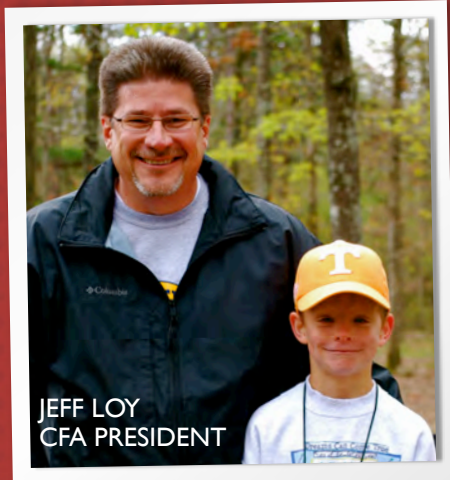


CRANIOFACIAL FOUNDATION OF AMERICA



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Restoring Hope...One Smile at a time

The Tennessee Craniofacial Center (TCC) was established in 1987 by craniofacial surgeon, Dr. Larry Sargent. **His VISION was to create a clinic that would allow children born with craniofacial deformities an opportunity to receive a multi-disciplinary team approach to their care.** The clinic is held the second Friday of every month; any child with a craniofacial birth defect, tumor or

trauma related injury that is a patient of Dr. Sargent and the TCC is eligible to attend the clinic. Following each evaluation, the team members discuss current issues and future treatment plans with each family. Dr. Sargent believes that this team approach to care is crucial in the success of every patient.

In 1989 the Craniofacial Foundation of America (CFA) was founded for

the purpose of providing educational programs, parent-to-parent network, emotional care and financial assistance to those traveling to the TCC for evaluation and treatment. **Today the Foundation is thriving with the support of the community, the CFA families and many donors who value the importance of giving a child the chance to lead a normal life.**



DR. SARGENT, CRANIOFACIAL SURGEON, CREATING BETTER TOMORROWS FOR TCC PATIENTS



5TH ANNUAL PALATE 2 PALETTE



On April 14, 2012 the CFA hosted its 5th annual P2P fundraiser. This event, which celebrates the arts in the historic Southside District, was once again a huge success. The best of Chattanooga's visual, floral and culinary arts came to create one of the city's most unique fundraisers. Guests strolled among eight Southside galleries savoring art and enjoying the wine and local cuisine at each venue.



The Living Arts Gallery delighted and surprised our patrons as they saw Tracy Lee Stum bring her art to life in 3D form. Thanks to Jayne Brzezienski, the gallery took a different twist this year combining music and art. Taking the stage at Loose Cannon Studios was Bartlee Norton & 64 Highway. Jayne used her talents as she worked with Events with Taste and Divine Designs by Amanda to create a southwest atmosphere that delighted everyone's taste for food, wine and art.

Thanks to the support of Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union, the Youth Gallery has become an enormous success. The gallery featured the work from 16 area high schools. The Medieval theme was enhanced by the festive cuisine provided by 'On the List Catering' Friday night and 'Impressions Catering' Saturday night. Exquisite floral arrangements were created by 'Divine Designs by Amanda', and decorations were donated compliments of 'REVIVAL'.



Following the gallery stroll, our guests traveled to Track29 for the "Bubbles & Sweets" after-party sponsored by Volkswagen. Everyone was treated to delectable desserts compliments of Broad Street Grille, and champagne, courtesy of Athens Distributing as they danced to the smooth rhythms of the Willie Kitchens Band. The CFA would like to thank Ms. Danielle Alveraz, Mrs. Jennifer Young and Mr. Jimmy Adams, for their incredible talents to create such a memorable night for our guests. On behalf of the CFA families and the CFA Board of Directors, thank you to everyone who participated in making this annual fundraiser a success, yet again.



