

The Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter

FALL 2007

Message from the Founder

Dear Family & Friends:



The Foundation received over 500 applications for our summer scholarship program, which ended September 15th. We have awarded 45 new scholarships for Spring 2008 tuition. A big "THANK YOU" to our Scholarship Selection Committee for your help!

BFF moved to our new location in July and after a few months, we're all settled in. We are located in the Bailey Building located in the Hyde Park area of Tampa. Thanks to 100 or so who were able to attend our Open House earlier this month. It was a proud day for the Baileys as well as the Foundation. We all enjoyed sharing this occasion with family and friends.

Another busy year has come and gone. Fall is here and the grandkids are back in school. Bailey is in the 4th grade already while our youngest, Sofia, started attending pre-school in August.

We had a wonderful family vacation in England and Italy this summer. We spent nearly two weeks visiting some of the most of beautiful places in the world. Check out some of the highlights on page 11.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Ron K. Bailey
President BFF

The Official Open House

New Office Building

Thursday, October 4th was our official open house party. Please see page 8 for additional photos.



Our new address is:

912 W. Platt Street
Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33606
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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:

on-line at: <http://www.bailey-family.org/newsletter>

via e-mail to: newsletter@bailey-family.org

via US Mail to: The Bailey Family Foundation
ATTN: Newsletter Submission
912 W. Platt Street, Ste. 200
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Births

Descendants of George Patton Bailey:



Mathew at 3 months old

Bailey, Matthew Jason: Born to **Brian & Michelle Bailey** on May 24, 2007 at 8:10 a.m. He weighed 11 pounds, 10 ounces and was 22.3 inches long. He was born at Winchester Medical Center in Virginia.



Jonathan Bailey holding his new little brother, Matthew

Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:

Schwartz, Julia Lea: Born on August 17, 2007, 12:28 a.m. at Winchester Hospital in Winchester, MA. She was 20 inches long, weighed 6 lbs, 15 oz, and has a nice head of dark hair. She is the daughter of scholarship recipient, **Benjamin Schwartz**, and his fiancée, **Ricki Lea Bennett**. Benjamin writes, "She is absolutely adorable and healthy and we couldn't be more proud."



Julia Lea Schwartz



Silver, Jonah Ramsey: Born to **Marc & Amy Silver** on August 25, 2007. He weighed 8 lbs, 3 oz and was 20 ¾ inches long.

Jonah Ramsey Silver

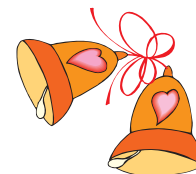


Proud Grandparents - Thom & his wife Donna holding little Tajai

Walker, Tajai Milton: Born on July 28, 2007 to **Erica & Lloyd Walker**. Erica is the daughter of BFF evaluator and friend, **Thom Stork**.



Erica & Tajai



Marriages

Descendants of George Patton Bailey:

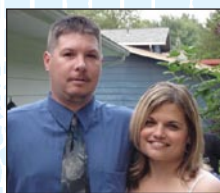


Drema & Arnold Akers

Akers, Drema and Arnold: Celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 26, 2007. Family and friends joined them for a picnic at Glenwood Park. They have five children, six grandchildren and they became great grandparents in May. They write, "**Daniel** looks like his dad and has brought much happiness to the family."

Bailey, Jr., Frank J.: Celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary with his wife Nancy on August 19, 2007.

Jim & Nancy Bailey



Jim and Valerie (Bailey) Wright

Bailey, Valerie: Was married on July 27, 2007 to **Jim Wright**. Valerie is the daughter of **Alton Coles Bailey** and granddaughter of **Clyde Bailey**.

Heslep Bailey, Elizabeth (Betty): Along with her husband Amos, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at Ryan's steakhouse in Princeton, WV. They were married on September 20, 1956 in Mullens, WV. They live on Lamar Mountain and have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Elizabeth's mother is **Eula Bailey Heslep** and her grandfather is **Walter Bailey**.



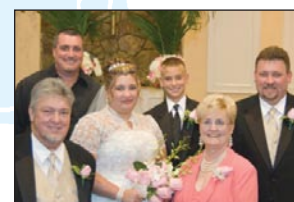
Amos Bailey & Elizabeth (Betty) Heslep Bailey

Houchins, Bonnie & Harry: Celebrated 50th years together on May 11, 2007.



As oldest grandson, Stephen, looks on, Bonnie plants a kiss on Harry's cheek during their anniversary party.

Jenks, Savannah Laferty: Savannah Nicole Laferty, the 11th generation of **Silas Bailey** (Woodrow Bailey), and **Michael Alan Jenks** got married on June 3rd, 2006. The Wedding was held at The First Baptist Church of Safety Harbor, Florida and the reception was held at Bellinis Italian





Restaurant. They went to Key West for their honeymoon. Also in the wedding party was **Daniel and Shannon Rivers, Shanti Rivers, Blake, Luke, Hailey Laferty, and Logan and Landen Laferty** all apart of the Bailey line. Savannah writes, "It was a very fun day filled with laughter and tears." In addition, Savannah received her Associates of Arts

Degree at St. Petersburg College in May 2006 just before her wedding. She is now going back to school in January 2008 to get her Bachelor degree in Nursing.

Deaths

Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:

Bailey, Belle Marie Hedges: Passed away on July 31, 2007 in Biloxi, MS, at the age of 73. In 1992 Mrs. Bailey served as Queen of the North Bay Area Mardi Gras Association. She was a member of Beauvoir Methodist Church and retired from Keesler Air Force Base Civil Service. She was an active performer in the Gulf Coast Theatre for several years as an actor and singer. Her husband, **Basil**, would like to thank the Bailey Family for their nice cards, gifts and prayers.



Belle and Basil Bailey

Raymen, Kevin: Passed away at the age of 36 due an enlarged heart that went undetected. His cousin **Amanda Bowers** writes, "My life lesson from this is to enjoy life to the fullest and by no means take life, family or friends for granted. We are all here for such a short time and we need to make the most of our time here. Life is a gift that is why we call it the present. In loving memory of my cousin Kevin may you rest in peace, you sweet soul."

