

Here's Some of What's Been Done to Help Zuleica!

2010

Feast of Fools

The Feast of Fools, held Feb. 13, was a great experience for the 150+ people who came out to enjoy family-focused Mardi Gras themed fun and to support Zuleica. All told, we raised about \$7,000 to help offset the costs of Zuleica's post-transplant medications.

The Feast of Fools began with a delicious soup supper, during which attendees made bids on the wonderful handcrafted and other items up for silent auction, and purchased other craft items for sale separately. The music show featured many great acts. According to Pastor Jean Duran, this evening was "a reminder to me of God's hand in this effort."

Special thanks go out to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the country's largest fraternal benefit society, which provided \$3,500 in complementary funds, dollar for dollar, making our total \$7,000.

2008

Adopt-A-Friend Fundraiser

In May, several generous Living Lord Church members donated their like-new stuffed animals to offer for adoption to other families. For a free-will donation, adoptive families received a cute and cuddly stuffed animal and an adoption certificate. The event was a hit with the kids, and raised \$200 for Zuleica's kidney fund!

Candlelight Bowl

On Saturday, April 12, more than 100 people came out for a fun night of food, fellowship, and bowling at Woodview Lanes, in Elgin, to raise money for Zuleica's kidney fund. A total of \$7,420 was raised through individual and business donations, ticket sales, silent auction, and raffle prizes.

2008 Women's Winter Retreat

More than \$1,000 was raised through registration fees and purchases from the Mission Boutique at the 2008 Women's Winter Retreat, held at Living Lord Church on Jan. 26. Many thanks to attendees, who purchased handmade craft items and shopped a selection of books from Augsburg Fortress. All proceeds benefited Zuleica's kidney fund.

Chili Dinner and Variety Show

Featuring good food and lots of fun, the Chili Dinner and Variety Show, held Jan. 13, was a big hit and raised \$7,000 for Zuleica's kidney fund. Proceeds from the evening reached \$3,500, and a person from the Bartlett community has pledged to match that amount, bringing the grand total to \$7,000!

Attendees enjoyed delicious chili, cornbread, and desserts and then had a great time at the Variety Show, which included lots of Living Lord talent and crazy emcees Chris Maloney and Ryan Brown, who entertained the group nonstop between acts. Sidekick Andrew Dodd also supplied the big projection screen with hilarious commentary to keep the place laughing all night.

The participants also took time to celebrate Zuleica and praise God for all the blessings God gives us. The night was a success in more ways than financial. The fellowship enjoyed was a special gift for everyone.

2007

Cuts for a Cause

Schaumburg hair salon owner Howard Poulin donated 100 percent of proceeds from haircuts received on four Mondays this fall to Zuleica's kidney fund. This fundraiser brought in several hundred dollars for Zuleica.

Skate-a-thon 2!

The second Skate-a-thon at Mainstreet USA Skating Center (Streamwood), held Sunday, Sept. 30, was another success. A total of 85 skaters took to the rink, raising \$558! Participants had a great time rocking and rolling with friends for a great cause.

Skate-a-thon

On Sunday, July 29, Mainstreet USA Roller Skating Center, located in Streamwood, held a Skate-a-thon to raise money for Zuleica's kidney fund. Participants raised nearly \$600 during this fun family evening!

VBS Offerings

During Vacation Bible School week (June 18-22) at Living Lord Church, the children's daily offerings were dedicated to Zuleica's kidney fund. Each year VBS kids have a mission project, and this year it was to help Zuleica. The children brought in pennies on Monday, nickels and Tuesday, dimes on Wednesday, quarters on Thursday, and dollars on Friday. All told, the children brought in more than \$800 to help Zuleica!

Oberweis Coupon Days

From June 18-21, the Oberweis Dairy Store in Bartlett (on Route 59, across from Home Depot) donated 30 percent of sales to the kidney fund when a special coupon was presented. This amount came to nearly \$250.

