

The Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter

FALL 2009

Message from the Founder

Dear Family & Friends:



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"THANK YOU" to our Scholarship Selection Committee for their continued support.

In May, BFF hosted two Bailey Scholar Receptions which honored BFF Scholarship recipients from Hillsborough and Polk & Pinellas Counties. Both events were a success, with over 100 in attendance at each event. We plan to continue the tradition next year. (Photos on right)

I'm sure we're all asking the same thing...where did the summer go? In July, Bev and I took the family on a 12-day Baltic Sea Cruise. Everyone had a wonderful time and loved the places we visited. Bev and I also attended two family reunions and enjoyed catching up with everyone.

It's hard to believe the grandkids are back in school again and we just had our first day of autumn. It was 92 degrees here!

I hope you also had a great summer.

Please enjoy the latest edition of the Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Ron K. Bailey
President BFF

Bailey Scholar Receptions



Chuck Hernandez and Kent



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Ron's Message from the Founder



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Ron with McKenna Hoof and her parents

Ron with Thomas Bevis and his parents



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:

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Births



Descendants of George Patton Bailey:

Bailey, Ross Timothy: Born on September 12, 2009 at 7:05 pm at Winchester Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs 12 oz and was 19 3/4 in long.



*Baby Ross with parents
Tim & Heather Bailey*



Grandparents Earnest & Kay Bailey



Newlin, Daya: Came to live with **Michael and Christiane Newlin** on August 18, 2009. At this time, they are not sure of how long Daya will be with them, from 2 weeks to forever, but the family is enjoying every minute.

Daya at 7 weeks old



The Newlin family welcoming baby Daya

Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:

Remeika, Jayden Vincent: Son of **Joe Remeika**, was born on May 28, 2009. Jayden is the first grandson to Scholarship Evaluator **Donna Remeika**, and also my nephew.

Jayden Vincent Remeika



Other News & Updates

Descendants of George Patton Bailey:

Bailey, Dewey: (grandson of George Patton) of Matoaka, WV prepares pecan pies for the Bailey Family reunion in Winchester, VA on September 12, 2009. Dewey usually makes a dozen pies or so for each reunion and enjoys giving them to his relatives. He turned 86 on July 19th, 2009. We hope you had a great birthday!



Dewey makes pies for the reunion



Dewey on his 86th birthday

Blankenship (Bailey), Gussie: Turned 75 years old and the family celebrated with a surprise party on August 1st, 2009 at the Galaxy restaurant in Wadsworth, Ohio. "We had family and friends come in from as far away as Massachusetts, Michigan and Florida. It was well attended (over 70 people) and seemed to be enjoyed by all," Darlene Blankenship writes.



Gussie blows out candles on her 75th birthday cake



Bonnie toasts Gussie



Jim Bailey and daughter, Emma, visit with Gussie

Bailey, Howard: In April, Charlotte Beason and Todd Milano were touring a Strayer University campus and bumped into this familiar face.



Todd Milano, Howard Bailey & Charlotte Beason



Bailey, Mark: A life-long WVU fan, meets legendary WVU basketball player and coach, Bob Huggins at the 2009 Mountaineer Athletic Club dinner in Bluefield, WV.

Mark Bailey & Bob Huggins

Houchins, Dave: Writes, “Many, many sincere thank you; to all who work at The Bailey Family Foundation and especially to the founder Ron K. Bailey and the Scholarship Selection Committee. Words can’t describe my feelings after completing my B.S. International Business at Strayer University. There are times when determination is not enough and we need a helping hand, and that’s the case here. This grant allowed me to focus on my studies without being burdened financially. Working full time, raising a family, being laid off and having a dilated cardiomyopathy while working on this degree only strengthened my resolve to finish. I just received my grade in my final class, by my calculation that makes my GPA 3.63. This would not have been possible for me without this Foundation. I really can’t stress how deep my gratitude is to everyone involved.”



Dave Houchins, 2001 Heritage Scholarship Recipient



Wilson, Ashley: Writes, “Dear Bailey Family, I just wanted to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to graduate. It means a lot to me that you allotted me the scholarship and gave me the ability to graduate and pursue higher education.”