Robinson Jr., James J.: Passed away on September 29, 2006 at the age of 79. His granddaughter **Kristina Robinson** writes, "I would like to remember him as always so calm, collected and caring. He reminds me of my father."

Other News

Descendants of George Patton Bailey:

Bailey, Dewey: Recently received the honor of being named 'Father of the Year' at Shawnee Baptist Church.



Dewey Bailey with pastor Ronnie Richards

Ethan is the grandson to Edna Bailey.

Harp, Braden Mikeal: Turned one on August 21, 2007. He is the son of Richelle



Braden is being held by his great-great grandfather Charles Bean (who is Bertha's husband)

Harp, grandson of Melissa Smith, greatgrandson of Sandy Tressler, great-great grandson of Bertha Mae (Bailey) Bean.



Ethan Wilson on his first day of school



Michael Snyder and Karen Bailey Snyder on their 20th wedding anniversary

Snyder, Karen Bailey: On November 30, 2006 Karen donated a kidney to her husband, **Michael Snyder**, who had been suffering from kidney disease for several years. The surgery, performed at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, VA, went very well. After a lengthy and difficult recovery period, Michael, Karen and their three children are doing well.

Karen's mother is **Elizabeth (Betty) Heslep Bailey**, her grandmother is **Eula Bailey Heslep** and her great grandfather is **Walter Bailey**.

Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:

Baber, Gilbert: Writes, "I am almost done with Hampton University. I have one more year, and I intend to make this one my best yet, both academically and socially. I have been very busy taking two classes at Northern Virginia Community College, an LSAT prep course, and working. At one point I was working two jobs. Now I am ready to go back to school and receive my diploma." Gilbert will graduate in May 2008.



Gilbert A. Baber



Andrew Benjamin, 2007 Scholarship Recipient

Benjamin, Andrew: Writes, "I have begun my Freshman year at VA Tech University in Blacksburg, VA. It is very different here than in Alexandria. Being away from home has made me appreciate my family more. The change to such a free form schedule is challenging my responsibility and making grow as a person. I am learning new and interesting things in my wildland fire class. I am hoping to take a summer position as a wildland fire fighter."

Bergmark, Jennifer: Writes, "I graduated from Arizona State University with a B.S. in Tourism Management in May 2006. I just bought a townhouse in Phoenix making Arizona my permanent home. Thanks for all the support with the scholarship. Even though I am not a part of the family, I appreciate being included in the program!" Jennifer is a 2002 scholarship recipient.

Beitel, Jillian: Writes, "This picture was taken at Luray Caverns in Virginia. I am touring the caverns with my younger brother, Matthew. My parents and Matthew came down to James Madison University to visit me on Family Weekend. This is my first semester at James Madison University. I am a Health



Jillian Beitel & her brother, Matthew

Sciences major, working on my undergraduate degree. I hope to graduate in 2011 with a degree in Health Science and continue on with my education to earn a graduate degree in Physical Therapy. Thanks to the Bailey Family Foundation scholarship award, I am beginning the journey of my college education!"

Brickey, Richard "Chipper":

Here's an update from Chipper's mom, **Cindy:**

- Last year of high school completed at St. Petersburg College. He was accepted as an early admission student taking all classes at SPC that credited all classes towards his BA while also satisfying high school requirements.
- Graduated, Cum Laude from St. Petersburg High School, St. Petersburg, FL. May 2007.
- Attended the International Euphonium Institute program at Emory University in June 2007.
- Sailed up the Potomac River to Washington, D.C. on his godparent's sailboat in June 2007 and helped celebrate our nation's Independence Day on July 4th.
- Traveling in Europe for a month visiting England, Switzerland, Italy and France during July 2007.
- Accepted at University of Central Florida for fall 2007 majoring in Aerospace Engineering. One of 1,400 students accepted in the university's Burnett Honors College. His career goal is to design aircraft for the military with Lockheed Martin.



Brickey, Richard "Chipper"

Burton, IV, Stuart: Writes, "Hello Bailey Family Foundation and THANK YOU! You helped me pursue my dream to attend college at Longwood University, for which I'll always be most grateful. And, I am proud and very happy to tell you I graduated! On May 12th, I received my Bachelor of Science in Political Science with a concentration in Law and a minor in History – while working full time through college as an R.A. My family was so proud of me!"



Stuart Burton at Longwood University Graduation

The next day after graduation, I met up with the Longwood University Science Department Chair and we drove from Denver to Gardiner, Montana. At Gardiner, we met up with the other LU students for a week at Yellowstone National Park. What a spectacular place!



Stuart and his new dog, Montana

This summer I worked (again – 15th year!) at Camp Westview on The James. I was a Unit Director. There are four of us who are responsible for running a summer camp for kids age 7-14. A lot of hard work, but I wouldn't trade it for a desk job!! I love summer camp!



Friends since pre-school - Stuart and Grayson

At the end of August, and camp ended, I moved out on my own! So now I live in a cabin in the woods. I love it! In September, I got a new dog! I rescued her from the pound. Her name is Montana! She is a German Shepard mix and just a wonderful dog."

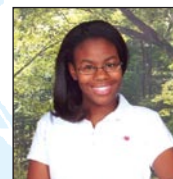
Castillo, Aleya: Was featured on the front page of The Washington Post on August 25, 2007. Aleya is a freshman at the University of North Carolina and also the primary caregiver of her mother, Lynn Turner, who has multiple sclerosis. She takes care of her nine-year-old cousin as well.



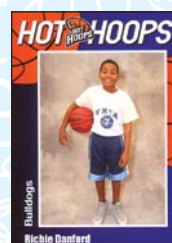
Aleya cares for her mother while attending classes at UNC
Photo Credit: Photos By Andrea Bruce
-- The Washington Post Photo

Cihak, Caitlin: Writes, "I recently graduated from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina where I received a B. A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies. Next year, I'll be attending FSU's Master's Program in Urban Planning. I am also so pleased to announce that I am engaged to be married!" Caitlin is a 2003 scholarship recipient.

Danford, Morgan Charity: Writes, "I am working on the Bronze Award in Girl Scouts. It is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn."



Morgan Danford, 11 years old



Danford, Richard III: Writes, "I am on the boys' basketball team at my church. We are playing for 3rd place. I am also a green-belt in Karate."