Hitting Zone Event

From 5-8 p.m. on June 21, The Hitting Zone in Bartlett hosted a \$10 all-you-can-hit special in which 50 percent of monies (\$150) collected were donated to Zuleica's kidney fund. The Hitting Zone is located at 1540 Hecht Drive,

Bartlett, in the Brewster Creek Business Park (west of Route 59, off of Stearns Road; phone: [630] 289-9663).

Wendy's Restaurant Dinner Benefit

On Wednesday, May 9, Wendy's Restaurant in Bartlett donated fifteen percent of all sales from 5-8 p.m. (more than \$200) to Zuleica's kidney fund.

Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show

On Sunday, May 6, Living Lord Church hosted a Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show to benefit Zuleica. Participants enjoyed delicious spaghetti (with homemade sauce!), salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. After dinner, guests stayed for the Variety Show and enjoyed variously wacky, lovely, inspiring, and exciting entertainment until about 7:30 p.m. It was a fun night of great food and entertainment for a wonderful cause. Donations from the dinner/variety show, combined with supplemental funding from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (the largest fraternal benefits society in the United States), totaled more than \$6,000.

Stampin' Up 'Flea Market' and Bake Sale

Living Lord Church hosted a Stampin' Up "Flea Market" on Saturday, March 10. Stampin' Up consultants sold retired stamps and other craft materials at a discount, and goodies and lunch were available for purchase. A total of \$2,500 in proceeds benefited Zuleica's kidney fund.

Book Sale Fundraiser

Living Lord Lutheran Preschool contributed \$200 from its spring book sale to Zuleica's kidney fund.

Dinner By Design Fundraiser Party

Living Lord Church hosted a Dinner By Design party at the Bloomingdale location (366 W. Army Trail Rd., Suite 360) on Friday, March 2. Dinner By Design made a \$350 contribution to Zuleica's kidney-transplant fund.

Puppet Show Benefit

Church of the Holy Spirit (1451 W. Bode Rd., Schaumburg), hosted St. Edna's Puppet Ministry of Arlington Heights, who presented "Moses," a puppet show for families, on Saturday, Feb. 24. The show raised \$1,500 for Zuleica's kidney fund.

2007 Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat, held at Living Lord Church on January 20, generated \$950 for Zuleica's kidney fund, thanks to attendees' donations and \$200 in supplemental funding from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

2006

Vendor Fair

Living Lord Church hosted a Vendor Fair on Friday, Nov. 10, 2006. During this festive, holiday-themed evening, home-based-business consultants were on hand representing products including Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Stampin' Up, Lia Sophia, and many others. It was a one-stop-shopping opportunity for the holiday season that raised more than \$1,200 for Zuleica's kidney fund.

Benefit Concert and Silent Auction

On Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, Living Lord Church hosted a Community Benefit Concert & Silent Auction. The event featured a wide variety of musical talent, including: the Debe Welch Band (Chicago-based singer/songwriter); Broadway Bound Marquis Dance Co. (upbeat, family-oriented dance); Cantante Latina, Sureya de Cuba (Cuban singer Sureya); and other, local, talented artists. The

silent auction featured gift certificates from a local resort and country club, products from local businesses and home-based-business consultants, as well as 25 autographed sports-memorabilia items. Nearly \$10,000 was raised from the silent auction and free-will contributions.

Battle of the Bands

Living Lord Church hosted a Battle of the Bands on Friday, Oct. 20, 2006.

The night's theme was "Do it for Zuleica," and the six teenage bands and their boisterous fans did, as they raised \$1,986.55. This money went directly into Zuleica's kidney-transplant fund. The winner of the evening's competition was Heather Lane, followed by NeversEnd, Urban Percussion, The American Dropouts, The Codrix, and Annabel Arose. The Battle of the Bands was organized by 18-year-old church member Tom Hopkins. It was a great opportunity for teens to use their dollars to directly help a fellow young adult in need.

Lots of people have been working "behind the scenes" to make things happen and help raise money for Zuleica's kidney fund. Would you like to be one of those people?

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