TRICIA DAVIES RECEIVES TERRI FARMER SERVICE AWARD



The Craniofacial Foundation of America presented the 2012 Terri Farmer Service Award to Ms. Tricia Davies on April 14, 2012 at the annual Palate 2 Palette fundraiser. This award was initially presented to Terri Farmer in 2009 for her 15 years of dedication to the CFA. In honor of those who follow in her steps, the CFA Board of Directors chooses a recipient each year to recognize his/her outstanding service to the organization.

Ms. Davies was chosen this year for exemplifying dedication, compassion and the willingness to change the lives of children born with a craniofacial deformity.



Craniofacial surgery became a passion for Tricia early in her nursing career. She loves being part of the team and working with Dr. Larry Sargent. Tricia started to participate with fundraising for the Foundation shortly after she started working on the surgical team. She especially enjoys the annual Christmas party every year and visiting with the patients that she has taken care of throughout the years. She combines her love of travel and craniofacial surgery by becoming involved in international medical mission trips through Erlanger Medical Center and TCC. She has participated in four mission trips to: Pucallpa, Peru and twice to Panama City, Panama. Tricia feels that being part of a team that helps give children a second chance in life is very rewarding.



FAMILIES GIVING BACK THE GIFT OF HOPE

In Julian's Honor.....

During a routine visit to the doctor's office for an ultrasound, Julian's parents were told that he would be born with a cleft lip. Mommy & Daddy were scared, worried, and freaking out, not knowing what to expect. **While researching they were told by numerous resources that Dr. Larry Sargent is the absolute best there is when it comes to this kind of surgery.** "His team was very helpful and considerate through the terrifying time for us. If it had not been for the CFA we would have been totally lost and unprepared for what Julian had to go through," says Julian's grandmother, Ome.

Julian celebrated his 1st birthday this past May. He absolutely loves Mickey Mouse and playing with tractors, cars and his big sister, Yazmina. "Julian is a very rambunctious little boy with much determination. He is extremely happy and his laughter and smile give us all a reason to smile", says his Ome."

"We wanted to try and give back a portion of what has been given to our Juju. So we hosted a fundraiser through a Thirty-One party. We had catalog orders totaling over \$1,300, which gave us \$306 towards our fundraiser for the CFA. Plus we had several donations for a grand total of \$850. We have donated this to the CFA in Julian's honor. We really appreciate everything and everyone who has been super supportive through our journey with Julian. We hope that this will help another family in the future."

Sherry (Julian's Ome)



JACOB "JAY" ROBINSON



In Memory of Jacob "Jay" Robinson ...

Jacob "Jay" Robinson was 21 years old and was born in Tampa, FL to Robert and Cheryl Robinson on February 18, 1991. He was a graduate of Freedom High School and an artist, poet and multi-talented musician. Although music was his first love, he also enjoyed reading, cooking, Frisbee-golf, and spending time with his friends. Survivors include his loving parents, Robert E. Robinson and Cheryl Lynn Ayres (Kris); brothers, Alex J. Sobtzak (Kelly), Bryon J. Sobtzak Schmolke; nephews, Shannon and Alex Jr., and niece, Samantha; and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and friends from his band and his love of music.

On July 12, 2012, I received a phone call from Mrs. Cheryl Ayres. We had never met before, but from the tone of her voice, I knew this was a phone call that I would carry with me the rest of my life. On the other end was a mother who had just lost her 21-year-old son in a fatal car accident. No parent should ever have to make that kind of phone call. As she told me of her family's tragedy, she shared with me that Jay had been born with craniosynostosis and had corrective surgery when he was a baby. "He was a beautiful child and you would never have known that he had the surgery." They rarely even spoke of it. Cheryl told me that she

wanted his memory to live on. **She discovered the CFA website and read the many stories of children like Jay that were born with a craniofacial difference. Cheryl said she could feel the strength of these families and a connection to their stories because of her own story with Jay. Her family's wish is that Dr. Sargent and his team would continue to create miracles for these families like her's and Jay's.** In lieu of flowers, she asked that the donations be made to the Craniofacial Foundation of America.

