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Dexter, Missouri - At a recent luncheon, President of the Dexter Rotary Club, Mr. Ken Harris introduced Mrs. Linda Puchbauer, Assistant District Governor of the Rotary to present them with the Presidential Citation Award.

“I am so very proud to be the Assistant District Governor and have admired your club. You have always treated me well,” stated Puchbauer.

“Every year the Rotary International Presidents design the Presidential Citation Award and present to a club that has completed the required elements. This year the Rotary Club of Dexter proved to be a pillar of the community,” continued Puchbauer. “I am proud to present you with this award.”

The Presidential Citation Award recognizes Rotary clubs that achieve an array of accomplishments that help them become stronger, deliver effective service, and enhance their public image. Rotary Interact clubs can also qualify for a citation.

If you are interested in becoming a Rotarian, please view their Facebook page and contact a Rotarian.

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Dexter, Missouri – Three Rivers College has over the last few years brought great stage entertainment to the Tinnen Performing Arts Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The Dexter Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Three Rivers with a wonderful opportunity to bring the St. Louis Imaginary Theater for three matinee performances to the Dexter Senior High School Auditorium.

The Velveteen Rabbit will be Saturday, November 16, 2013; The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe will be Saturday, January 18, 2014; and The Tortoise and the Hare will be Saturday, February 8, 2014.

Tickets will sell for just $5.00 each and what a enormous opportunity to bring a great mode of entertainment to the youngsters of our community. To be a partner in this effort, the contribution is only $125 per performance. If sponsoring all three performances, a total of 10 tickets will be included for each performance.

Sponsors will be acknowledged in the printed programs for each performance and any other print material. Sponsorships well be due by Monday, July 1, 2013 for all sponsorships.

If you are interested in partnering with the Dexter Chamber of Commerce and Three Rivers College, please send an email to Janet Coleman, Executive Director at info@dexterchamber.com. They would love for you to sponsor such a grand event.

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Dexter, Missouri - Local businesses working together to help those in need. The Corner Cottage of Dexter is collecting non-perishable food items for the Stoddard County Gospel Mission.

The First Christian Church of Dexter is working with the Mission to put together food boxes containing nonperishable breakfast and lunch items to be distributed to families during July when school is not in session.

During the summer months students are out of school and do not receive the normal breakfast and lunch five days per week like they did during the school season. The Mission services approximately 400 children each month and is in need of food. We can help these families and their children by donating non-perishable foods such as can goods, canned vegetables, box drinks, dry goods, crackers, peanut butter, can tuna, and fruit snacks.

The Stoddard County Gospel Mission's store is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Food Bank is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. and they ask that you call 624-8979 to schedule a time as they have so many families needing food.

If you would like to donate money or food items, you may drop it off at the Stoddard County Gospel Mission or The Corner Cottage of Dexter.

The Corner Cottage is located at 1424 West Business 60 in Dexter and will be collecting through Saturday.

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Dexter, Missouri - The Masonic Lodge #532 of Dexter will be hosting an All You Can Eat Breakfast on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy, pancakes and a drink for only $6.00 for adults and $3.00 for children.

The Lodge is located at 500 S. Walnut Street.

Ken Swearingen is currently the Worshipful Master and believes that honor and integrity are at the core of their belief system. Members are obligated to practice self control and treat the people around them with respect, regardless of their own personal opinion of that person.

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Sikeston, Missouri - You may not know little Marshall Pullen, but he will warm your heart. Marshall is a four-year-old little boy and has been diagnosed with a rare brain tumor last. He is the son of Stephanie and Derrick Pullen. Stephanie graduated from Charleston High School, home of the Charleston Bluejays and the Dogwood Azalea Festival. They are natives to Southeast Missouri and so many people are praying for Marshall. The community has truly come together to help this family, not only financially, but spiritually.

On July 13, 2012, a neurosurgeon performed a resection of the tumor and Marshall was diagnosed with Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid or AT/RT.

