teaser ads for holiday gift ideas and the leaves are changing from green to a bright palette of variegated colors. Once again, it's time for Adopt-a-Family, to help less fortunate families with chronically or terminally ill children.

We'd like you to please help these children and families in need this holiday season by becoming a Leprechaun Adopt-a-Family Donor, whether donating cash, a few items, or adopting an entire family. This is such an important lifeline.

Many have adopted families in the past, some for quite a few years. There are new donors too, thanks to what they've heard about the program.

Our donors come from all walks of life, they're families and friends who get together to pay it forward during the holidays.

It's hard to put into words how great it feels to have so many friendships with people who have helped children who they'll never meet. The joy of giving

anonymously, that is the real beauty of our Adopt-a-Family program.

Our Adopt-a-Family program works with select hospital personnel who provide donation information on families that need a holiday miracle.

Donors deliver bags of fulfilled wishes to my house. The truck, in lieu of Santa's sleigh, comes the weekend before

Christmas (this year that's the weekend of December 14th) so families know that they'll have a Christmas to remember.

If you'd like to help with this year's Adopt-a-Family, please fill out the form on the next page and mail it to us or take a photo of the completed form with your phone and email it as an attachment to the email shown on the form.

Thanks to you, we know Adopt-a-Family will be a great success again and give an unexpected happy holiday to the many families we serve. Take care and may your holidays be blessed in a very special way!



Jean Dunbar
President



Be an Angel!

◇◇ *Adopt-a-Family for Christmas!* ◇◇



Yes!

I'd like to celebrate this Christmas "Leprechaun Style," by doing the following:

Please check one or more

☐ "Adopt" a family of the following size:

- ☐ Single or two parents—1-2 children
- ☐ Single or two parents—3-4 children
- ☐ Single or two parents—5 or more children
- ☐ More than one family

☐ **Contact Me**—about toy donations

☐ **Gift Cards**—Food, Restaurants, WalMart, Target, iTunes, Movies, Gas, etc.

☐ **Make a Donation**—toward toys, gifts, food and more, in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Donation Method: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express
☐ Discover ☐ Check Check# _____
Make Donation Checks Payable to: The Leprechaun Foundation

Card # _____

Amount Paid _____ Exp. Date _____

Mail completed form to: **The Leprechaun Foundation**
7035 Columbia Road
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

Email completed form, as an attachment, to: info@leprechaunfoundation.org

You can be an angel by giving a more joyous Christmas holiday to a special child and their family.

Every year generous and caring people like yourself, donate food, clothing, presents and money for families of chronically and terminally ill children. In most cases, medical expenses have placed these families in a dire financial situation. Without help, there will be no Christmas meal on the table and no presents for the children. You can change all that by becoming an Adopt-a-Family angel!

The Leprechaun Foundation supplies first names, genders, ages, and gift suggestions for all family members. We'll see to it that your gifts are delivered—anonously, of course—in plenty of time to make this Christmas a holiday which your adopted family will never forget.

There are many ways to be an Angel at Christmas.

We realize that not everyone is in a position to adopt an entire family for Christmas. You can also help by donating toys, (or money to purchase toys) and any type of gift card for special children who are not part of the Adopt-a-Family Program.

We have a particular need for hand-held travel games (even used) like Nintendo 2DS, 2DS XL, 3DS XL, Switch, Sony PlayStation Vita and any other video games. There are times where a hand-held game would bring joy into the life of a teenager who has to spend a birthday or other special day in the hospital. Sometimes a special treat to help offset bad news can be very helpful.

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For additional information about The Leprechaun Foundation and its programs, call (216) 970-0618 or visit: www.leprechaunfoundation.org

A wish granted...

Sam gets an adventure to meet his Duck Dynasty heroes.

By Alycia Cohara



In August 2021, Sam and his dad, JR, were working on Sam's riding lawn mower in their rural West Virginia driveway, just as they had many times before. A neighbor gave Sam the lawn mower so he could earn extra money to help support their family of eight. Something happened that day that caused the drained gas to ignite. It startled Sam and as he got up to move away, he flipped the pan of gas on himself. Sam's dad was also burned trying to help Sam.

Sam was life flighted to Akron Children's Burn unit where he spent the next 90 days being treated for 3rd and 4th degree burns over more than 70% of his body. Over the following year, he made regular trips back to Akron for continued treatments and reconstructive surgeries.

During his time in the hospital, he and his mom would watch recorded episodes of Duck Dynasty to pass the time. One of Sam's nurses contacted the Leprechauns to see if we could connect Sam with his heroes: the guys from Duck Dynasty.

The Robertson family from Duck Dynasty receives countless requests for appearances and in person meetings. After hearing Sam's story, and how The Leprechaun Foundation operates anonymously, Willie agreed to meet the family. With help from Sam's mom Stephanie, the planning began.

They live in a very rural part of West Virginia where Stephanie home schools the children. JR is pastor of a local church. Other than Akron, Sam and his family had never been outside of West Virginia. They wanted to see as many states as possible and were beyond excited for the adventure.

