



MEDIA ADVISORY

NATHANIEL'S HOPE 6th ANNUAL MAKE 'M SMILE EVENT SUPPORTING KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (VIP KIDS) OF CENTRAL FLORIDA HAS EXPANDED ENTERTAINMENT AND EXHIBITS

WHAT: Nathaniel's Hope 6th Annual Make 'm Smile Event-Honorary Co-Chairs: Mayor Richard T. Crotty and Pam Crotty; Mayor Buddy Dyer and Karen Dyer

The 6th Annual Make 'm Smile event is dedicated to celebrating, reaching out to, and loving kids with special needs (VIP kids) of Central Florida. This community-wide event will provide fun, entertaining activities to support VIP kids and their families. Central Florida families are invited and encouraged to bring their children and attend this free public event, "to be a buddy" and walk around Lake Eola with VIP children and their families. Entertainment, exhibits, and a family friendly concert are expected to attract record attendance to this year's event.

SPECIAL GUESTS PARTICIPATING INCLUDE: Orange County Mayor Richard Crotty and Pam Crotty, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and Karen Dyer, and Christian Contemporary Recording Artist, Matthew West.

WHO: Nathaniel's Hope – Event Founder and Sponsor

Nathaniel's Hope is an Orlando outreach organization dedicated to sharing hope with kids with special needs and their families. Tim and Marie Kuck established Nathaniel's Hope in honor of their son, four-year-old Nathaniel Timothy Kuck, who was born with multiple special needs. Nathaniel proved to be a "miracle boy" beating the odds and overcoming many health challenges before he passed away in 2001. The Kucks believe Nathaniel's "purpose in life" is fulfilled by reaching out to VIP families and celebrating special VIP kids through this Make 'm Smile event.

WHERE: Lake Eola Amphitheater in Downtown Orlando

**WHEN: Saturday, June 7, 2008 – FREE and open to the public
7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- **Buddy Stroll** – VIP kids and their families will be "buddied up" with other kids and families for a friendship stroll around Lake Eola. Registered participants will receive free T-shirts, food, drinks, a keepsake "Buddy" photo and other goodies.
- **Fun, Fun, Fun** – Petting zoo, theme park characters, clowns, face painting, arts and crafts, balloons, mural painting, and much more will ring around Lake Eola to entertain VIP kids and their families as they enjoy their "Buddy Stroll" around the lake.
- **Informational Exhibits** – VIP kids and their families can visit many information booths and exhibits to get acquainted with organizations and businesses that offer resources and support to them.
- **Family Entertainment** – Festivities include a concert featuring Christian Contemporary Artist Matthew West, along with other family entertainment at the Band Shell.

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