There are only about 30 cases a year and there is little known research about this tumor. Prognosis has not always been good for those with this type of cancer. Marshall has undergone radiation, chemotherapy, and high-dose chemotherapy with a stem cell transplant. He was admitted back to the hospital on May 17th.

In their own words, a heartwarming story about how it all started The Marshall Pullen Story: “Marshall was healthy - only allergies or the common cold. Nothing serious. He loved playing from sunrise to sunset - reluctantly stopping only to eat or take a nap. He loves tractors, and could even tell you the makes (John Deere, Caterpillar, etc.). He loves being outside, often waking us up in the mornings by saying, "It's a sunny day! Time to wake up!" He likes riding his bicycle, swimming, and going to the park. At night, we would read Curious George books or Dr. Seuss. One of his favorite things to do, regardless of the season, was to turn on the movie The Polar Express and drink hot chocolate - even as recent as the first week in July of this year. He is very observant, spotting airplanes that looked like specs in the sky, and pointing out water towers and irrigation pivots. He is excellent at warning us when there was a cop car down the road - he is always the first to spot one. I cannot stress what an exceptional child he is.

On July 4th, at a family barbecue, Marshall spit up while swimming in the pool. He was so sweet - he waited until he got to the edge of the pool so he wouldn't make a mess. We all thought that eating and swimming so close together made him sick. After that, he was fine. He played all afternoon and evening. He was a little tired at the fireworks display that evening, but he had such a long day. He went home and went to bed.

The next morning, like always, we woke up and headed to Paw Paw's. I dropped him off and headed to work. I arrived at work at 8:00 and by 8:30, Paw Paw had called to tell me that Marshall was throwing up again. I left work to go pick him up, and called his doctor. The nurse said they had received similar calls from parents with kids vomiting. She said there was a virus going around, and Marshall must have it. I stayed home with him all day. The next morning (Friday the 6th) he seemed to be doing better, so I went on to work. It wasn't long into my morning that dad called again to tell me that Marshall was sick again, but was complaining with a headache. I could hear him crying in the background. I called to make him an appointment with his doctor, and Derrick and I took him that afternoon. His doctor checked him over and said he still felt that Marshall had a virus. He told us to alternate Tylenol and Motrin and call back if he got worse.

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Saturday he seemed to be feeling better. He got sick a few times, but he kept his supper down. Sunday morning we all got ready and headed to church, thinking he was doing better. He got sick at church and had to leave. He threw up eight times that day. Late that evening I called the after hours line at the doctor's office and spoke with a nurse in the pediatrics unit at the hospital. She said she didn't feel that he needed to be seen, and told me to follow up with his doctor the next morning.

Monday morning we were back at the doctor's office. This time, his doctor felt that he was dehydrated and decided that he needed to be admitted to the hospital to be given fluids. He said that it would be a short stay. He said once Marshall got some fluids, he would be like a new kid.

We spent the night in the hospital that night. Marshall had a terrible night. I slept with him in bed, and he was up crying every 30 minutes or so. He acted like he was in extreme pain. His nurses didn't want to give him Tylenol because he didn't have a fever, so he was in a lot of pain.

The next day he progressively got worse. We kept telling the nurses that he wasn't acting like himself. He's not a complainer. He doesn't cry like that, so we knew something was wrong. Marshall was completely potty trained at age two-and-a-half. We hadn't bought diapers since Christmas. That Tuesday afternoon, he became incontinent. He also began moaning a lot and wouldn't talk to answer questions or us. He was nearly unresponsive. That evening, he had a seizure. His eyes became bloodshot and deviated to the left. His left arm-twisted and his right leg tightened. His toes pointed out.

The doctor and nurses rushed in. They gave him Ativan in his IV. I remember dropping to my knees and sobbing and praying. I looked up and saw the doctor standing over my baby looking down at him with helplessness. He looked me in the eye and said, "I don't know. I don't know what's wrong. Where do you want him sent in St. Louis? Which hospital?" I quickly replied, "The best."

