



# *The ZOE Newsletter*

*November 2010*



## *Zoe Minutes*

*By: Tyler Wiseman*

*The purpose of this month's meeting was parent workshops. We began with the announcements of the social at the corn maze and the next meeting, skit night. Then we took prayer requests and prayed. Afterwards, the teens went outside to play some games. After trying to play what I believe is called "Apples, Grapes, and Bananas", the teens were dismissed to socialize. Also, please pray for Jake McMakin, who injured his wrist during the game and had to leave early.*

## *ZOE November Meeting*

*Our ZOE meeting will be held on November 16, 2010 at Eastside Community Church at 7:00 p.m. We are having our traditional Skit Night. The two ZOE drama clubs will present their skits. If you are not part of one of the drama clubs and would like to present a skit, please get an OK on your skit from Amorette Lilley, Trudi Millsaps, Penny Clinkscals. Teens presenting skits must be ZOE Teen age (in 7th grade and 12 by December 31, 2010). Everyone is invited to come out and see our talented teens*

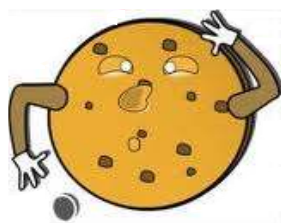


## Additional Practices for Skit Night



*We will be having additional skit night practices next week. If you are still interested in participating contact for Union County area Amorette Lilley @ 704-218-3010, for Charlotte area or North area contact Trudi Millsaps @ 704-568-8825 or Hisfive7@carolina.rr.com, or Penny Clink scales @ 704-567-5748 or zoeteens@bellsouth.net.*

## November Refreshments



*Our refreshment, and cleanup volunteers for November are:*

*Rhonda Pangle, Regina Clark, Lori Calhoun.*

## ZOE November Social

*We will be going ice skating this Friday November 19, at the Extreme Ice Rink in Indian Trail, from 1:00-5:00. Cost is \$5.00, which includes skate rental if we get a group of 15 or more, if not it will be \$10.00 per person. You may want to bring a few extra \$\$ for snacks. Please e-mail Joey at [countryboy44443@yahoo.com](mailto:countryboy44443@yahoo.com) and let us know you're coming. The Ice Center requires us to pay as a group. Please plan on arriving by 12:50, so that we can collect the money, pay, and everyone won't have to wait for you. If you arrive after 1:00, you may have to pay the regular open skate rate.*

*Address: 4705 Indian Trail Fairview Rd Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 882-1830.*



## Pregnancy Resource Center

*We will longer be helping Pregnancy Resource Center. They have decided to handle their mailing process a different way. We are though checking into some other places to volunteer, so please watch your emails for information.*



## 2011 GRADUATION MEETING

The graduation meeting for the 2010-2011 ZOE/CHEA graduation will be held on November 11, 2010 at Fuddrucker's in Matthews. The time is 7:00 p.m, if you would like to eat a few of us will be there around 6:30. At least one parent of each Senior should attend. Seniors are encouraged to attend if their schedule allows it. Each family must be a member of a CHEA homeschool group or ZOE.



## Operation Christmas Child

Zoe will help process Operation Christmas Child boxes at the Processing Center on Tuesday, December 7 from 2-6. We'll grab a fast food dinner afterward. More info to follow at the November Zoe meeting. Hope to see you there!



## Bounce U Family Fun Night!



Come and join us for the first ever Bounce U Family Fun Night! Enrich has reserved the entire Bounce U facility for this event. For years, we've heard the feedback that families would like to be able to meet other families at

evening or weekend activities so that the working spouse can attend. Here is your chance. Come, bounce, meet others, and have a great time!

Bounce U, Charlotte is an awesome, two room bouncing facility that accommodates ALL ages from toddler to adult. Yes, even adults can bounce on their very large, durable equipment. There will be teens there too. Bounce U is located in the University City area just off of Statesville Road.