Richie Danford, 10 years old

De Guzman, Janille: Was born and raised in Guam then moved to Alexandria, Virginia in 2001. At 20 years old, she has enjoyed diverse experiences extending from a position as a certified dental assistant in high school to an intern in Washington, DC at a non-profit organization and the different branches of government. Nevertheless, she has always been a strong advocate committed to underserved communities. This past summer she served as a Civil Rights Analyst Intern at the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and worked on enforcing and protecting voter rights for disenfranchised minorities. Previously, she also worked on Capitol Hill where she served as an Intern to Senator Edward



Janille and Senator Edward Kennedy

Kennedy's Judiciary Committee Office. While there, Janille helped work on legislation for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and Full Equity for Filipino WWII Veterans. Furthermore, under the direction of the Executive Director at the Asian Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote) Headquarters, Janille focused on researching youth voting trends and effective strategies to increase turnout at election polls. She currently continues to work in conjunction with APIAVote to launch a nationwide campaign encompassing youth voter education and mobilization.

Donovan, Erin: Is enjoying 7th grade at Coleman Middle School and doing quite well in her studies. She had a very nice summer traveling up to the Panhandle, going to Florida beaches on both coasts, visiting Universal Studios and attending a few Devil Rays games. She also went to most of her brother Patrick's baseball games and enjoys the social life at the ballpark. She is looking forward to gymnastic classes in October.



Erin Donovan

Edmunds, Doris: Writes, "My husband Don and I have moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Last year (2006) we were traveling in our 40 ft. motor home, through the Midwest states where we visited friends in Wichita, Kansas. We then went to Dodge City, Colorado City, and on into New Mexico. We have friends in Santa Fe, and arrived on July 12th. I have been visiting the area for the last 10 years. I love the scenery, the weather, and the many things to see and do."



Doris and Don

Well, I don't know what possessed us, but within a week, we had signed a contract on a house and closed in a month. We immediately started remodeling. In late December, Kyle, Michele, Brandon, Justin, Cameron, and Roland & Sandy flew out in Kyle's new airplane, on their way to Las Vegas. We met them at the airport and saw some of the sights, had lunch, and later met for dinner. Later that night it started snowing. It was so deep the following day we could not get out of our drive way, and they could not get to us. Their trip was delayed several days. We had been told by friends that the winters were very mild, only light snows that were melted by mid day. Ha!

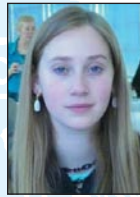
In January, we went back to Florida and sold our house and motor home. We closed them both the last day of February and drove back to Santa Fe in two days.



We are now seeing the end of the tunnel as far as construction is concerned. My Spanish has improved considerably, as everyone here speaks Spanish, even if they were

Beautiful view close to their home

born here. We have learned the expression "Well, that's Santa Fe" as nothing or no one, seems to have a schedule they keep. It is called the "City Different" and it truly is. The state's motto is "The Land of Enchantment". We have enjoyed the steady flow of friends and family who have visited, and put up with our mess during construction. We look forward to having all of the workers gone and finished. We have so many beautiful plants and flowers, and an abundance of beautiful birds that Don feeds daily. We are looking forward to taking some art, photography, and writing courses. Don will be 74 in November, we will then celebrate our 4th wedding anniversary, and I will soon be 72. Life is good and we intend to live every day to the fullest. We hope that your readers will all feel free to give us a call or come visit. The door and bar is always open.



Einwechter, Alyson: Is in her senior year at Pensacola Christian College where she is a nursing major. Alyson is engaged to Brad Wimberly and they will be married on January 5, 2008.

Alyson Einwechter, 2004 - 2007 scholarship recipient

Elliott, Dana: Married **Jeffrey Elliott** on Aug. 11, 2007. Dana writes, "It was a beautiful day, with lots of wonderful friends and family."

Frederick - Davis, Janice: Graduated from Strayer in June 2006 Magna Cum Laude with a 3.75 G.P.A. She writes, "Thank you Bailey Family Foundation for the generous scholarship. It was a tremendous help in funding my college tuition. Thank you, thank you, thank you." Janice is a 2003 scholarship recipient.

Gunter, Connie: Writes, "Thank you so much for all the support I have received from your organization. So here's my update: I am in my sophomore year at Virginia State University. I have completed my summer intern program under Congressman Sanford Bishop Jr. and I also worked for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. I am very much looking forward to working with the architecture of the capitol in the summer of 2008. Once again thank you for your continued support."



*Connie Gunter,
2006 Scholarship
Recipient*



Members of the STEP Program

Hussain, Aisha: Writes, "This summer I was accepted to this program at George Mason University called STEP. The program gave a group of 23 students the opportunity to live on campus and take classes. As for me this was the most amazing experience of my life."

We were able to get a head start on our college career first hand with seminars on time management and leadership skills. For my personal gain it was friendship, independence and appreciation. Being away from my parents was a tackle on its own over top of the fact that I had to take responsibility on my time management. I passed my two classes through the program and I am six credits ahead. These other



Aisha & friends

benefits I am still taking advantage with are first the fact that I know my way around campus, this helped tremendously on my first week of classes, secondly I know many people on campus that have the resources I need to make my future four years at Mason successful.

Now about my first few weeks! I have to say

I have been relived to know that I was able to pay for everything I need this semester. The Bailey Family Foundation helped me reach that point with the addition of the support of my family. I am taking classes that have made me think further on as to what I would like to do next year. My art class specifically has opened my eyes to a possible major. My teacher has taught me a lot more than I learned during my senior year in high school. It has only been a month! My anthropology class has been the most entertaining of them all. Our teacher engages the class with personal and factual discussion. I am also taking a music class focusing on the Indian Subcontinent. I look forward to this class the most because of the passion our teacher has for the subject and also because I am able to learn more about my own culture. The next class I am going to introduce is once a week, I wish we had more class time. This class consists of the students I lived with during the summer! We are able to do activities outside of class together and meet up all over campus! College has made me a much more eager learner and to teach my family what I have grown to understand.