Ashley Wilson, 2001 Heritage Scholarship Recipient

Youther, Robert: attended Bluefield High School’s award ceremony on behalf of BFF. Jonathan Lyons received The Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship.



Robert Youther w/ 2009 Scholarship Recipient Jonathan Lyons

Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:



Niccole DeLise, 2004 scholarship recipient

DeLise, Niccole: Writes, “It has been four short years since I first became a Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship recipient. I must say that the time sure has flown by, but I have accomplished a lot in these four short years. I graduated in 2008 from St. Petersburg College with an Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies and an Associate in Science Degree in Sign Language Interpretation. I currently work with Pinellas County Schools as a Sign Language

Interpreter while striving to complete my Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Merchandising at Florida State University. I hope to graduate in May 2010. From there, I hope to continue on my educational endeavors to receive a Masters Degree, but right now, I am taking everything in stride knowing that time will lead me to where I dream to go in life. All I know is that I am on the path to success. I want to thank The Bailey Family Foundation for allowing me the opportunity to become a part of their foundation as it has lead me to many great successes thus far and I hope to continue on the path to greater accomplishments.”

Der, Erica: Was called on by Congressman Adam Putnam’s office with a job offer. He is running for Commissioner of Agriculture for Florida. Erica has accepted a job on his staff as a Campaign Coordinator for the next 18 months.



Hieu Huynh, 2004 scholarship recipient

Huerta, Tony: Writes, “Hello to all of the Bailey Family Foundation, this is Tony Huerta one of your proud and thankful recipients of your grateful scholarship. I would just like to inform you all that I am doing well. I am in my second year of college at Saint Leo University and enjoying it very much but at the same time working

hard and getting all of my work done first. I would like to thank you all once again for the scholarship and I wish you and the rest of the foundation great success and the best of luck in the future.”



Huynh, Hieu: Writes, “I was the recipient of your scholarship in 2004. The scholarship helped to finance my education at the University of Virginia. I graduated May 2008 with a BS in Biology and I will be attending medical school this upcoming August at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. I just wanted to say thanks for helping me finance my undergraduate education so that I could reach my goal of becoming a physician.”

Jalloul, Janet: Writes to us from Kenya and her involvement with the Children's Education Fund. She told us many of children in the village are named "Bailey."



Girls at the school having lunch. A "Bailey" is on the far right.



Janet Jalloul in "farmer mode" in her kitchen garden.

Kelly, Sean: Writes, "It is move in day for Eckerd upper classmen, and I just really want to say thanks for giving me the opportunity to return here this year. I know that the recession has hit everyone pretty hard, and so I'm especially thankful that even in hard times like these, your foundation still remains so gracious. I'm really looking forward to another great year of learning and experiencing at Eckerd College."



Sean Kelly, 2008 scholarship recipient

Mckeever, Randi: Writes, "I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for granting me the \$5000 Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship! I feel both honored and privileged to receive such an offer and intend to work very hard to demonstrate my appreciation. It is funny, because when you have a goal set within yourself... sometimes it is difficult to see how those around you appreciate the effort you put forth to make your goal a reality. That is how I often feel. As a parent, I am often challenged with the responsibilities of home vs. my educational pursuits and there have been many times when I've felt that I've bitten off more than I can chew...yet I continue to push toward my destiny. This scholarship, to me, is an affirmation that all of my work is not in vain! Every day that I successfully meet the needs of my family (and even when I fall short as we do from time to time) as well as my educational goals is truly a blessing! Thank you for believing in me and my family!"



Randi Mckeever, 2009 scholarship recipient

Shi, Emily: Writes, "I just wanted to thank you all for all the help you've given me. I've been busy with the start of college so I haven't gotten a chance to properly thank you guys until now. You've really helped out my family a lot and I would not have been able to attend the University of Virginia without your support. To Mrs. Czabaj, thank you for sending me all my college letters so quickly. I can't thank you enough for all that you've done."



Emily Shi, 2009 Scholarship Recipient

Silver, Marc & Amy: welcomed foster son Kayson into their home in July. He turns 3 in a few weeks. "Kayson will be with us as long as he needs," says Marc.