On behalf of the CFA Board of Directors, Dr. Sargent, the TCC team and all of the CFA patients and their families, we would like to thank the Robinson family for their generous donation and for allowing us to continue our work through the memory of their son, grandson, nephew and friend Jacob "Jay" Robinson.

Terry

CFA Executive Director

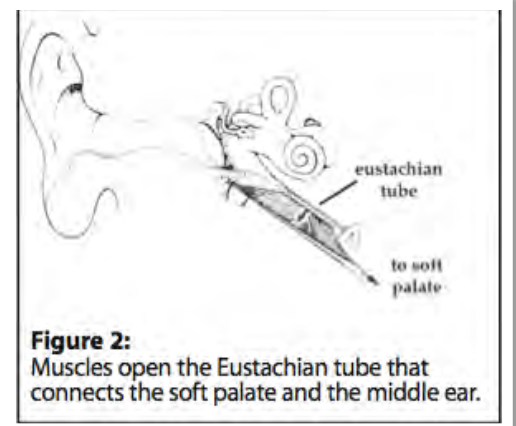
WHY ARE CHILDREN WITH CLEFT PALATE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE EAR INFECTIONS?

In children born with cleft lip only, we expect no more ear problems than in children without clefts. However, children born with cleft palate do experience more ear problems. Here's why:

When the eustachian tube opens, it allows outside air into the middle ear. This equalizes the pressure in the middle ear space with the outside air pressure, or effectively "ventilates" the middle ear space. When the middle ear space is not adequately ventilated, fluid can accumulate, which can lead to an ear infection. Muscles of the soft palate are responsible for correct opening of the eustachian tube. However, in children with cleft palate, these muscles do not work properly to open the tube for ventilation of the middle ear. In some cases, their palate muscles don't even reach the eustachian tubes. Because cleft palate interferes with how the eustachian tube works, children born with cleft palate are more likely to accumulate ear fluid and get ear infections ("otitis media"). Even after palate repair, these muscles still may not function normally. That is why some children

continue to have ear problems even into adult life. Ear infections are very common in children with cleft palate. Studies in the United States have shown that nearly all children born with cleft palate will have problems with their ears at some time. About half of those children will have recurring ear infections before they are one year old. Ear infections can be very uncomfortable and may cause a child to eat poorly, sleep poorly, pull at his/her ear, and show irritability, fever, or ear drainage. Your child's primary care doctor can diagnose an ear infection and treat it with an antibiotic.

If your child has fluid in his/her ears that is not infected, antibiotics are probably not necessary. Occasionally this fluid may be uncomfortable, but it does not usually produce any symptoms like an ear infection does. You may not even notice the mild or moderate hearing loss that the fluid can cause. However, fluid in the middle ear distorts what the child is hearing and may contribute to speech difficulties.



A Parents Guide to Cleft Lip & Palate, Karlind Moller, Clark Starr & Sylvia Johnson

TCC TEAM MEMBER - SUSIE KEITH



Susie graduated with a BA in Education with a concentration in Deaf Ed and Child Development from the University of Tennessee. After graduating from UT, she started her career as a teacher. Discovering many of the children entering her classroom were identified with hearing loss at a very young age, she decided to make a difference and change her career path. She returned to UT for her masters in Audiology. Her focus in her 30 year career in Audiology has been on early identification of children with hearing loss. An early detection is the key in helping the child with acquisition of natural language, socialization and helps to decrease the possible fear and unknowns for the entire family.

Susie has been with both Erlanger, developing their Newborn Hearing program and TCC for the last 20 years.

"I know I have learned far more since I have been with the TCC than I ever could have at any other hospital or clinic. I have memories of performing the first hearing test for many of the children we see in clinic when they were only a few hours or days old. To be allowed to follow, in a small way, the lives of these children and their parents

and to watch their smiles change and to grow over the years is such a privilege. I know this is such a committed group of doctors and staff and I am in awe of their knowledge and compassion for each child. Life is good with Craniofacial Team and I am so lucky to be a part of it!"