When: Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Bounce U, Charlotte

10624 Metromont Pkwy. #300

Charlotte, North Carolina 28269

Phone: (704) 921-8771

[charlotte.nc@bounceu.com](mailto:charlotte.nc@bounceu.com)

Cost is \$6 per bouncer, pay at the door.

Come and meet others, bounce (or just have your kids bounce) and have a really great time!

Invite friends and have even more fun.



**Teen Learning Center** The Teen Learning Center will be accepting applications for the 2011/2012 school year (Sept-April) for families who would like to meet the educational requirements for their children through a co-op with other like-minded families. We will be accepting applications February 1 through April 15 and conduct interviews during that same period. If you are interested, please go to [www.teenlearningcenter.org](http://www.teenlearningcenter.org) for information and to download an application. Due to limited space, the application period may close early once we reach our maximum enrollment.

Core classes and electives are available for 7th -12th graders, as well as supplemental classes for their K -6th siblings. We meet at Steele Creek Church of Charlotte every Thursday from 9 am -2 pm during the school year. As with any true co-op, one parent from each family is required to remain on campus all day every week and lead teach one subject (K -12th.)

Email: [Comm@TeenLearningCenter.org](mailto:Comm@TeenLearningCenter.org)

Website: [www.TeenLearningCenter.org](http://www.TeenLearningCenter.org)

## **Firearm Safety**

Hello,

We are Volunteer instructors with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. A parent that home schools his children recently spoke with us about teaching a free hunter safety class for his group. We would love to inform the Home school community about this free 10 hour class that is required to purchase hunting licenses in many states. The topics covered in the class include firearms safety, archery, ethics, wildlife identification, and more.

We have a few options for the class. A large group may want their own class at their location or we teach Monthly classes at Dick's Sporting Goods in various cities in NC. The class is 1 day only and can be done on weekdays or Saturdays

Our schedule for the next couple of Months is;

Waxhaw, NC Police Department @ the American Legion Post Wed Nov 24, 2010

Dick's Sporting Goods South Park Mall Charlotte, NC Dec 4, 2010

Visit [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) for more details.

Thank You,

Stony & Anne-Marie Rushing

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## Growing Scholars

*To all members of the homeschool community:*

*It is with a heavy heart that I announce the closing of Growing Scholars. It has been our privilege and honor to serve the homeschool community of Charlotte for eight years. I hope that we have helped many of you in your homeschool journey. The combination of the current economic times and the competition of the internet have made it so that it is not possible for us to offer homeschool books in a full-service retail environment. As much as we would like to continue our ministry of providing knowledgeable answers about curricula and homeschooling, providing the books for you to look at first hand, and providing the caring encouragement of a seasoned homeschooler, we can no longer fund the endeavor. In addition we know that God has called us to do this. It is with tremendous gratitude, however, that we thank our loyal customers who made it possible to stay open as long as we did, especially during the economically hard times of the past two years. Our north location on Belhaven in Charlotte will close on November 13<sup>th</sup> and the south store in Stallings sometime within the month of December. We will be liquidating the majority of our stock, fixtures, etc. Come buy some wonderful, educational Christmas gifts at ridiculously low prices, pick up the workbooks you know you will need before the year is out, or buy that big ticket item you know you will need next year and have it out of the way.*

*As my personal desire is to continue helping homeschool moms as much as possible, I will continue providing the Woodcock-Johnson testing and curricula consulting, and as we may be left with lots of books, we may create a "store" space within our home. I am still being asked to speak at conferences throughout the Southeast, so you might see Growing Scholars at a conference next spring. I will also be willing to speak at support groups as I always have been. We apologize to those who depend on Growing Scholars, but we are certain that this is the path God intends for us and He will fill in the holes we leave behind.*

*For testing appointments contact Misty at [GrowingScholars@aol.com](mailto:GrowingScholars@aol.com)*

