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7th Annual Claus for a Cause

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Bloomfield, Missouri - In 2009, Julie Dodd, a kindergarten teacher at Bloomfield and a wonderfully skilled photographer was inspired along with her friend, Amy Ellinghouse, also a skilled photographer decided to give back during the holidays.

The Claus for a Cause is a one day annual event slated for Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield. Come get your photo made with Santa!

Picture packages range from \$10 to \$25 and no appointment is necessary.

They have raised more than \$40,000 in the first six years with all proceeds benefiting Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and 18 FORE Life.

In their first year way back in 2009, they raised \$500. By 2011 they were well over \$6,800 in profit. Last year these ladies netted an impressive \$11,035 to donate to their two favorite foundations.

The goal this year is \$12,000 and they are off to a great start. With over 50 sponsors and nearly 500 t-shirts already sold they are pretty excited to raise so much money for the 2015 holiday season!

"My daughter has two close friends with Type 1 Diabetes, Maggie Stubenrauch and Anna Ellinghouse," commented Dodd. "JDRF is the only global diabetes foundation with a

strategic plan to end Type 1 Diabetes."

Trinity United Methodist Church is located at 704 W. Missouri Street in Bloomfield. The public is encouraged to attend and everyone is welcome to stop in. There will also be lots of games and things to do along with meeting Santa!

For additional information or to donate to the "Claus for a Cause" contact Julie Dodd at (573) 421-2452 or email her at **clausforacause@gmail.com**. You can even follow them on Facebook by clicking **HERE**.

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