

Baby Bear's Buddies



Friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors have all joined together to help alleviate some of the burdens the Warner's must bear on a daily basis. We now ask you to join us, in our small effort to help support our good friends, Gary,

Pat, and Emma Warner.

**Benefit to
be held at:**

THE BLUE DOLPHIN

Thursday, June 16th 4:30 - 7:30

Happy Hour with Pit Beef, Ham, & Turkey

Beer and Wine

DJ and Silent Auction

Tickets are \$35.

Donations kindly accepted through Glorious Heath at Essex Bank

2120 Baldwin Avenue in Crofton (410) 721-7330

Silent Auction Items or other questions can be directed to

Barry DesRoches at Vintage Settlement Services (410)721-9713

In Emma's own words...

This began back on December 10, 2009. Then reared its' ugly head on Feb 8, 2010 which led to major surgery number 1. After 3 weeks in the hospital, I came home with a PIC line and Mom became "Momma Bear" and gave IV therapy daily, etc...Weekly doctor visits, blood work, CT Scans, X-rays, all turned into routine. Then mid-May I got the PIC line out-Yay. Still Dr. visits every other week and blood work and CT Scans...turned into June. Released from surgeon, then had to have Upper Small Bowel series tests, colonoscopy and endoscopy on July 29. That was the day this really began, but we did not know it then. That was a Thursday. So 5 days pass, I'm eating, drinking like normal and BAM! I came home from work nauseated. Pains in abdomen. Getting worse. Mom on her way to Frederick to deliver a Foster Greyhound. Mom calls Dad and told him to get home NOW. Dad gets home, goes and gets our wonderful neighborhood "ANGEL" who says get her to the ER. In ER for a while, Mom gets there..All my "February Dr's" are there..they give me 12 hours on antibiotics then they'll have to do surgery. White blood cell count (WBC) is 36,000..WAY HIGH!!!! Mom and Dad requested my transfer to Johns Hopkins and the new journey began. Arrived at Hopkins Surgical ICU at 1:30 a.m. August 4, 2010. Testing, IV's everywhere, Central line in chest, this wasn't good. Dr. comes in and explains what they need to do. I'm now in septic shock. I know nothing now. They keep trying to wake me up, doesn't work. Mom signs papers and we go to the OR at 3 p.m. Supposed to take 3 hours, turned into 5.



Emma woke from surgery with a colostomy and a "sponge vac" closure for her open wound. For the next 3 months, the Warners made multiple weekly trips to the hospital to have her wound cared for. Finally, in January, she was able to have surgery to reverse the colostomy. Immediately following, Emma suffered a massive stroke. She spent 6 1/2 weeks in Hopkins Brain Rescue Unit, followed by 5 1/2 weeks at Sinai Hospital Neuro Rehab. She has since returned to Hopkins (admitted 3 days prior to Easter), for additional testing due to head pain and swelling.

She is paralyzed on her left side, has vision impairment and severe, chronic neck pain.

Each day, Emma faces ongoing challenges as she fights to rebuild her body and brain.

Gary and Pat have suffered the pain and fear only a parent can understand, watching their daughter, of only 22, deal with each success, as well as each failure. They know they face an uphill battle, but continue in their effort to give their daughter back her youth. Join us in our effort to help our friends with the considerable costs involved in Emma's care that are not covered by insurance.