*Winter hours at both stores are:*

*Closed Sunday and Mondays*

*12 - 5 Tuesday thru Friday*

*11 - 3 Saturday*

*North Store last day November 13<sup>th</sup>*

*South Store will be closed the week of Thanksgiving*

*God bless you all and again - thanks,*

*Misty and Tony Spinelli*

*Growing Scholars*

*8906 Belhaven Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28214/704-394-9441*

*2709 Old Monroe Rd., Stallings, NC 28104/704-821-5575*

*[www.growingscholars.com](http://www.growingscholars.com)*

## Charlotte's 3rd Annual Cookies for Kids' Cancer Bake Sale

Dear Friends & Family,

As many of you may already know, we are in the process of planning our BIG Cookies for Kids' Cancer Bake Sale inspired by our sweet friend, Grier Christenbury. For those of you who don't know about Grier, he is a VERY endearing 6 year old boy, who was first diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer called Neuroblastoma at the age of 2 1/2. Many of us have watched as Grier and his family gone through what many of us couldn't even fathom for over 3 years. While many of us have done what we can to support their family in many ways. It wasn't until last November at the Cure Search Walk, that a group of mothers was moved to do something more to help raise awareness of and funds for pediatric cancer research in honor of sweet Grier. So, last year, with the help of many local bakeries & volunteers, we had the biggest CFKC Bake Sale ever in the history of the US at Blackhawk Hardware in Park Rd. Shopping Ctr. & Reid's Uptown, raising over \$30,000 for pediatric cancer research with a match from Glad Corp.!



I am thrilled to tell you that not only do we have a match from Glad Corp. this year, we also have a match from Bank of America! Of course, we are hoping for more!

And for those of you who are asking 'What is Cookies for Kids' Cancer?'. Cookies for Kids' Cancer is a 501<sup>3</sup> nonprofit public charity raising money for pediatric cancer research through local bake sales and online cookie sales. It was founded by a very determined mother to help increase her son's odds in his fight against cancer.

So, here we are again! We are calling on our friends & families to come together again and help us in our efforts to raise some 'dough' for pediatric cancer research.

These are a number of ways that you and your family can help:

· First of all, we need volunteers for lots of things!:-)

1. We need bakers! We will take everything and anything...as long as it's sweet!:-) Please package brownies, rice krispies, etc. in bags of two and cookies, etc. in bags of three.
2. We need freezer space! Anyone who has freezer space and that lives in the area of Park Rd. Shopping Ctr., we would greatly appreciate the use of your freezer space to store cupcakes, etc. donated by Polka Dot Bake Shop.
3. We need drop-off locations for those that won't be able to deliver their goodies the day of the event. Again, the most ideal situation would be to have them close to the bake sale location. You would need to be able to accept deliveries on Fri., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-6pm and have deliveries ready for pick up on Sat., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> by 8:30am.
4. We need people who can put signs in storefronts! We will just go from strip malls to shopping centers, focusing on the South Charlotte communities especially.
5. We need volunteers that are willing to let us promote the bake sale on their vehicles! We

will be meeting at a specified time & place to write on the windows of our vehicles w/ glass markers...it washes right off. They did this at a bake sale we just went to in Greenville, SC and it was a HUGE success! Please contact....

6. We need sign makers! If any of you have girl scouts, boy scouts, youth groups, etc....we would love for them to make some signs for us.

7. We need face painters! If you or someone you know are artistic and want to try your hand at face painting, we need you!

8. We need pick-up & delivery drivers! We will need drivers on Fri., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sat., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> to pick up from local bakeries that will be donating, as well as, some volunteers to transport tables & chairs.

9. We need sign holders! We need children &/or parents that can stand on the sidewalks & near Park Rd./Woodlawn Rd. to entice passerby's to come join in on the fun, and of course, to buy some yummy baked goodies.