Also I am thankful to feel excited to get ready everyday expect the unexpected. Simply being able to know that I have this opportunity makes me want to do more and share others my knowledge. Now I am giving back to the Mason community as a high school tutor, at the high school I graduated from. I want to encourage young students to look forward to going to college and show them that education is the ultimate power to change our world. It is in our hands and that even the smallest impact can influence another to do the same."

Imbert, Megan: Writes, "I wanted to take a moment to thank the Bailey Family Foundation for offering me a scholarship to help me pursue my academic dreams.

I am a rising mass communications senior with a minor in marketing at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Academically, I am a member of the King's College Aquinas Honor Society, am features editor for the campus newspaper, and am the chairperson for the Mass Communications Student Advisory Board. I currently have a 3.8 cumulative GPA. I recently began freelance writing and was published twice by *Young Money Magazine*. The past two summers I have interned with the Washington Redskins Media Relations Department and currently the TV Department."

Megan and Ladell Betts #46
Washington Redskins RB

Kamara, Zainabu: Writes, "Words can not describe how grateful I am to receive this scholarship. It came when I really needed the financial help. I thank God that the Bailey Family Foundation took the time out to read the essay and took it for what it's worth. I told myself last year that 2007 will be "my year." This year I was able to graduate from NOVA with an A.S. degree in Science. I thank you greatly for this opportunity to expand my horizons and truly take control of my future." Zainabu is a 2006 scholarship recipient.

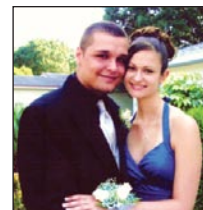
Zainabu Kamara, 2006
Scholarship Recipient

Kane, Cassandra L.: Writes, "I am one of the fortunate recipients of a \$5000 scholarship from your foundation. I am happy to report that I am a freshman at the University of Delaware majoring in Wildlife Conservation. I couldn't be more excited about my studies. My courses are challenging but very interesting, especially those directly related to conservation. I am also a member of the University of Delaware Marching Band. I'm meeting many new people, making great new friends, and having fun. Thank you so much for supporting my desire to get a great education. I am very excited to have this opportunity to study at such a fine educational institution. Your financial support not only gives me confidence to pursue my ambitions, but eases the financial expense incurred by my family. Thank you again for your generosity."

Cassandra Kane, 2007
Scholarship RecipientMelissa Kelly, 2006
scholarship recipient

Kelly, Melissa: Writes, "I went to England for a month to study abroad. I am a Pre-K Primary Education major and we were able to visit the schools in England and work with the children. I loved learning how the English taught their children and how well the schools take care of their teachers. I visited so many sites; I saw Shakespeare's home, and the forgiveness statue. We also visited France. I stayed in a castle in Grantham, where the school was located."

Kiss, Amanda: Writes, "I just graduated from Largo High School May 22, 2007 and started college at St. Petersburg College in Seminole, FL. I am going full-time. I want to thank you for the scholarship awarded to me, to be able to attend college without a huge financial burden...it really does mean the world to me."

Amanda Kiss & Phillip
Collins, Prom 2007

Kulak, Christopher: Writes, "Once again I thank you for helping me with my tuition at USE. Regarding significant and noteworthy events, I would say that my first term in college has brought many challenges and obstacles to overcome. One of my courses in chemistry, is a class in which an average of 50 percent fail on a consistent basis. This is due to the subject matter alone. To make

things worse, I have a new professor, who does not seem to teach much that is covered on the exams. Also, the class has over 150 people, which makes it difficult to get questions answered. I had to form study groups with other students in order to work through difficult material. It was very difficult at first, but I got a better feel for college and how the system works. I am now on a better schedule and time management has become a top priority."



*Rosalie Lynch, 2005
Scholarship Recipient*

Lynch, Rosalie: Writes, "I have since graduated. I have found a great career in the surgical tech field as a tech/first assist at a facial plastic surgery center. I am doing well and am forever thankful for the scholarship I received that helped make this all possible. I am even more motivated now to continue furthering my education. Thank you again!"

Madero, Andrew: Writes, "I am enjoying my first year at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA as a junior Kinesiology/Exercise Science major and member of the men's varsity soccer team. Last year at Thomas University I was named to the Dean's List for 2006-2007 year. Thanks to the Bailey Family Foundation, I have been able to pursue my education and continue pursuing my dream of completing a college degree in Kinesiology/Exercise Sciences. I am very thankful to you for your support in my education. God Bless you and all your wonderful family and staff."

Martinez, Anthony Ryan: Writes, "I graduated from Averett University in April 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Management and Criminal Justice and am currently serving in the United States Coast Guard. I will be attending Officer Candidate School later this year and hope to receive my commission early in 2008. Thank you for your assistance during my first year of college. Without that scholarship, I wouldn't be where I am today."



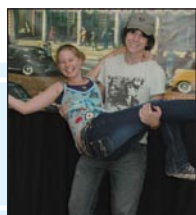
*Anthony Ryan Martinez,
2003 scholarship recipient*

Milanese, Megan: Writes, "I graduated from high school summa cum laude in May. This summer I went to St. Pete Pride. I took some pretty cool pictures of the parade. I'm also in my first semester at USF. During my few weeks here, I've joined numerous organizations. I've joined USF's VOX: Voices For Planned Parenthood chapter, the Feminist Student Alliance, and USF's P.R.I.D.E.



*Megan Milanese at
her 2007 high school
graduation*

Alliance. I joined a committee within the Feminist Student Alliance to register students to vote, and am going to be working with the P.R.I.D.E. Alliance Homecoming committee on numerous projects such as making the organization float in the



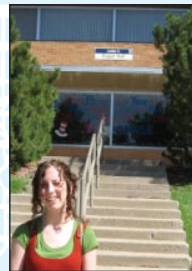
*Megan & her boy-
friend/dance partner
Drew Coffman*

parade, collecting cans for a canned food drive, and donating blood. I also go swing dancing every weekend and am getting pretty good at it. I'm hoping to learn to do Lindy Hop soon so I can wow everyone with the cool lifts involved."