Abigail Spencer, 2007 scholarship recipient

Spencer, Abigail: Her dad Jeff, writes, "There are times when a focus on the blessings in our life bring such joy. Your foundation has truly blessed my daughter and our family as a whole. Mary and I have twin daughters, Abigail and Chelsea Spencer, attending Bridgewater College in Virginia, studying to be secondary school teachers. Your foundation has blessed Abigail with a scholarship for the last three years. We were committed to the college because of its Christian church affiliation and its excellent programs for personal growth, but we knew that the cost of sending both of our daughters there was going to be a huge challenge for us, both government employees. Your gift to Abigail has helped us tremendously, and we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us move toward making their education a reality."



Chaneese Smith with Kent Bailey at the Reception

Smith, Chaneese: Her mom Maria writes, "We want to express our sincere thanks to the President and his family for a great evening at the Scholar Reception. We want to humbly extend our heartfelt thanks to you all. We are very grateful to your foundation for providing the scholarship that will give our daughter a chance to prove her qualities and also make her dream come true. Words cannot express what we feel since we were unable to provide such a future for her. She has made us proud and surely she will make you all proud also. Once again a big Thank You and wishing you all the success in the future in order for your foundation to keep up the good work of making students dreams come true by your financial assistance."

Uppercue, Grant: Writes, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bailey Family Foundation for all you have done to further my education at the University of Florida. Attending the University of Florida has been a life changing experience on my path towards becoming a rocket scientist. College has taught me the necessary skills to succeed in life on my own. Although I like to think I'm on my own, I realize that I could not have achieved my dream of attending the University of Florida without the generous contribution of the Bailey Family Foundation. I'm very grateful and it brings me comfort



Grant Uppercue, 2008 scholarship recipient

to know there are organizations such as the Bailey Family Foundation that can make a difference by rewarding students for their academic achievement. I am very grateful to have received the Bailey scholarship during my freshman year, and I will continue to strive to do my best in the years to come. With costs of tuition going up, I realize just how grateful I am to be a part of the Bailey Family. Thank you so much for everything you do.”

Foundation News & Activities

Scholarship Program Update

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Bailey Scholar Receptions

The two events which honored BFF Scholarship recipients from Hillsborough and Polk & Pinellas Counties were a success. Congratulations to all 2009 Bailey Scholars! More highlights on front page.



Stan gives the Invocation



We had a packed house for both events

Ron talks to Rochelle Hoyt and her mom



Red, White and Blue Salute

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation's annual Red, White and Blue Salute dinner honors SOF Troops and their families.



Ron Bailey received this gift from President John Carney Jr. for his 8-year service on the board.

Chief Award

Ron Bailey was selected by the presidents of all private colleges & universities in FL to be honored for his philanthropic work with the Bailey Family Foundation. He received the CHIEF (*Champion of Higher Independent Education in Florida*) Award at UT's Commencement in May.



Land Purchase

Continuing to enhance the quality of post secondary education, the Bailey Family Foundation helped the University of Tampa acquire a city block that included a local restaurant. Ron Bailey and the Bailey Family Foundation were featured in a Tampa Tribune article on June 10, 2009.

TBPAC Article

In their summer Magazine, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center published a flattering article about Kent Bailey and the Bailey Family Foundation. The article acknowledged BFF's commitment to education as well as health and art programs in the Tampa Bay area. Kent recently joined the board of directors of the TBPAC Foundation.



UT Brochure

The University of Tampa featured Kyle and Michele on their latest endowment brochure for their generous contributions to UT both personally and thru the Bailey Family Foundation.

Kyle & Michele Bailey on the UT brochure



The Bailey Log House



The Bailey Log Home

A project of Graham Historical Society, the Bailey Log House Project Committee, is currently in the process of reconstructing the approximately 150 year old Bailey Log

House, which is one of the earliest surviving structures built in the Bluefield area. It was originally built circa 1850 in Bluefield, WV.

Golf Tournament

Unfortunately, the Central Pennsylvania College Education Foundation's annual golf tournament was cancelled due to weather, but the Foundation still generated scholarship funds for worthy students.



These students each received a \$1,000 scholarship as a result of the money raised from donors like the Bailey Family Foundation.

The Success Story of Ron K. Bailey and Strayer University



The Strayer College Brochure

An audio clip of Ron's inspiring success story, from the book *Think Big, Act Small* is now available on BFF's website.

