



May 2009 Newsletter

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

Olivia

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



Dear Friends of BBAF:

Our FIRST Celebrity "Yard Sale" will be held Saturday, May 30, 2009 and the donations have been pouring in! Renee has been working very hard, and from what I hear, the house looks like a warehouse! Our event will be held in the Garden at the SPORTSMEN'S LODGE HOTEL in Studio City, from 8am-4pm. We will have special guests, performances, and surprises! This is a very exciting time for us as it marks the nearing of our ability to help more families.

There is still time to send items - we are requesting (new or near new) used baby clothes, maternity wear, & baby gear, toddler clothing, supplemental items and basically anything that will sell! No item too small, new items are great too (we'll have several items up for raffle), and every item - no matter how small - is deeply appreciated. Any donation that anyone affords Bailey Baio Angel Foundation R is of course eligible for a charitable tax deduction as we are a 501C3 not for profit foundation. Upon our receipt of your items, we will mail you a receipt for your tax use. **You may ship directly to our foundation address: BBAF, 10153 1/2 Riverside Drive, Suite 473, Toluca Lake, CA 91602. A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY DONATED ITEMS AND SHOWN SO MUCH SUPPORT!!!**

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO OWNS / OPERATES A LOCAL RADIO STATION?: We now have a :60 second spot promoting the website performed by our very own foundation **Daddy, Scott (Baio)**. If you have a friend that works in radio and that might be talked into running some PSA's in their 'remnant' space, please email me at BaileyBaioAngels@aol.com and we can send you an MP3 right away! Already several families have received the spot so the word is hitting the airwaves.

A REMINDER: FORUM DECORUM: We opened the forum pages so that you guys would have a place to meet, share, support. Unfortunately, there are STILL 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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!.....

All of the Mothers who currently parent and care for existing BBAF Angels, are wonderful Mothers with compassionate characteristics that help give guidance to many other Mothers on their journey. Each of them gives a perspective to parenting that helps another Mom in a unique way.

From a suggestion by Den Angel Mother, Sarah, we have chosen to spotlight one Mother per year who - in future cases - will be nominated by the existing BBAF Moms through an elective process. The purpose is not to play "favorites" or to claim that one Mom is better than the other. It is to highlight the positivity and strength of a Mother; how she reacts to her difficult situation of the care of her child with a metabolic disorder. In bringing focus to her, it would allow other Mother's and their families an opportunity to read about her, and gain strength and possibly wisdom from her when facing their own challenges.

What better time to announce our Mother of the Year than on Mother's Day weekend? Therefore we are proud to announce that **Anita Bailie** is the 1st BBAF Mother of the year! Anita has shown tremendous strength despite the surprising turn in her daughter's care, almost monthly, the frequent hospitalizations and complications, and the sadness of missing time with her family - especially that of her two younger children. She is consistently positive, resourceful, and is always looking out for the best of the rest of the BBAF families. She is a humble woman who expects nothing but the best care for her daughter. She is truly a great example of what a wonderful mother is... and we are sure you will all agree!

To all the wonderful mothers that we have met and that we have yet to meet - we wish you the happiest Mother's Day ever. You have the most special job in the world. You are the foundation and the rock for your families. You are the source of love, reassurance, hope and laughter. Thank you for all you do on a daily basis - things that may not normally be recognized, but that are most needed. TAKE THIS DAY TO DO SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU SMILE! You have earned it!.... We send our love and best wishes to you, with a big "thank you" for sharing your life and stories with us.

Marcia "Marcy Mama" Beverly
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And proud Godmother to Bailey