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Dear Friends,

A June of Miracles: Celebrating Community and Compassion

Every June, something truly magical unfolds in our community. It's a time when hundreds come together, united by a shared purpose, to make a profound difference in the lives of children. This year, we witnessed that magic twice over, and I'm thrilled to share the incredible results.

Max's Race: 20 Years of Hope on the Track

The 20th annual Max's Race at Michigan State University was nothing short of extraordinary. With superheroes, Sparty, and hundreds of compassionate individuals by our side, we ran, walked, and celebrated in honor of a little boy named Max, whose memory continues to inspire immense generosity. What began as a heartfelt tribute to Max, who tragically passed from complications related to meningitis, has blossomed into an annual beacon of hope for hundreds of medically-challenged children.

I'm ecstatic to report that this year, we raised close to \$50,000 for The Davies Project! These vital funds will directly provide transportation for families, ensuring that children can attend their crucial medical appointments with regularity and ease, removing a significant barrier to their health and well-being. This achievement is a testament to the power of a community rallying around a cause, turning remembrance into tangible support.



The Mayfair Bar's .08 Mile Race: Whimsy with a Wonderful Cause

But the magic of June didn't stop with Max's Race! The whimsical and wonderfully spirited Mayfair Bar's .08 Mile Race also took place, attracting hundreds of participants to the shores of Lake Lansing. This unique event, brimming with good humor, supports two incredible organizations: The Davies Project and the Great Lakes Burn Camp, where children who have suffered burns can simply be kids, enjoying the freedom and joy of childhood.

A huge thank you to Josh Wing and his fiancée, Tricia Daniels, the new owners of the Mayfair Bar, for their incredible hospitality in hosting this fantastic race. We're delighted to share that The Davies Project received \$5,000 from this year's event! What's truly exciting is Josh and Tricia's vision to grow this race in the years ahead, making it a beloved centerpiece of Meridian Township life. (And for those who haven't yet visited the Mayfair Bar in Haslett, I highly recommend it—the rooftop is perfect for summer evenings, and the downstairs offers an ideal cozy retreat in winter.)

July 2025 Meridian Community First contest!

We're excited to share that The Davies Project has been selected to participate in the July 2025 Meridian Community First contest. Voting goes live on July 1st, and we need your support to help us win. The organization with the most votes by the end of the month will receive special recognition and support. We encourage you to share the voting link on your social media and help spread the word. Every vote counts!



Each year, I am profoundly awed by the incredible power of community and what we can achieve when we unite for a common good. To every single one of you who came out, volunteered, donated, or cheered us on at this year's races, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your unwavering support transforms lives and weaves a stronger, more compassionate tapestry for our community.

Gratefully,

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