



Angel Foundation®

# February 2009 - BBAF Newsletter

We're proud to introduce our February Angel of the month,

**"SARAH GRACE"!**

Take a moment and read her story...  
yet another angel that has  
touched all our hearts so deeply.



Dear BBAF Friends:

**IN THE MEDIA!!** I hope you were able to catch, tivo or otherwise, Scott on **Rachael Ray, Tyra Banks** and **Chelsey Lately** last week as he promoted - not only his new show "**CONFESSIONS OF A TEEN IDOL (VH1)**" but also the **Bailey Baio Angel Foundation!** As usual, Scott was warm, approachable and totally handsome - no surprise... **HOWEVER, when our little angel Bailey came out on Rachel Ray and wowed the crowd, I was such a proud Godmother!** Bailey and Renee looked beautiful, and because of Scott's plug for BBAF, the foundation website had SO MANY HITS! **That, combined with all the selfless work that you all have done to spread the word has resulted in our membership literally doubling in the past month!!! Go team!!**

**GROWING OUR SITE!!** We have so many things we want to do to upgrade the website, and I am talking now with a web designer that is going to volunteer some time in the coming weeks to help us. We are going to do much, including: **A BIRTHDAY PAGE** for all our angels out there; **A LINKS PAGE** to other organizations that will be great resource; **A "RELATED STORIES"** page that YOU can upload links to stories that you think might help others and finally, we will be getting the **SHOPPING and DONATIONS** section up and running so that those of you who wish to purchase items that will become part of the funding mechanism can do so, and those who wish to donate, the same. **MY GOAL: To have this all ready by March 1 - so say a prayer for me, I need the help!!**

**SPECIAL GROWNUP ANGELS!** We want to take a moment to say a very special thank you to Sarah Kordis, Jill Levy-Fish ([www.savebabies.org](http://www.savebabies.org)), and Laura Larks. As you know, Sarah is our Angel Den Mom who takes submissions for Angel of the month, but in addition, she, Jill and Laura - while dealing with things that would knock most of us down and out - have stepped up to help Renee and I answer all the wonderful emails we receive from you all. They are ALWAYS the first to find someone a referral, to give words of encouragement, and to care, sincerely and from the heart. Both Renee and I are humbled by their tireless efforts to support families of children with OA disorders, and honored that they have agreed to help BBAF. **Thank you ladies, you are simply amazing.**

**FORUM DECORUM:** We opened the forum pages so that you guys would have a place to meet, share, support. Unfortunately, there are those that think it is a place to either SELL something to you, or to RECRUIT you to their brand of religion, or lastly, to insult others. None of these things serve any purpose other than selfishness, and I ask sincerely that, if you know of anyone who is using this forum for any other purpose than its true intent, please ask them to think of the angels first, and leave their forum unaffected by greed or selfish behavior.

**A PERSONAL 'THANK YOU' FROM MARCY MAMA** (That's my official Godmama name!): February is the 'official' month of love. Well, I am so blessed to have tremendous loves in my life.... my son Tyler, who turned 15 on the 3rd, my beautiful goddaughters Kalyn and Bailey who make me prouder and prouder every day, my sisters Meg & Renee, Scott, Jess, John, Cyndi, Eric, Jeff, Phylli... and the list goes on and on (told you I was lucky!). **These people are the biggest blessings in my life.** I turn to these 'loves' when tough things happen. Well, one such tough thing happened on January 10th of this year when my youngest brother, Mac, committed suicide at 19 years of age. He had suffered from extreme depression his entire life, and though we did our best to help, it was a battle that he could not endure. It was a tragic loss of a loving soul. I have gotten quite a few loving emails from our BBAF friends, and I cannot tell you what that has meant to me. Thank you.

Mac's challenge reminded me yet again of the challenges you all face every day. Challenges that we thank God daily we did **not** have to face with Bailey. Challenges that inspire us every day to try to find more that we can do to help support you because you ARE the real superstars. Some criticize us and say that we do not 'truly' understand what its like, and they are right. We don't. We are humbled by the level at which we realize we really do not understand. We understand only that your strength is inspiring, that your battles will be both won and lost, and that we need you to know we care. The challenges we all face each and every day are varied, yet similar. They require strength, and acceptance, hope and faith, belief and perseverance, but most of all, they require love. I know that with all of your angels, their love carries you through each day, with its trials and tribulations. **So know that we thank you for your love, and send ours to you, with heartfelt sincerity....**

**Marcia "Marcy Mama" Beverly, Treasurer, Bailey Baio Angel Foundation**