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Miracles Happen

as told by Sam Powell, WLF Director and edited by Jodi Burmester

On June 7, 2009 my five year-old grandson Austin and his nine year-old brother Andrew were playing golf in the yard at their farm in Monticello when an accident happened. Andrew swung to hit the ball and Austin somehow got in the way of the club.

In the blink of an eye, Austin was bleeding from a huge cut in his left eyebrow and another cut under his eye.

Since it would take precious minutes for an ambulance to get to their rural address, his parents decided to rush him to the Monroe Hospital emergency room. While en route, Austin had a hard time staying conscious. Our daughter called the hospital and let them know what had happened and that they were on their way to with him.

The medical team was waiting for Austin and immediately took him for a cat-scan, head and neck x-rays. The results showed that he had broken his entire eye socket and his nose and had fractured part of his skull. The plan was to Med Flight Austin to the American Family Children’s Hospital in Madison for emergency surgery.

While waiting for Med Flight, Austin’s condition stabilized, so they decided to send him and his father by ambulance while my daughter was to follow in their car.

I still don’t know how my daughter managed to drive herself to the hospital, but the Lord takes care of you. I credit that she was able to talk with our daughter-in-law, a Registered Pediatric ICU nurse, all the way to the Hospital. I know that conversation gave her much encouragement.

We headed for the farm to help take care of Andrew and support the two older kids, Aaron - 15 and Ashley - 19. How fortunate it was that Ashley was out of UW Madison for the summer so she and Aaron were able to do all the chores and milking while their parents were at the hospital with Austin.

When Austin arrived in Madison, the first priority was for the medical team to assess his injuries and determine a treatment plan.

The medical team consisted of:

- Dr. Iskander, a pediatric neurologist
- Dr. Strock and Dr. Wang, pediatric ophthalmologists
- Dr. Kim, a pediatric plastic surgeon
- The attending ER doctor

At this point Austin’s eye pressure measured 36, way above the normal range of 12-21, so the team decided that Austin needed surgery immediately to fully assess the condition of his eye and eye orbit. The surgery was scheduled to last 45 minutes and due to the brain injury, Austin had to remain semi-conscious throughout.

By the time Doctors Strock and Wang came out to talk to our kids, an hour and a half had past and we were all very scared. Thankfully, the surgery went very well and the extra time was spent doing a very thorough examination of his eye and the orbit.

At that point the medical team had decided the brain injury was first priority and the second was to try to save the eye and some of the sight in it. They were very concerned about the eye due to the extreme pressure and bleeding behind the it. Before they were any further a second cat-scan was ordered. The results brought excellent news that the there had been a lot of positive change from the first one. The medical team was thrilled.

Austin was in the American Family Children’s Hospital a few days. He never complained about any pain; he did however complain about the little monitoring clip on his toe. The entire hospital is so child-friendly and the staff was amazing. McDonald’s and other local restaurants brought food in for the family.

When Austin was released to go home, the outlook was not good his eye pressure was still at 32. While the doctors hoped for the best they feared his the damage to his eye was so extensive that his eyesight would not come back. Only time would tell if the eye would heal.

He was put on full bed rest for at least three weeks. During this time he needed to lie on his back at a 70% angle at all times. The only time he was allowed out of this position was to be helped to the bathroom.

Austin also needed to wear his tin eye patch and received medication via eye drops 12 times a day. This was really hard on our daughter having to put this medication in his eye and listen to him cry. But he really hated taking the Tylenol he had to take for pain management the most of all. From As Austin told Dr. Stuck, all he needs to be healthy is to drink his white milk, so he really didn’t need any medication.

June 11th brought Austin’s first follow-up appointment with Dr. Strock at the Lions Pediatric Eye Clinic. And what a day it was, you see a true miracle had happened....

Austin’s eye pressure was down to 27. His eye health was improving and all parts were working. His eyesight was 20/20 - WOW. Dr. Strock was ready to do a cartwheel. Things were looking better.

Austin continued to visit the Lions Pediatric Eye Clinic every three days for the rest of June and July. He was able to stop wearing his eye patch in July and then he needed to wear sunglasses to keep his eye protected from the sun’s rays. The volume of his eye medication continued to decrease as his eyesight became better. Each visit, Austin’s eye became stronger and the outlook got better.

As of September 1, Austin’s eyesight was 20/25. He no longer need to wear corrective lenses. He now wears Rex Specs with transitions lenses to protect his eyes from any blows and from the sun rays. He will require ongoing monitoring of his eye health and pressure for many years to come and he is at risk for getting glaucoma at an early age.

The Lions Pediatric Eye Clinic doctors and staff call him their miracle boy and have asked permission to use his case as a learning tool for medical students that illustrates how a seriously injured eye can again be healthy.

My family thanks all the Lions and Lionees who prayed for Austin and remembered him with cards. Thanks to all who provided financial support to the Lions Pediatric Eye Clinic. Without this clinic, Austin might have been blind in one eye.

We are especially grateful to the American Family Children’s Hospital and the Lions Pediatric Eye Clinic doctors and staff who made this miracle happen.

Lions License Plate Moves Forward

by Ed Hida

The Lions License Plate bill was heard by the Senate Transportation Committee on October 15, 2009. Bill co-sponsor Senator Lasich did a brilliant job in presenting testimony in support of a Wisconsin Lion license plate. Lions were well represented by presentations from Ed Hida and WLF Administrator Evert Hartwig. Also present and signed support came from Heidi Hida and Dale Schroeder, WLF.

There were some minor concerns raised by DOT staff that should be resolvable by Senator Lasich.

The DOT representative did not object to the bill and reported that development costs will be no more than $23,700.

There were safe comments about the proliferation of special plates and the past experience of others not selling enough plates to meet development costs.

Overall, the hearing had a positive in tone and attitude (no vote yet) and should go forward with minor adjustments and referral to the Assembly.

It is not too late and very important to contact the seven members of the Senate Transportation Committee and express your support ASAP. Their names and contact info are at http://www.legis.state.wi.us/w3asp/commpages/IndividualCommittee.aspx?CO MMITTEE=Transportation&HOUSE=Assembly

Both Senator Lasich and Senator Sullivan stressed the need for every Lion to contact their Senator and Representative to indicate they support this bill. The final votes will depend on your contacts.

Find your Senators and Representatives at www.legis.state.wi.us/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx.

PROPOSED LIONS LICENSE PLATE DESIGN UNVEILED - *Call your Senator and Representative today and ask them to vote yes for the Wisconsin Lions license plate bill. Once development costs are covered, all funds will go to WLF.*

Alpha Delta Kappa Donates To LEBW Capital Campaign

FACILITY TOUR BRINGS LEBW'S MISSION HOME - *A Group of leader's from the Wisconsin Alpha Kappa Sorority visited LEBW to present a check for the Capital Champaign. Jerry Rabbach, LEBW Community Specialist and Peter Caniglia, LEBW Board President spoke to the sorority about giving the Gift of Sight. The group was given a tour of the Laboratory by Technical Manager, Joyce Kratz and Eye Bank Technician, Michele Pollock. Several hours later the group left with LEBW's mission in their hearts and a greater understanding about corneal transplants and the importance of the Lions role in accomplishing the Gift of Sight for those in need. Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism and world understanding.*

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Dec. 1, 2010 – Nov. 30, 2011

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Bids must be received on or before September 30, 2010.

Winning bid will be announced on or before November 1, 2009.

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