Morales, Tania: Writes, "Last year I was very excited to hear that I won The Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship for Strayer University in Charlotte North Carolina. Today, as I'm writing this, I am thrilled to share with you that I have finally completed my Bachelor's Degree in Computer Networking. I'm very grateful to The Bailey Family Foundation for taking the time to read my essay and considering me worthy for the Bailey Scholarship. The funds help me to stay concentrated on other things other than the usual "How am I going to pay this semester's tuition?" So here I am still in disbelief that I'm done. "I'M DONE WITH SCHOOL. I FINALLY HAVE MY BACHELORS DEGREE. WOOOOOHOOOOO!" Ok, sorry had to get that out. My GPA is 3.65 and I think that is pretty good for a single parent trying to tough this world out on her own. I wish everyone in the Bailey family a blessed life. Thank you all so much."

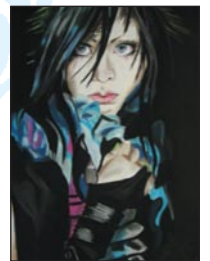


*Tania Morales, 2006
Scholarship Recipient*



Leya's Dorm

Neher, Jacquelyn: Writes, "My daughter, **Leya Mitchell**, is a recipient of the Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship. I just wanted to let you know we arrived in Utah on August 29th, after traveling by truck and trailer from Florida. The campus is huge and beautiful. It's nestled in a valley which is overshadowed by mountains. Last week was her first week of school. I have received many phone calls from Leya who told me she has made many friends already. She is very impressed with the art department (located under the Museum) where she will be studying Graphic Design. On her very first assignment for her Writing and Rhetoric class, the teacher was so impressed with her work he had her read it to the class and they had a discussion on the topic. Not bad for the first assignment. Thank you again for everything you have done for my daughter. You were the only ones willing to give her a chance. Now let's watch her shine!"



One of Leya's paintings

Ngang, Peter: Writes, "I had the honor of being elected King of the 2006-2007 Fall Harvest at Central Pennsylvania College. I am looking forward to becoming a Physical Therapist Assistant and graduating with an Associate Degree in Applied Science and am extremely grateful for the financial aid given to me by the Bailey Family Foundation. I am anxiously awaiting the time when my wife and daughter, who are in Kenya, will join me in the United States."



*"King" Peter Ngang and "Queen" Kimberly
Bindle Central Pennsylvania College*

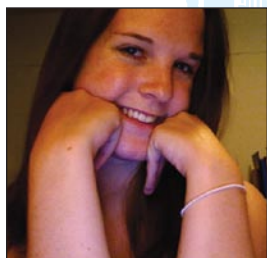
O'Quinn, Lisa: Writes, "On May 20th 2007, I graduated from Hollins University with a Bachelor's of Art with a major in Studio Art & concentration in Photography. I was chosen as the only senior art major to receive the Margaret Markey Smith Award for outstanding work for my senior art exhibition. My senior exhibition was called "How do I look?" and is a digital photography series about young women and their struggle with body image and glamour. I worked on this project for 4 semesters interviewing and photographing various girls and young women. One of these photographs was purchased by Hollins University's Art Museum, which is a great honor!"

I am currently living in Gulf Shores, AL with my parents (they just recently moved down here). I'm currently looking for summer work and plan to attend Savannah College of Art & Design for a MFA in photography! I hope to be working for a magazine once I graduate with my MFA. I have done two internships in the past with Leisure Publishing in Roanoke, Va. and Marie Claire magazine at Hearst Publishing in NYC, New York. I feel fortunate that The Bailey Family Foundation helped pay for my college education."

Orrison, Mallary J.: Writes, "The adjustment from high school to college has been difficult at times. Leaving the only home I have ever known to go off to a new place with all new people wore me down the first few weeks of college. Since then, however, I have met so many wonderful people that have helped me along the way because they were experiencing the very same thing. I've gotten off to a great start and love my classes here at Virginia Tech. There is always something interesting for me to learn as a history major. I am currently taking courses such as the History of France and the History of Sports in America. I have absorbed many great facts already in the short time I've been here that I know will be useful in the classroom when I'm teaching History to middle school students. I am very excited about the organizations that I plan on joining and have already joined. I will join the History club soon and have recently joined the Circle K club. Circle K is a branch of the Kiwanis club and supports many great causes throughout the local, national and international communities. I have become a member of the Wallyball club as well. The game of Wallyball is Volleyball played on a racquet ball court. Our Wallyball team is doing very well this season and hopefully later in the year our team will be participating in the Nationals. Thank you so much for all that your foundation has done for me. It has been an immense help to my family and myself."



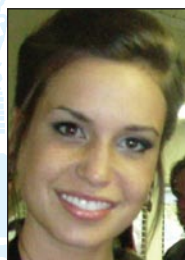
Mallory Orrison at her 2007 high school graduation



Patrician, Molly: Writes, "I have just recently started my freshman year at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, located in Princeton, NJ. I am a Choral Music Education major going for a 5 year Bachelors/Masters degree.

Molly Patrician, 2007 Scholarship Recipient

My classes are all challenging, but I am enjoying my time here. My roommate is a Vocal Performance major, Ali. She and I have quickly bonded and became almost best friends in the past two weeks. I also have a close group of friends that I spend the majority of my time with. I am excited about the beginning of this new chapter in my life and I cannot wait to spend the next four years in this fun and challenging environment doing what I love with people that I love."



Rachel Ranscht, 2007 Scholarship Recipient

Ranscht, Rachel: Writes, "I recently graduated from Gaither High School and I have just started my freshmen year at the HCC Honors Institute. My major is still undecided but I continue narrowing down my choices. Thanks to the Bailey Family Foundation college has been an enjoyable experience and I look forward to keeping in touch! BFF is truly a blessing. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

Ripperger, Sabrina Elise: Writes, "Hello Bailey Family! Before I begin I want to thank you again for your very generous scholarship. It has made the financial burden of beginning college much easier for my family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

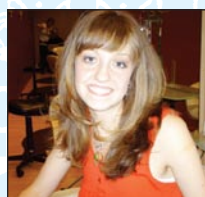
Well, I began my freshman year at Lynchburg College on August 20th. I am one of 39 freshman selected and recently inducted into the



Sabrina Ripperger, before donating her hair to Locks of Love

Society of Westover Fellows. I am double majoring in Biomedical Science (pre-med) and Music (vocal performance). I think I have adjusted well to being on my own and I love the whole college experience. I haven't been terribly homesick yet, although I do miss my family and my little Chihuahua.

