



In December, what were you doing: putting up the Christmas tree, shopping for Christmas presents, looking forward to some family time at the holidays? Bob and Kym Bonafede were doing just that when everything came to an abrupt halt. Their nine year old son, Austin, was diagnosed with AML (acute myelogenous leukemia). AML is an aggressive form of cancer that attacks the blood and bone marrow. Immediately upon diagnosis, Austin began a grueling regimen of chemotherapy at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. According to his physicians, Austin will require long hospital stays while receiving treatment as he awaits a bone marrow transplant. Imagine that, in an instant your whole world is turned upside down.

How can you help?

Austin's friends and family are planning a benefit in his honor. At the present time, we are actively seeking donations in the form of gift baskets, gift cards, gift certificates and monetary donations. Your donation would be greatly appreciated to enable this event's success. Proceeds from this benefit will help defray some of the enormous medical bills that the Bonafede family has incurred due to Austin's treatment and expenses that are not covered by health insurance.

The benefit for Austin will be held May 1, 2010 at the Elk's Lodge, 33 Legion Pkwy., Lancaster, NY 14086, from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Tickets for this event will be \$25. Your ticket will include beer, wine, pop and food. At this event there will be a Chinese auction, silent auction and 50/50 split.

Please make checks payable to:

Austin Bonafede Benefit Fund

Donations may be mailed to or dropped off to:

Julie Samson-DeFranks
66 Irving Terrace
Tonawanda, NY 14223

Cris Catalfamo-Sperrazza
25 Fairglen Dr
Getzville, NY 14068

To have your donation picked up, please call:

Julie DeFranks
Cris Sperrazza

864-2417
912-8354

For tickets or ticket information please call:

Jen Smith-Zakrzewski
Julie DeFranks
Marie Maranto-Reed

877-4082
864-2417
570-5950

If you are a restaurant interested in donating food for the benefit, contact:

Marie Maranto-Reed

570-5950

For information on the National Bone Marrow Registry go to:

www.marrow.org

**Austin's family and friends thank you
in advance for your generous support**