

Assisting children who have muscular dystrophy in the Tampa Bay Area

CHRISTOPHER'S COMMUNITY

Please join us for our
3RD ANNUAL

Fall Into Margaritaville

On Friday, October 5, 2007

At Ruth Eckerd Hall

For an evening of dining, silent auction, and dancing
General Information, an application for assistance,
and a downloadable invitation can be found at
www.christopherscommunity.com, or call 727-724-9319



Christopher's Community was established to assist families in Tampa Bay who have children with muscular dystrophy. We provide financial support, helping to alleviate some of the burden families feel when their needs go beyond what insurance or other organizations provide. Christopher's Community's proceeds fund home and vehicle modifications, enhancing accessibility and independence so that families may focus on loving and caring for their children.

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Meet Christopher Rhoades, the inspiration behind the foundation, Christopher's Community. Christopher was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at age 3. In his teenage years, Christopher became totally wheelchair dependent. His family struggled with the financial burden of home renovations to make even the simplest daily routine possible for Christopher.

Exhaustive searches by Christopher's mother for resources to help with home and vehicle modifications proved fruitless. Many believe that the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) provides for this sort of expense. MDA's mission, however, is more research-oriented, directing most of their funds toward effective treatments or cures for muscular dystrophy. Like many others who have muscular dystrophy, Christopher does not qualify for government assistance to modify his family's home and vehicle, nor does health insurance cover these expenses. Stunned at the lack of resources available for these expenses, Christopher's friends and family formed Christopher's Community to help him and other children in the Tampa Bay area who have muscular dystrophy.

Christopher's Community began in 2005. Since that time we have proudly acted upon our mission by providing a lift system for a Clearwater family and an accessible van for a Tampa family. Please visit our website and contact us for more information on how you can help. We welcome your assistance.
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