Our friends at Baron's Bus Lines provided a large passenger van that Sam's dad and granddad agreed to drive giving the family their

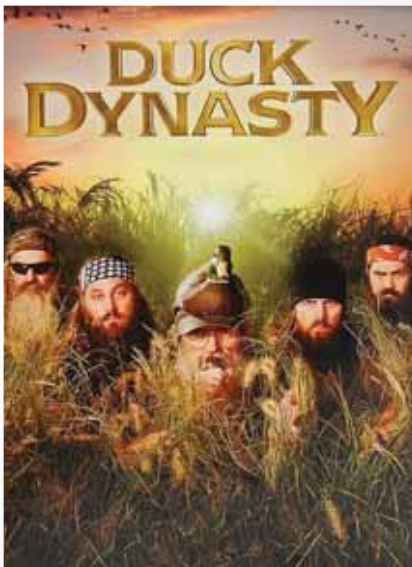


own space and privacy along the way. My husband and I acted as their Ambassadors from The Leprechaun Foundation while traveling and followed behind in our car taking care of arrangements for the meet and greets, tours and various expenses like food, lodging and souvenirs.

The adventure began bright and early Tuesday morning, October 17, 2023, when we left their home heading to our first stop: the Grand Ole Opry. This was the first concert any of the kids had attended.

The next morning, after taking in a few of Nashville's sights, we were on our way to Memphis for lunch at a restaurant featured on Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives (JR's favorite show). From there, we continued to West Monroe, Louisiana.

Thursday morning was the big day. At Duck Commander, we met brother Jase and commander Martin who gave the family a guided tour. During the tour, they got to make their own souvenir duck calls. Uncle Cy left autographed mugs for each of the children and an autographed copy of his book for Sam.



After souvenir shopping, it was on to Willie's house where the family met both Willie and his black lab Spaz. The most memorable moment occurred when Willie took his signature headband off his head, signed it, and gave it to Sam. After all the excitement, we made our way to Birmingham, Alabama for the night.

Friday morning, it was back home to West Virginia. Friday was also JR's birthday so there was a little celebration during the dinner stop that evening. After four days, seven states, about 1800 miles that included the mighty Mississippi River, the family was back home around 9 pm Friday night to an unexpected donation of a Honda 4-wheeler for Sam. 🍀

The Leprechaun Foundation would like to thank all the individuals and organizations who helped make this wish a reality for Sam. We're sure that the knowledge that you made a child's dream come true is reward enough for all of your extraordinary efforts.

We get thanks...

From MetroHealth for the Adopt-a-Family donations in 2023



January 22, 2024

The Leprechaun Foundation
7035 Columbia Rd.
Olmsted Falls, OH 44136

Dear Leprechaun Foundation,

We wanted to send a huge thank you for your continued support and very generous donation of toys, games, activities and so much more for children and families at MetroHealth! As you know, being in the hospital can be especially challenging for a child and their entire family. It's donations like yours that provide play and familiarity for families. It's the highlight in the day when a patient gets to visit the playroom or a family gets to play a board game or do a craft together in their hospital room. You bring this joy and comfort to families everyday and we couldn't be more grateful! Thank you also for adopting 14 families for the 2023 winter holiday season. We are beyond appreciative for all that you do! On behalf of the department of Pediatrics and Child Life and Education, thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Jessica Chupnik

Jessica Chupnik, MS, CCLS
Manager, Child Life and Education
The MetroHealth System

Leprechaun Memorials

A memorial contribution to the Leprechaun Foundation is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a friend or family member. Many remember loved ones on an annual basis and with gifts donated for special occasions.

It's so satisfying to know your gift will help chronically or terminally ill children experience the thrill of a dream come true. 🍀

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I want to help make children's dreams come true!

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- ☐ Patron..... \$10.00 and over
- ☐ Sponsor \$100.00 and over
- ☐ Benefactor..... \$500.00 and over
- ☐ Other \$ _____
- ☐ I would like to know more about becoming a Leprechaun. Please send a volunteer application.
- ☐ Please be sure to send me an invitation to The Leprechaun's Night at the Races.
- ☐ I would like to make a contribution to the toy chests: Enclosed is my check for the amount of:
- \$ _____ .
- ☐ I would like to help a single mom in a special way by enclosing my check for the amount of:
- \$ _____ .
- ☐ I would like to help with:
- ☐ Food Gift Certificates during the year
(in off-holiday times)
- ☐ Night at the Races
- ☐ Adopt-a-Family
- ☐ I can help with the following:

We also welcome Gifts, Legacies and Memorials. Call (216) 970-0618 or email info@leprechaunfoundation.org

Make your checks payable to:

The Leprechaun Foundation
7035 Columbia Road
Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

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The Leprechaun Foundation is incorporated in the State of Ohio under Charter 553129, and the IRS has determined that The Leprechaun Foundation is a nonprofit, tax exempt, 501(C)(3) charitable organization. A letter of designation is on file. All donations are tax exempt.

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We send this to your company and receive a gift equal to your donation. If we're not on your company's matching gift program list, let us know so we can contact the appropriate person—sending the required information and paperwork. Or show them this newsletter, it may provide all the information to answer any questions they have about the Foundation.

Thanks for keeping the children on your gift list.

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