Lynchburg College is a small private college in Lynchburg Virginia. It is such a beautiful campus and I feel so fortunate to be here. My course load is quite rigorous, but I am really enjoying all of my classes and loving all of my professors.



After the cut ~ a new Sabrina

I am taking private voice lessons and part of a select choir. I was just cast in my first college theatre production, which I am very excited about. I have also continued my volunteer affiliation with the Key Club (Circle K) and look forward to helping out both on campus and in the Lynchburg community. I have made some wonderful new friends and have become an expert on doing laundry. Overall, I feel blessed

with all of the opportunities I have and thrilled with every new experience. A big change that I made before beginning college was that I cut my very long hair and donated it to Locks of Love. This was a major transformation and I really love my new look. I hope all of you are happy and healthy and I will continue to keep you updated."

Sperling, Jack: Writes, "I have been reassigned to Anchorage, Alaska at an Air Force Base (Elmendorf AFB). Here I am responsible for the F-15C Weapons System to deliver support and protection of U.S. Airspace and defense of the United States for NORAD. I will be trying to finish my degree this winter. The salmon fishing here is to die for."

Jack Sperling and his fresh catch



Talcott, Stephanie: Writes, "It has been almost a year since receiving the Bailey Family Foundation scholarship last fall. So much has happened to our little family. My husband returned in February from his tour in Afghanistan, decorated with many new medals, not the least of which was the Bronze Star. We are so happy and proud! Our family decided to take a trip to Disney World for a much needed vacation in July. Wow, did I forget how hot and humid those summers are down there! A great time was had regardless. I have only 5 classes left to complete for my BA degree from Saint Leo University, maintaining a 3.6 or higher GPA along the way. I would never have come this far without the Foundation's scholarship helping to pave the way. Thank you! I wish everyone a happy holiday season. I will update next Spring...graduation!"



*Stephanie and her family:
Anthony, JuliAnn & husband Tim*

Wells, Arielle: Her mother Ellen writes, "Arielle graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, VA on June 13, 2007 Magna Cum Laude in the top 8 percent of her class having kept a 3.93 grade point average during her high school years. She is now attending Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA planning to major in interdisciplinary studies/psychology and minor in Japanese studies. College is exciting for her and so far she is having a great experience!!! During her spare time (ha ha) Arielle enjoys playing field hockey, lacrosse, swimming, going to step and kickboxing classes and attends the Japanese animation club meetings. She is also applying to a sorority at her school. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the help sending our talented and loving daughter (our baby) to college."



*Arielle Wells,
2007 Scholarship
Recipient*



Woodward, Blair: Writes, "I will be graduating a semester early December 14th 2007. I will be receiving my BA in Theatre with a minor in music."

Blair Woodward, 2004 Scholarship Recipient

Zakeri, Maria: Writes, "I'm grateful for Bailey Family Foundation because I have been attending Virginia Commonwealth University. My major is Criminal Justice because I am hoping to attend Law School in future. I'm taking criminal justice course and four general education classes. All of my professors are very understanding and

knowledgeable. This is a great opportunity for me; I'm learning a lot and getting a lot of experience at VCU. On my free time I tutor other students French and Russian for few hours a week. As for my hobbies, I perform daily basis exercise and go jogging with a group. Without the Bailey Family Foundation scholarship, none of these things would have been possible."



Maria Zakeri

Foundation News & Activities:

New Office Building

In October we had an Open House to celebrate BFF's move to our new location. Rev. Barry Bahr also performed a blessing of the building.

Our new address is:

912 W. Platt Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33606
Phone: (813) 600-5380



BFF Trustees and Rev. Barry Bahr



Scholarship Program Update

We will begin accepting applications for our High School and College Program on January 1, 2008. Please visit our website at www.bailey-family.org for more information.

Have you wondered how scholarship winners are selected?

If you'd like to join BFF's Scholarship Selection Committee just contact Kimberly M. Czabaj at (813) 600-5380 or kim@bailey-family.org.

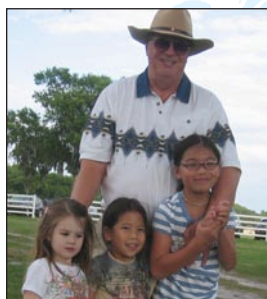
BFF in the Community

Second Annual Salvation Army William Booth Society Event

This special event was held to recognize members of the William Booth Society for their generous contributions to The Salvation Army. It was held on April 21 at the Red Barn Ranch in Plant City. Guests enjoyed a BBQ, hay rides, horse rides, s'mores, bluegrass music and lots of fun!



Spectacular Red Barn Ranch



Kyle with Cameron, Cristina, Michele & Beverly at Red Barn Ranch

Ron with three of his four granddaughters - Lily, Isabella & Bailey

EIP Celebrates 20th year

George Mason University celebrated 20 years of the Early Identification Program on May 15.

This program helps middle and high school students who have the potential to go to college and realize their dreams. A college preparation program, it focuses on the students who will be the first in their family to attend college. The Bailey Family Foundation has participated in EIP for the past 9 years.



Hortensia Cadenas, director of the Early Identification Program, and Ron Bailey



Ron Bailey & Stan Elmore, of BFF, along with EIP students

New Museum for the Tampa Bay History Center

The Bailey Family Foundation pledged a 5-year grant to the **Tampa Bay History Center**, a non-profit educational institution currently operating a history and heritage museum and research library in downtown Tampa, FL.



Grant Martin, Vice President for Advancement, said, "When the **Tampa Bay History Center** opens its doors in late 2008, it will

not only be a repository of most of the historically significant artifacts from this region, but it will also be an important teaching tool, where stories, memorabilia, exhibits and programs will bring history to life in an engaging, interactive and dynamic way.

Twenty years in the making, the dream to build one of the finest regional history museums in the United States is nearing reality! A reality made possible, in part, by a generous grant to build the 'A Place of Our Own' children's exhibit by the Bailey Family Foundation."



R. K. Bailey Resident Conductor Chair

The Bailey Family Foundation supports the **Florida Orchestra** and pledged a 6-year grant with the organization that is now in its 39th season.