Susie



MEET PAM THOMAS

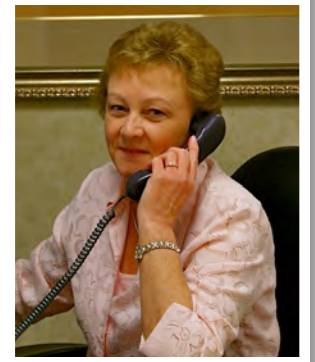


Meet Mrs. Pamela Thomas. She is the first person you speak to when calling the Center. She is the one who makes your reservations, completes your meal cards and helps set up your appointments for clinic and office visits. **She graciously walks the halls with every family during clinic making everyone feel welcomed and at ease.** There are many other tasks that Pam handles during the course of the day but the most important task is being the first person you talk to when calling the Center.

Pam joined the Tennessee Craniofacial Center as administrative assistant in January 2009. She previously worked at Erlanger's UT Family Practice and has worked with a physician credentialing organization. Pam and her husband Donny have two children, Kimberly and Ryan who are both married. She is anticipating the arrival of

her first grandchild in the spring. "Coming to work in the Craniofacial Center has certainly been a blessing for me. I enjoy getting to meet the children and their parents at clinic. **Being able to put a face with the voice is a highlight for me.** Even though I feel my role is small, I'm thankful for the opportunity to support the team."

Pam



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SCOTT MCMAHEN - BOARD MEMBER

Scott McMahan, aka Quake, has been a local sports radio host for 22 years on WGOW's Sport Talk. He has hosted a local high school football scoreboard show known as the Coca-Cola Red Zone, since 1994. As well as host of TV sports shows in Chattanooga, such as Fox61's Fifth Quarter and Racing Tonight, he was also the host for 10 years on Channel 3's Friday Night Football.

When asked about his time with the CFA, Scott says, "I accepted the board position because I wanted to be a part of a foundation that was truly making a difference in children's lives and giving them a fresh start. If I can help make that difference please sign me up! **These children deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and I am happy to serve as an advocate for children born with facial deformities.** It has been a true blessing for me and my family to be able to help these families".

Scott "Quake"



TERRY SMYTH - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Can you put a value on a honest, wholehearted smile? Does it mean he/she is cared for and loved? Does it have a positive affect on others? Whatever your answer, I'm sure it will warm your heart. The CFA works hard to give back those smiles.

Working at the CFA every day is a true blessing for me. To be able to serve these families and children is such a privilege. **I am thankful for our donors who make the difference every day in the lives of these families.** Thank you to the volunteers who give so much of your time and energy for the fundraisers and programs. Thank you to the parents who give of themselves effortlessly to help others set aside their fears and doubts; and to the TCC team who has been together for 25 years and continue to perform miracles. Thank you to the Henderson family for their continued dedication to "Dreams Can Come True" family camp, and to the Board of Directors for the solid leadership. When you are a part of the CFA/ TCC family, you know you are making a difference, however you choose to help. Everyone is important in making a positive effect in the lives of the children and families we serve.

Terry

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Mission :

CFA is a non-profit organization that supports the work of the Tennessee Craniofacial Center (TCC) at Children's Hospital at Erlanger. *The CFA is dedicated to helping individuals with facial differences lead normal lives through education and emotional support.*

The CFA provides financial assistance for non-medical needs to patients traveling to the TCC for evaluation and treatment, financial support for the Center's International Medical Program, and medical assistance as approved by the Foundation's Executive Committee. *The CFA programs are made possible through private donations and fundraising.*

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December 8, 2012

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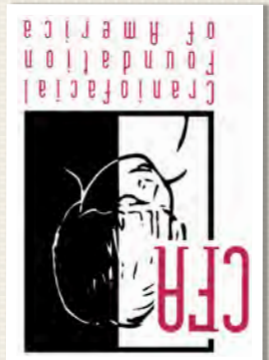
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