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Community Crusaders

Jeff and Lynn Rogers understand what it's like to have a child with special medical needs. In addition to their eight-year-old daughter, **Brigid**, and three-year-old son, **Jack**, they have a five-year-old named **Billy** who was born with a bi-lateral brain injury. In a letter to Almost Home Kids, the Downers Grove couple wrote the following:

"As a result of Billy's injury, we have come to depend on the folks from Almost Home Kids. Now that we have a child with special needs, my wife often claims that we've become part of a special group - a group that most folks, looking from the outside, would not wish to be a part of if they had their choice - but now that we belong, it's hard to imagine how we'd manage without one another."

Because they feel so strongly about our organization, the Rogers family decided they wanted to find a way to raise money and awareness for AHK in Billy's name. They run a golf pool each year during the Masters Tournament and decided that this year's pool would benefit Almost Home Kids. We are very grateful to them for their donation of almost \$1,600!



Challenge Results Are In!



(L-R) Board Chair **Douglas Truax** and Board Members **Maureen Bingle** and **Michael Busse** accepted the Fund Development Achievement Award at the Community Memorial Foundation's Awards banquet on February 16.

Thanks to your generous giving over the holiday season, **Community Memorial Foundation** awarded AHK with a matching grant of \$7,500! If you gave a gift for the first time or increased your donation from last year, please accept an additional thank you from AHK. All of your contributions add up to support our life saving Respite Care and cost effective Transition Care Programs.

Naperville Facility Expansion

During a recent rezoning we included our plans to expand, so AHK will now be able to care for two more children, bringing our total up to 12 children. We are planning to add two new bedrooms; a nursing office; a storage area for transition supplies and equipment; and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant bathroom. Additionally, we will renovate the laundry/bathroom to separate the two rooms; achieve ADA compliance in the staff/family bathroom and the kids' bathroom; remodel the kids' bathroom to make it more functional; and develop a medication prep area.

Almost Home Kids received funding for this project through a Community Development Block Grant. We are thrilled to be working with **JB Architecture Group** and **Electrical Design Systems Corporation**, and we hope to break ground by mid-July with a targeted completion date of October 31.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following people for their tremendous, on-going support and assistance in securing funding for our expansion. Without them, we would have been unable to make this wonderful project a reality.

Patti Bellock, State Representative
Michael Connelly, State Representative
Tony Michelassi, DuPage County Board Member
Christine Radogno, Senator
Robert J. Schillerstrom, County Board Chairman
The DuPage County Community Development Commission
The DuPage County Community Development Block Grant program

Almost Home Kids is extremely excited about having the chance to further add to our state-of-the-art facility. We can't wait to expand our reach to care for even more medically fragile children and their families!