

# Kathryn Bender Memorial Foundation



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## A New Season of Service

All of our ECG machines will go to good use this year! With more than a dozen area high schools already committed to host a Young Hearts for Life Cardiac Screening Program during the 2012-13 school year, Midwest Heart Foundation is on track to achieve an unprecedented goal. By the end of May, they will perform their 100,000 student ECG! KBMF works with Young Hearts for Life in their mission to save lives. We can't wait to start the year!

This program is all run by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or getting the schedule of dates for the schools, please contact the YH4L program director Johneen Davis at [johneen.davis@advocatehealth.com](mailto:johneen.davis@advocatehealth.com).

## Get Ready to Toss some Bags!

Last November we were able to hold a bags tournament fundraiser in Roanoke Rapids, NC. Thanks to Lonnie Harris and Lake Country Cornhole we are hoping to have one right here in Illinois this coming Spring! Once details are finalized we will send out a flyer with registration information as well as post information on our website and Facebook page.



Please visit us online at  
[www.kbmf.net](http://www.kbmf.net)

### Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER 20TH,  
2012  
7TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
KATHRYN'S PASSING

DECEMBER 20TH,  
2012  
CONNIE'S PIZZA  
FUNDRAISER

MAY 18TH, 2013  
8TH ANNUAL KATHRYN  
BENDER DANCE  
SHOWCASE

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## Endless Connie's Pizza!!

Our third dinner fundraising event will be held at Connie's Pizza in Naperville on Thursday, December 20th from 6-8:30pm. Stop by anytime to eat endless Connie's Pizza and support KBMF in their efforts to help prevent sudden cardiac death. See our flyer in this newsletter for all of the information.

## 6th 5K Beats Last Year!

This year's 5K in August broke our attendance record with almost 215 participants. Thank you to everyone who came out to walk or run. A special thank you goes out to Naperville North High School and Tim Rinker for their support of the event.

This year's sponsors included: Dahlstrom Display, Inc, Einstein



*6th 5K in August at NNHS*

Bros Bagels, Michael's Fresh Market, Midwest Heart Foundation and Steps Dance Center.

## Teddy Bear Time

The upcoming holiday season marks our seventh year of collecting and distributing teddy bears and other stuffed animals to Children's Memorial Hospital.



NEW stuffed animals can be delivered to Steps Dance Center, 4054 Fox Valley Center Dr Aurora IL, or to the Bender household. *Kathryn's Bears* will be collected until December 15th.

## Day of Remembrance

*A Day of Hope & Remembrance* was celebrated on September 8th. Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network held this special day that brought together families and friends to honor the legacy of loved ones who gave the gift of hope through organ and tissue donation. Kathryn's picture was shown during the event to honor and remember her.

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### Dance Showcase Planning Has Begun!

Planning for the 8th Annual Kathryn Bender Dance Showcase has begun. The showcase will be held again at Naperville North High School. It will be a great evening of dance, music, raffles, friends and fun. Last year was almost a sold out show!

**When:** Saturday May 18th, 2013

**Where:** Naperville North Performing Arts Center  
899 N. Mill St. Naperville, IL

**Time:** Event starts at 6:30pm  
Show starts at 7:30pm

**Ticket Info:** Tickets will be available at the door and online. More ticket info will be provided in our next issue and on our website.



*Nicholas & Elizabeth  
during 'Gone Too Soon'*

#### ~Past Participants Included~

DuPage Dance Team  
Extensions Dance Company  
Inside Out Dance Company  
Metea Valley HS Orchestis  
Naperville Central HS Orchestis  
Naperville North HS Orchestis  
Naperville Park District  
Neuqua Valley HS Orchestis  
School of Performing Arts  
Soul Unique  
Steps Dance Center  
Under Pressure  
Waubonsie Valley HS Orchestis

#### ~Guest Performances~

MADD Rhythms Tap Company  
Thodos Dance Company

### Thank you...

**Nick Melville** - for keeping the website updated, **Joanne Marty** - for her support of KBMF, **Midwest Heart Foundation** - for participating in KBMF fundraisers and for their continued research and fundraising for sudden death, **Ray Kinney at Minute Man Press** - for printing our newsletter, **STEPS Dance Center** - for continuing to volunteer and help KBMF with fundraising activities, **Steve Mahoney** - for his continued support and dedication to KBMF, **And everyone who continues to support and donate to KBMF**

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