This gift will endow the R. K. Bailey Resident Conductor Chair. The Resident Conductor conducts a variety of programs each season including Pops in the Park, Coffee Concerts and Youth Concerts. These Education and Outreach initiatives are an integral part of the Orchestra's programming, ensuring that the symphonic experience is affordable and accessible to all area residents and visitors.

The Florida Orchestra is recognized as Tampa Bay's leading performing arts institution, one of the leading professional symphony orchestras in Florida, and one of the best regional orchestras in America.

Cork United Methodist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bailey have been active in **Cork United Methodist Church**, of Plant City, since their move to the Tampa Bay area in 1996. The Baileys and Cork UMC congratulate their 2007 college graduates! *BFF wishes all 2007 graduates the best of success in the future!*



L to R: Rev. Barry Bahr, Ron Bailey, Jennifer Bosse, Brittany Glenney & Michael Lopez

Ron Bailey in PHS Hall of Fame

In May, Ron was welcomed into Princeton High School's Hall of Fame. Mr. Bailey is a 1959 graduate of PHS. He joins 15 other



Ron is joined by his sons Kyle & Kent, and Kyle's son Justin, outside of PHS

inductees in this honor, including two other class members, Rod Thorn and Gail Rector. At the end of his speech, Mr. Bailey awarded high school senior, Laura Croy, a 2007 Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship.



Ron awarding the BFF scholarship to Laura Croy

About BFF's Founder, Ron K. Bailey

Ron K. Bailey was born in Lamar, West Virginia and served in the US Army. He did undergraduate studies in computers at Northern Virginia Community College and Strayer University and his graduate work at American University.



In 1974 Ron Bailey began teaching computer information systems at Strayer College (now Strayer University) in Washington, DC. He excelled at managing computer information systems and over the next several years he worked his way up from teaching computers to running the school's information systems. In 1986 he was appointed Senior Vice President of the college and dedicated his efforts to running the school, itself.

But, Strayer College was struggling with low enrollment and an antiquated curriculum. The President at the time asked Bailey to help him sell his interest in the company so he could retire. In 1989 Bailey borrowed as much money as the banks would allow him and bought controlling interest in Strayer College. He assumed the position of President of the college and immediately embarked upon an ambitious campaign to improve the curriculum and boost enrollment. Strayer College soon became Strayer University. Among his many other innovations, Bailey developed a graduate degree program and ensured that the University's computer courses were on the cutting edge of technology. Perhaps his most groundbreaking idea, however, was to design a school that revolved around the student experience, not the faculty, or the management. He answered each decision presented to him by asking, "What's best for the students?" With this guiding principal Strayer University quickly became one of the national leaders in the for-profit education industry. Students

flocked to fill Strayer classrooms. Enrollment soared from 1,000 to over 14,000.

Soon, Wall Street took notice and, in 1996, shares of Strayer Education (STRA) began trading on the Nasdaq stock exchange. Bailey became chairman of the school's board of trustees and served in that capacity until 2001, when he retired to Tampa, FL to focus full time on the goal of helping more students make their college dreams a reality through the Bailey Family Foundation.

Bailey has maintained a full and active retirement in Tampa. In addition to his involvement with the Bailey Family Foundation, he is actively involved as a director of The Palm Bank in Tampa, America's Choice Title in Jacksonville, The University of Tampa, Special Operations Warriors Foundation in Tampa, Tampa General Hospital, The Salvation Army Tampa Command, and Cork United Methodist Church in Plant City, Florida.

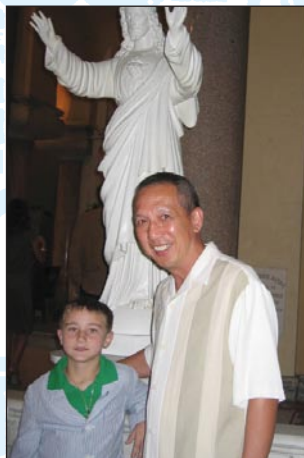
In his spare time Bailey enjoys tending his Black Angus Cattle on his ranch in Plant City and spending time with his wife, 2 sons and 7 grandchildren who all live nearby in Tampa.

As Bailey reflects on his past successes he insists that education was the key to transforming him from a poor kid with no prospects for the future into a college professor, then a University President and, eventually, a corporate CEO. The U.S. Army was there to help Bailey get his education. Now, through the Bailey Family Foundation, he is determined to help others improve their own lives.

What We've Been Up To

Brandon's First Holy Communion

In May, Brandon Bailey received his First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church in Tampa.



Brandon and Uncle Pi at Brandon's communion



His proud parents, Kyle & Michele Bailey

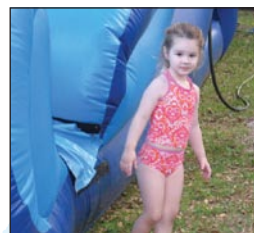
Who's Ready for Some Hockey?

Justin and Brandon Bailey with Pop-Pop after a recent hockey game.



Lily turns 4!

Lily Bailey celebrated her 4th birthday on April 17th in Plant City. They grow go fast!



Lily at her 4th birthday party

Brandon celebrates his 8th birthday



Brandon Bailey spent his 8th birthday with an ice skating / laser tag party at the Ice Sports Forum.

Brandon and his buddies at his 8th birthday party

Summer Travels

This year's **Bailey Family Memorial Day Reunion** took place on May 26th at Camp Creek State Park in West Virginia. This annual gathering is for all descendants of George Patton Bailey.



There was a great turnout at this year's reunion



Gravesite of George Patton Bailey



Ron Bailey's family in front of the grave of his mother, Versie Bailey

The Baileys took an amazing trip to England and Italy in June



Ron, Bev, Brandon, Cameron and Justin at Stonehenge



Ron & Bev at Bath, England



The "gang" in front of the leaning tower of Pisa



Bailey and Isabella outside the villa

Over the summer, Kent and Cristina took their girls to Salt Lake City and Las Vegas to visit with her family



*Grandmama and all her grandbabies
L to R: Lily, Sofia, Alexis, Grandmama, Cakey & Adrienne*

Kyle, Michele and friends spent the 4th of July in Costa Rica



A nice shot of the group at the top of the zip-line canopy tour.