10. And last, but not least, we need volunteers to work the tables. We are still in the planning stages, so we are not quite sure how many we are going to need. However, I would say that we are going to need between 10 and 15 volunteers per shift.

These are the shifts that we will have available:

9am-12pm Set-up/Station Helper (10-15 peeps)

12pm-3pm Station Helpers (10-15 peeps)

3pm-6pm Station Helpers/Tear Down(10-15 peeps)

· If you have an interest in helping on our committee, please e-mail me at your earliest convenience @ [lesa.helbein@gmail.com](mailto:lesa.helbein@gmail.com). We will be meeting on Tues. nights from now until Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

· We are looking for sponsors this year as well! So, if any of you know of someone who might have an interest in sponsoring our event, please have them contact me @ [lesa.helbein@gmail.com](mailto:lesa.helbein@gmail.com). This would be a great tax write-off for those who have not yet met their yearly quota of \$500!:-)

· We are also looking for corporate sponsors and donations! For those of you who work for large corporations, we would love some corporate sponsorships or donations.

· And, of course, we are looking for LOTS of raffle items! Last year, our raffle was a HUGE success! Please direct anyone who would like to donate a raffle item to [amychristenbury@att.net](mailto:amychristenbury@att.net).

I think that about does it!:-) Our friends & family were an integral part to the success of our CFKC Bake Sale last year. We have done several events in Grier's honor since last year and I am always in awe of what a wonderful outpouring of support we have from our friends, family & community. We cannot thank you enough for all that you have done to help us in our efforts to raise funds for pediatric cancer research, but there is still so much we can do! We hope that you can join us in Charlotte's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cookies for Kids' Cancer Bake Sale! Thank you in advance for your time and generosity. At Cookies for Kids' Cancer, we believe that "If it takes a village to raise a child, then it will take the world to fight pediatric cancer". We're in this fight, because every child battling cancer deserves a fighting chance.

If for some reason, you can't volunteer or attend our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CFKC Bake Sale and you still want to help or join our team, please go to [www.cookiesforkidscancer.kintera.org](http://www.cookiesforkidscancer.kintera.org). On the

right side of the page, click on 'Join Team' and you will see our team link for Charlotte's 3<sup>d</sup> Annual CFKC Bake Sale. We hope to see you there!

If you can volunteer in any capacity, please go to:

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/42345634521626042> and get signed-up ASAP....we only have 4 weeks to go!:-) We are hoping that this will be a much easier way to manage the volunteer list, so please bare with us!:-) Let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Lesä Helbein

Volunteer,

Cookies for Kids' Cancer

For more information, please go to:

[www.cookiesforkidscancer.org](http://www.cookiesforkidscancer.org)

[www.gogriergo.com](http://www.gogriergo.com)

[www.gladtogive.com](http://www.gladtogive.com)

P.S. We will be at Which Wich at Park Towne Village on Woodlawn Rd. all day today...Fri., Oct.29th! They will once again be donating a portion of their proceeds to Cookies for Kids' Cancer in honor of Grier.....they are such 'good cookies'!

We have also partnered with The Pizza Peel on Colwick Rd. in Cotswold! During the month of November, they will be donating a portion of their proceeds to CFKC every single Sat.!

We have lots of fun things planned for the kids & adults! We will have Corn Hole games, Wii Bowling & Dance, Balloon Artist, etc. Also, mark your calendars....Beth Williams(Mrs. Beth) will be playing from 5:30-7:30 on Sat., Nov 13<sup>th</sup>! You can also pick up 'Take & Bake' Dinners for 4 for \$25 throughout the month of November....just be sure you mention 'Cookies' or Go Grier Go!.

Please e-mail this to anyone who you think may have an interest in helping us in any capacity! Thanks again for your time and consideration!



*Teens*

*Alexis Ivey - November 7*

*Jesse Furmanek - November 17*

*Sabrina Wađ hams - November 27*

*Siblings*

*Amelia Burris - November 3*