



## August 2009 Newsletter

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

*Fach*



*Angel Foundation*®

Take a moment and read his story...  
filled with amazing insight, it will truly inspire you.

Dear Friends of BBAF:

It is hard for me to believe that we have just entered our second year... so much has happened, so much continues to happen, and most importantly - so many of you continue to become members of our extended family. Thank you from all of us for your support, and love. We are constantly working to learn and improve our services to you. We know we make mistakes, and with each, we strive to improve. As a constant, we are very grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your wonderful angels, and we thank you for welcoming us into your lives.

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**Speaking of changes!.... Dante has been HARD AT WORK on the site this month. Please take a moment to go check out these changes!**

**The Shop Page** has been updated with the boy shirts from **Just Add A Kid**. We will be changing the layout of the Shop page in the next week or so for more ease of use.

**The Donation Page** has been updated with the information from BBAF's generous sponsors. It includes links to the sponsor websites, as well as has links to "BBAF Thank You" cards from our special Angels! **WE NOW ACCEPT PAYPAL for GENEROUS DONATIONS.**

And most importantly, there is now an **UNAFFECTED SIBLINGS** forum section. This is a place for unaffected siblings of children with metabolic disorders to connect with each other as well as connecting with parents of metabolic children to offer support and advice.

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### **A NOTE FROM RENEE:**

"We would like to take this opportunity and share with you an amazing story about **Alexia McCormack**! Brandi McCormack and her family were blessed with a little angel, their daughter Alexia on October 29, 2008. Shortly after her birth they were given news that would change their lives forever.

Alexia presented with some symptoms that led her doctors to believe she had the metabolic disorder, GA1. While Alexia's test results continued to be normal, doctors encouraged Brandi to keep her on a strict low protein diet and formula while further testing was done. While struggling to accept the doctor's diagnosis, despite conflicting test results, Brandi joined the Bailey Baio Angel Foundation.

Brandi quickly formed wonderful friendships with other metabolic parents she met through the forum, who were able to offer the support and information Brandi needed as she tried to cope with all that was going on with Alexia. It was quite a roller coaster ride for Brandi and her family.

Finally in July, eight months after Alexia was born, the McCormack family received the miracle they were hoping for. A DNA test that showed the conclusive evidence that Alexia was a false positive, did not have GA1 and was 100% healthy! They were beyond happy! Now Brandi is hoping that Alexia's story will help pave the way for other families who may receive a conflicting diagnosis, to not have to wait nearly a year to confirm the definitive results. While this journey was extremely difficult for Brandi and her family, they are forever grateful for the BBAF and are certainly turning their own experience into something positive by sharing their story! Congratulations to the entire McCormack family! We hope you'll take a few moments and read Brandi's whole story on our forum!"

### **A REMINDER OF HOW TO FIND OUR ANGEL'S OF THE MONTH:**

Go to the **MEDIA AND EVENTS** page and look down on the left.. you will see each month with the associated Angel story!

**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! **NOTE: THANKS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL ANGELS ACROSS THE COUNTRY** we now have BBAF spots playing in over 80 markets!!! Thank you so much!!

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you each month. I count my blessings, not only for having a wonderful 'family' in Ren, Scott, Kalyn and Bailey, but in having found some very amazing new friends through the BBAF. You have touched me and changed my life for the better. Thank you.... and I wish for you a wonderful and not too hot August!

Marcia "Marcy Mama" Beverly  
Treasurer, Bailey Baio Angel Foundation and proud Godmother to Bailey