Soon after, the team from Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center arrived. Their plan was to take him by ambulance. The hardest part was not being able to ride with him. They said that Cape County Private Ambulance doesn't allow passengers. They said we would have to follow. My mom drove. I remember looking at Marshall as they pushed him into the ambulance and wondering if I would ever see him alive again.

Derrick and I prayed the whole way. We got a call on the way from one of the social workers at Cardinal Glennon. She said the ambulance had to pull over at St. Genevieve. Marshall was having trouble breathing on his own, and the team needed extra hands. She said a helicopter was meeting them there to pick him up and take him the rest of the way. Words can't describe the way I felt at that moment. Fear, helplessness... None of them seem to compare.

We prayed harder. We got another call when we were about 8 minutes away from the hospital that the helicopter had arrived. When we got to the hospital, we ran in, and the social worker I talked to on the phone was waiting on us. She took us back to the ER to a parent conference room. The ER doctor came in to talk to us. She said Marshall had just come out of a CT scan of his head. She told us he had a mass on his brain that was causing all of his symptoms. Within ten minutes of his arrival, the doctors already knew what was wrong.

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That night was frightening, to say the least. Dr. Lebovitz, one of the neurosurgeons, performed a surgery inserting an External Ventricular Drain (EVD) into his brain to drain off excess fluid. The next morning we met the neurosurgeon who would be performing Marshall's surgery. His name was Dr. Elbabaa. When he came in the room, he stressed to us how critical the situation was and how sick Marshall was. He said that if Marshall had not arrived at the exact moment he arrived at Cardinal Glennon, he would not have made it through the night. I remember him looking into my eyes when he told me, "We almost lost him last night."

He ordered an MRI and told us he would perform the surgery to remove the tumor on Friday, July 13th. He read the MRI, and believed that the tumor was a benign astrocytoma. It was located in the third ventricle and was partially attached to the thalamus. He said he would not be able to get all of it, but since he felt it was benign, he said it would not be a problem to leave a portion of the tumor.

The two days between our arrival and the surgery date were so long. Marshall had a lot of complications those two days. On Friday, we waited for what seemed like days for the surgery time to arrive. We cried and prayed all morning. Derrick and I did fine walking him back to the elevators leading to the OR. Once they wheeled him in and we had to stay behind, though, we lost it.

Our family and friends nearly filled the surgery waiting room. It's an amazing feeling knowing how many people care about us and support us, even now. The surgery was over much sooner than planned. Dr. Elbabaa came out and pulled us into a conference room to talk to us. He said the surgery went well, but not necessarily as planned. He said that Marshall's tumor was more aggressive than he thought. He said about one-third of it was attached to the thalamus and the wall of the third ventricle. He said that he was able to remove 95% of it, but he had to leave a portion attached to the thalamus. It was just too risky to remove. He said he felt that, after looking at it, the tumor was not an astrocytoma, but was a neurocytoma, but was still most likely benign.

A couple of days later, he had a follow-up MRI. The results showed that the tumor was completely resected (removed). Dr. Elbabaa said he left part of it, so we believe God finished the surgery for him.

Once the pathology reports started coming back, Dr. Elbabaa told us that the tumor appeared to be more malignant than they originally thought. Once the final report came back, he told us that it was determined to be an Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumor (AT/RT).

He needs lots of prayers, because he needs a miracle. Please pray and believe with us. We want our little boy back. We pray that he progresses quickly, we pray that the cancer treatment has no side effects, and we are praying and believing for complete healing and restoration. May God bless each and every one of you reading this. Thank you for your prayers and support."

Stephanie and Derrick also try to update the Caring Bridge page nearly every evening. You can visit their Caring Bridge page at: www.caringbridge.org/visit/marshallpullen. He also has a Facebook page Pullen For Marshall with over 10,000 Likes.

Marshall is truly a miracle child. We hope the best for the Pullen family and for little Marshall. May God bless this family in their time of need.

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