

# Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter

**SPRING 2014** 

### **Message from the Founder**

### **Dear Family & Friends:**



The Bailey Family Foundation closed the 2014 scholarship application period on March 15th and we received over 2,800 applications from area high school and college students. We'll award scholarships to 500 deserving students for Fall 2014 college tuition. Congratulations to our 2014 Bailey Scholars! We couldn't review

and score all those applications without the efforts of our Scholarship Selection Committee. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to our team of 230 evaluators.

Our Easter Egg Hunt in Plant City was held earlier this month, and boy, it gets better every year. We had great weather, a yummy BBQ lunch and spent the day with family and friends. I think I had more fun than the kids. You can see the photos on page 5.

Our oldest grandchild, Bailey, turned 16 in March and couldn't wait to get behind the wheel of her new car. Our youngest, Megan, turned 4 this year and will be off to join her older siblings and cousins at the "big school" this fall. These kids are growing up too fast!

It was wonderful to see many of you at the Memorial Day Family Reunion last year, but unfortunately, we won't be able to make the trip this time. I hope everyone has a great time. The kids and grandkids are taking a cruise along the Mediterranean this summer. I can't wait to see those pictures.

I hope you had a great start to the new year. Please enjoy this edition of the Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter.

Ron K. Bailey President

### **Don't Forget:**

## The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Bailey Family Memorial Day Reunion

Saturday, May 24, 2014 12:00 noon Camp Creek State Park, WV



### What's Happening?





### **Descendants of George Patton Bailey:**

**Youther, Mastin Stewart**: born to Robert and Kristin Youther on November 23, 2013 at Carilion New River Valley Hospital

Christiansburg, VA. Mastin weighed 6lbs, 10oz and was 20in long. Mastin's name came from 4th Generation Mastin Bailey.



Mastin Stewart Youther



### **Descendants of George Patton Bailey:**

Bailey, Ronald L.: passed away on September 23, 2013 at Bowers Hospice House in Beckley, West Virginia following being diagnosed with lung and bone cancer. He was 77 years old.

Ronald L. Bailey



#### **OTHER NEWS & UPDATES**

### Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:

**Donnantuoni, Danielle**: graduated from Florida State University and is now pursuing her Masters Degree at the University of Florida. She writes, "I hope to one day be able to give back to the Bailey Family Foundation and support others as you have done for me."

**Dowels, Antonio:** graduated from the University of Florida with a BA in Sport Management and a minor in Business Administration. Antonio plans to attend law school and earn a joint degree in law and a masters in business administration. He writes, "I feel very blessed"

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that you believed in me and selected me to receive a scholarship."

Antonio Dowels, 2008 scholarship recipient **Estrada, Fransua**: is graduating in 2014 with degrees in Political Science and French Studies with plans to attend law school in the fall. He writes, "These four years I have done things beyond my wildest dreams. This has been possible only because of the aid from this foundation; I will truly be forever thankful."

Estridge, Elizabeth: graduated with a BS degree in Family, Youth

& Community Science from the University of Florida. She writes, "I owe you so many thank yous! I would not be where I am today without your help."



Elizabeth Estridge, 2009 Bailey Scholar

**Gunter, Connie:** graduated from Virginia State University cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Policy and is working for Donohoe Hospitality as an auditor and accountant assistant. She writes, "Thank you so very much for such a precious gift. I know that thank you could never cover all your organization has done for me."

**Hong, Hetty:** is graduating from the University of South Florida this spring and was officially accepted into the University of Florida's College of Dentistry. She writes, "In four more years, I will be a doctor and it is all thanks to the BFF and your continuous belief in me."

Milano, Hale Justis: attended the Blue Cord Ceremony at Ft. Benning Georgia. His father, Todd Milano, installed the blue cord on him. Todd Milano serves on our Scholarship Selection Committee and is a close friend of President Ron Bailey.

Todd Milano and son 2LT Milano at the Blue Cord Ceremony



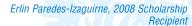
Osborne, James: married Leandra Mikos on October 26, 2013 at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa.



The Osborne Family at James & Leandra's wedding

Paredes-Izaguirne, Erlin: became an R.N. in March 2009 and

has been practicing/working as a nurse in the public health field since then. She writes, "From the bottom of my beart, I thank you. My kids and I bave a much better, brighter future."







Allison Schneider, 2010 Bailey Scholar

Schneider, Allison: is graduating from the University of Florida this May with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with High Honors.

### **Foundation News & Activities**

#### Richard's Run for Life

The 5K run was held on November 1st in Ybor City and this year the Bailey Family Foundation teamed up Coppertail Brewing Co. (President Kent Bailey) 100% of the proceeds benefit the Advanced Prostate Cancer Collaboration (APCC) at Moffitt Cancer Center.





### **University of Tampa's Scholarship Luncheon**

The 24th annual luncheon, held in November, honored scholarship recipients and donor. With BFF and Bailey



endowed scholarships combined, 11 scholarships were awarded in 2013 to UT students.

Laura Osborne (L) & Kimberly Czabaj (R) with UT scholarship recipients

### Tree of Lights Breakfast

Representing BFF: Kimberly Czabaj & Laura Osborne

The annual Salvation Army Tree of Lights Breakfast kicks off the Red Kettle Program and brings attention to the thousands of local families struggling to make ends meet, and the additional help needed particularly during the holiday season.