To listen, go to: www.bailey-family.org, click on **About US** at the top and then **Founder's Biography**.

Here are some highlights of Ron Bailey's career at Strayer College:



Ron Bailey as an instructor in 1974



Groundbreaking on Woodbridge campus

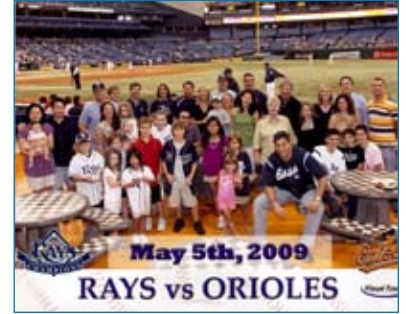


Addressing the graduating class of 1991

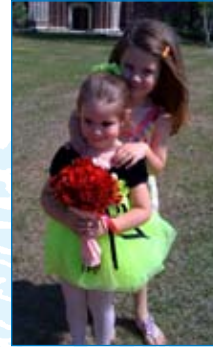
Bailey Family News & Activities

Kent's Rays Birthday

Kent celebrated his recent birthday with a Rays' game at Tropicana Field. The Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-3. Go Rays!



Li'l Dancer



Sofia and her older sister Lily after Sofia's dance recital

Bailey Family Memorial Day Reunion

The 31st Annual Memorial Day Bailey Family Reunion was held at Camp Creek State Park in West Virginia.



The family visiting George Patton Bailey's gravesite.



All attendees at the reunion



Visiting the grave of Ron's mother, Versie



L-R in back: Bonnie, Ron, Mark, Howard, Jack and Earnest. Sitting: Gussie and Dewey

Country Church in Beartown, WV

Ron's mother and grandmother were members of this church. He would go often when he was a child. The cross was given by the Bailey family in honor of Donald Bailey, Ron's uncle, as Donald and his wife Irene also attended, along with their son Joe.



Brandon Turns 10!



For his birthday, Brandon celebrated with a family pool party at his grandparents' house, Ron and Bev.

All the grandkids in the pool

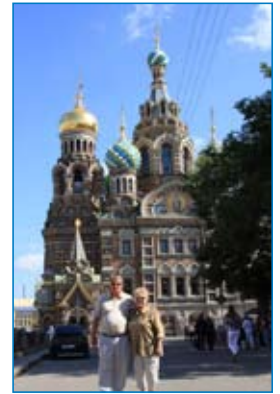
Family Cruise

In July, the Bailey family ventured on a 12-day Royal Caribbean cruise –with a visit to Cambridge, England before the cruise and two days in London at the end of the cruise. Here are some highlights of the trip:



First Day of School

School is back in session. This year, Cameron joins his big brothers at school.



Justin, Brandon and Cameron Bailey

Bailey Family Reunion in Winchester

All attendees at the reunion



*Back: Howard, Ron, Earnest, Jack, Joe, Mark
Front: Gussie and Dewey*



*Decked out in their BFF shirts!
L-R: Michael, Ron, Jack, Joe, Jeff and Marsha*



PHS 50th High School Reunion

Ron attended his 50th reunion at Princeton High School on September 18th. It was fun to see old friends and everyone had a great time.



Ron, Lacy Sheppard and Stan Elmore



Judy Effler Hendrick, Ron and Gail Rector

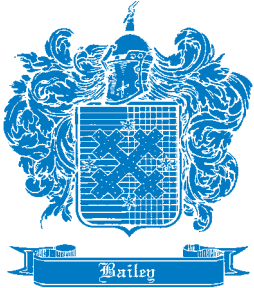


Stan and Ron, friends since 6th grade

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Staff Photos

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.

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Laura Osborne, Kent Bailey, Pi Piboolnuruk, Ron Bailey, Bev Bailey, Kyle Bailey, Kimberly Czabaj, Stan Elmore & Wes Wong

BFF Board:

Kent, Kyle, Bev & Ron Bailey



Message from the editor:



Kimberly Czabaj

I hope you enjoyed the Fall 2009 Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. It has been a pleasure serving as editor. It's always fun for me to review photos from past events as time seems to slip away so quickly. Thank you to everyone who shared pictures and stories with us. If you have any comments or suggestions, or you'd like to contribute for the next newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Don't forget to send me your news!

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