L to R: John & Melanie Jackson, Kyle & Michele Bailey, Luann & Dan Quiggle and Jen & Ryan Mackie



The Mackies and The Jacksons



The Baileys and The Quiggles

Kyle flew his family, parents and their friends to Nassau for a long weekend in July.



Ron & Bev and Karen & Mike Glisson outside the Atlantis Hotel

Kyle and Kent, along with some friends, had quite an adventure in Oregon



At the top of the Volcano



Posing for a shot



Kyle & Michele took their kids and Michele's parents to Green Turtle Cay for Labor Day Weekend

Bailey Family Reunion, September 2007

Descendents of Joseph Moss Bailey meet annually in Virginia. Joseph is a son of George Patton Bailey and the grandfather of Ron Bailey.



Bailey Family at the reunion



Ashlynn, Howard & Diane, Jeff, Ron and Christy



Scott Newlin and Dewey Bailey

Howard Bailey wanted to share some of his recent photos:



Howard & his two grandchildren, Ashlynn & Scott



Christy Bailey & her daughter Ashlynn



Jeff Bailey & his son Scott

Welcome to Florida!

Andrew and Nicolas Cardin came down from Massachusetts earlier this year to visit their Uncle Roland, Aunt Sandy and Cousin Michele. During their trip, they went to Universal Studios, Busch Gardens and Key West.



L to R: Andrew Cardin, Michele Bailey, Nicolas Cardin, Roland & Sandy Cardin and Kyle Bailey at Busch Gardens

The Youther Family payed Ron & Bev Bailey a visit in June.

Here are some pictures from their trip to the Sunshine State:



Kyle, Jared and Will in Disney World



Kristin & Robert Youther with the boys at "the corral" at the Red Barn Ranch

Enjoying a dip in the Bay

Beartown, West Virginia

Many of Ron's ancestors are from the small town of Beartown. Here are some recent photos:



Patricia Smith holding grandson Daniel Garland, Carmen Bailey, Sandra Bailey, granddaughter Katlyn (in Eagles shirt) and her little sister Allie



Katie at Beartown School



Daniel and Katie ring Beartown Church Bell

Little White House

By Ruby K. Bailey

High on a hill top, close to the sky,
a little white house, will greet the eye.
A house is a part, of the people that live,
inside the four walls, we take and we give.
With five little boys, to scamper about,
at times this little house, was turned inside out.
But nobody cares, as long as the boys,
are healthy and happy, and bursting with joys.

The years go so swiftly, we wonder just how,
yesterday was the future, today is the now.
The five neat little rooms, could tell quite a tale,
but never a whisper, no bill of sale.
The five little boys, are little no more,
there are five other homes, with toys on the floor.
Why am I bored? I'm needed no more,
no one to clutter, no clothes on the floor.

But vacations come, and then I'm alive,
for once again, we're like a beehive.
But vacations end, we had so much fun,
the house is a clutter, there's work to be done.
So, get up and at it, and clear up the floor
the house will be tidy, til vacation once more.

About the author: Ruby K. Bailey was married to Clyde Bailey, who is the son of Walter Bailey and grandson of George Patton Bailey. Ruby died two years ago at the age of 92 and was the oldest Bailey to attend the family reunion.

Carmen "Aunt Tom" Bailey was a close friend of Ron's mother. She turned 89 years old on September 29th!

In addition to funding scholarships, the Bailey Family Foundation also made contributions, to the following organizations for education related or other worthy causes:

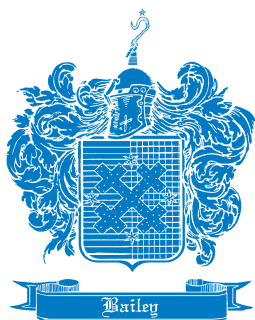
Academy of the Holy Names	Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough Cty	St John Presbyterian Church Community Ctr
Adventure Cycling Association	Hospice Foundation of the FL Suncoast	St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc.
Americans for Prosperity Foundation	Joshua House	StandUp for Kids
Angel of Hope	Junior League of Tampa, Inc.	Sun Trust Bank
AOPA Air Safety Foundation	Karen Academy Found for African Educ Inc	Tampa Alpha
Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.	Kids Charity of Tampa Bay, Inc.	Tampa Bay History Center Inc
Brandon Care Pregnancy Center	Lightning Foundation	Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Inc.
Central Penn College Education Found	Lockhart Elementary School OM	Tampa General Hospital Foundation
Child Abuse Council, Inc.	Lowry Park Zoo Endowment Foundation Inc.	Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind Inc.
Cord Blood Donor Foundation	Morningstar Church Inc	The Centre For Women Inc.
Florida Blood Services Foundation	Nonprofit Leadership Ctr of Tampa Bay Inc	The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc.
Florida FFA Foundation, Inc.	Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation	The Salvation Army
Florida Orchestra Inc.	Plant City Cornerstone Community Center	The Salvation Army "Tree of Lights"
Friends of Joshua House Foundation, Inc.	Rails-to-Trails Conservancy	The USO
Friends of the Gallery	Schaarai Zedek Preschool	University of Tampa
GBS-CIDP Foundation International	Search & Rescue Charitable Foundation	University of Tampa Alumni Association
Gonzmart Family Foundation Inc	So Tampa Auxil of the Children's Home Inc	USO
H Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Rsch Instit	Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc.	Vietnam Veterans of America Inc.
Hillsborough Education Foundation	SPC Foundation, Inc.	

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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.



Laura Osborne, Kimberly Czabaj, Wesley Wong, Kyle Bailey, Bev & Ron Bailey, Pi Piboolnuruk and Stan Elmore (Not pictured – Kent Bailey)

Message from the editor:



Kimberly Czabaj & Fiancé
Dan Hammond

I hope you enjoyed reading the Bailey Family Foundation's Fall 2007 Newsletter. It has been a pleasure serving as editor. I love reading the new and exciting updates from BFF's large extended family. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any comments or suggestions.

I have some exciting news of my own – I became engaged to Dan Hammond in September! We plan to say "I do" this spring in south Florida.

Don't forget to send me your news!

Kimberly M. Czabaj, Newsletter Editor

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