



VIP  
KIDS

# Highlights

from Saturday, July 14, 2007

## WE MADE 'M SMILE!

Not even Tropical Storm Barry could hold back our record-breaking crowds the second time around. **This year's attendance brought in over 5,000 people!** This included **700 VIP kids** (kids with special needs)!

- Nearly 400 volunteers made the event happen, including our set-up crew that worked throughout the night!
- Over 3,500 people registered to participate in the Buddy Stroll!
- Special guest participants included Honorary Co-Chairs Orange County Mayor Richard Crotty and Pam Crotty, City of Orlando's Kathy Russell, Orange County Commissioner Linda Stewart, Orlando Magic's Nick Anderson, former Americas Miss Dianne Garvis, and Miss Florida Teen 2007 Dasha Gonzalez. WFTV Channel 9's Martie Salt and Z88.3's Melony McKaye participated in the festivities of the day as well.
- Thanks to the generosity of our corporate and individual sponsors, we were able to provide all participants with FREE goodies and entertainment including:
  - 4,000 t-shirts, 5,000 SeaWorld hats, 3,500 Chick-fil-A sandwiches, 2,000 hotdogs, 20,000 bottles of beverage, Frito-Lay chips, sno-cones, ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy, etc.
- Once again, Robinson Street was closed down and filled with over 150 exhibitors including organizations that serve the special needs community, family entertainment, and other helpful resources.
- Proclamations were issued by Orange County and the City of Orlando proclaiming July 14, 2007 as **Make 'm Smile Day!**
- This year featured a Butterfly Release, where families of VIP kids who have passed on to heaven were invited to release a butterfly in their child's memory.
- This fun-filled day included entertainment from over 15 characters including those from major tourist attractions, face painters, clowns, animals, music, and more!



For more pictures of the day visit our online photo album at [www.Nathaniel'sHope.org](http://www.Nathaniel'sHope.org).

Plan now to attend our Nathaniel's Hope 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Make 'm Smile, scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2008!