### StarShip Christmas Cruise

We were back on StarShip Dining Cruise to celebrate Christmas. It was a beautiful evening on the water and everyone had a great time!

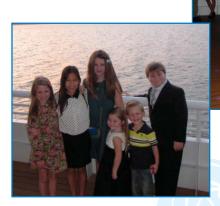
Enjoying our time on the StarShip:





Kyle & Michele with Michele's parents Sandy & Roland

Kent, Sofia & Cameron tearing up the dance floor



Sofia, Isabella, Lily, Megan, Tyler & Cameron

### Night at the Circus

This year's Tampa General Hospital
Foundation's annual Night at the Circus
benefited TGH's Children's Medical Center.

Photos from the Patrons' Party before the show:





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BFF was the "Big Top" Sponsor again this year

Kimberly Czabaj w/ Laura & Pete Osborne

Dan & Tyler Hammond



Michele & Megan Bailey



Kimberly Czabaj (left) representing BFF at the check presentation, along with other Night at the Circus top donors, TGH Children's Medical Center nurses and one of the precious patients. Over \$220,000 was raised at the 2014 Night at the Circus.



### **Bailey Scholars in Kenya**



2014 scholarship recipients at the Samburu Community School (now in its 17th year):

**Tepen Lenyan Kera** (2nd girl from the left) & **Moses LoKoro** (boy on the right)

### **NEWS FROM OUR VIRGINIA OFFICE**

### Stan Elmore serves food Hilda Barg

Stan wears his BFF hat while preparing food at Hilda Barg

Stan, along with other members of the Men's Ministry of First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, prepared and served food at Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Shelter.





Stan on left at Hilda Barg

### Winter Storm Pax visits Stan's house in February

Stan taking Gracie for a walk





That's A LOT of snow!

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

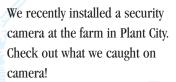
We hope everyone who joined us had as much fun as we did – maybe a little more than the kids!



The petting was a hit with Parker and Sophia



This guy wanted to join in the petting zoo too.





Wild Boar



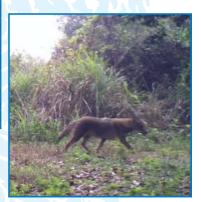
Silly Sam put on a great show



The Wong Family enjoys a ride on the Gator tractor







Coyote

Ron is ready to release the egg hunters



Tyler & Jayden proudly show off their eggs



### **Bailey Family News & Activities**

Sharing of 2013 Holiday Photos:

Mermaid Megan with Pop Pop & Nana on Halloween

A Floridian Thanksgiving

Ron & Bev visiting Jim & Joyce Brown from Oregon.

Jim was in the US Army with Ron.

Army buddies Ron Bailey & Jim Brown





Army wives Bev Bailey & Joyce Brown

### Grandparents' Day 2014

Grandparents & Grandkids



Bailey's Sweet 16

Bev & Ron at dinner with the birthday girl



### Christmas Day



Ron making his famous Christmas gravy













Girls and their dolls – Megan, Jasmine, Katie & Isabella

### **Letters of Appreciation:**

"I especially want to thank you for helping me get closer to my dream of becoming a registered nurse. I am doing my clinical hours at Sarasota Memorial Hospital and every day I learn a new skill and get more excited about being a nurse. Many thanks!"

### -Samantha Duval, University of South Florida

"Thank you so much for your contribution into my future. Like many college students, I am someone who is faced with challenges every day. Your assistance in my education will let me breathe a little easier this next term."

#### -Cory Ginger, Central Pennsylvania College

"Without your scholarship, I would have been unable to go forward with my college education. I am constantly aware of the difference your scholarship has made in my life and I do not take for granted the real prospects your scholarship has made possible for my academic future."

### -Shirin Mobeen, University of Tampa

"I do not know where to begin in thanking you for choosing me out of hundreds of applicants in 2013. The scholarship you awarded me has impacted me in more ways than you could possibly know. I have accomplished many things during my first year at Florida Atlantic University. Without the support of your foundation, I would not have been able to attend such a beautiful university." - Kylie Shortt

Kylie Shortt at the FAU Welcome Pep Rally



Kylie Shortt at her Chemistry labs

"I am attending Johns Hopkins University and majoring in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering while fulfilling pre-med requirements. I have truly fallen in love with the university and am so grateful that, through your donation, I have the opportunity to attend. I will be applying for research positions in the medical field for this next semester. I cannot thank you enough for helping me do so with your support."

### -Christina Sierra, Johns Hopkins University

"Thanks to your generous support to my undergraduate education, I can be a scholar representing BFF as a graduate of the American Film Institute (Masters – Cinematography – June 2014).

-Cory Warner, 2008 Bailey Scholar

Cory starting his passion at age 2!



Cory on the set of his thesis project (sitting at the camera)

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### **Directors and Staff:**

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.



Stan, Wes, Laura, Kent, Kyle, Kimberly, Pi, Ron and Bev

### **Message from the editor:**

It has been my pleasure serving as editor for the Spring 2014 Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. Thank you to everyone who shared photos and stories with us. Please keep 'em coming!

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to contribute to the next newsletter, don't hesitate to contact me. I would love to hear from you.

Me and, my little pirate, Tyler

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