

Jackson Energy's employees help Ronald McDonald House provide lodging, comfort for families

Jackson Energy employees helped provide nearly \$9,000 in donations of money and supplies for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Lexington and Louisville.

Donations came from cooperative employees and members to support Ronald McDonald Houses in Lexington and Louisville, which provide lodging and resources to families while a child is in a nearby hospital. Jackson Energy delivered just over \$1,500 in donations.

"The Ronald McDonald House Charities provide comfort to families during one of the most distressing times imaginable, when a child is sick and in the hospital," said Sandy Painter, Jackson Energy Vice President of Member Services. Painter coordinated the local drive. "Jackson Energy is proud of our employees who are helping Ronald McDonald Houses provide a 'home-away-from-home' for these families."

In addition to monetary donations, employees provided goods such as food pantry items, health prod-

ucts, cleaning supplies and more.

"Our employees really opened their hearts to help the Ronald McDonald Houses," said Painter. "This project is especially near and dear to Jackson Energy because one of our employees and his family spent 68 days at the Lexington Ronald McDonald House."

Throughout 2019, cooperative employees and their families will volunteer to assist with providing meals, restocking supplies, cleaning and decorating at both of Kentucky's Ronald McDonald Houses.

"We are so grateful for Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and their commitment to serving these children and their families when they need it the most," said Nate Graham, Executive Director of RMHC of the Bluegrass. "Not only is this a great example of a corporate partnership, but a testament to the generosity of the employees. We are thankful for their gift of filling our shelves, our families' stomachs and all of our hearts."



Employees from Jackson Energy and other Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives recently delivered donations to the Ronald McDonald House in Lexington. Making the delivery were Dwight Robinson, Marlon Coffey, Renita Fox, Sandy Painter and Lisa Baker. (Photo courtesy of Karen Combs, JEC)

The Singing Bird

I was sitting on a rock, by the side of the road,
When I saw a little bird, fly to the ground.
It held a small twig, in the edge of its mouth,
And never seemed, to make a sound.

I watched as it dropped, the twig from its mouth,
And walked over, probably twenty feet from me.
It looked around, here and there;
Then opened its mouth with glee.

I was unnoticed, as I watched to see,
Just what the little bird would do.
Then he opened his mouth, as if to say,
"I have talked to God about you."

"Prepare to meet God," Little Bird seemed to say,
I knew he was singing to me.
I listened in awe, the words he seemed to sing;
Then I fell to my knees to pray.

I said, "Oh, God, please listen to me,
Don't split the Eastern sky today.
For I'm not ready to meet you now;
Please wait a little longer, I pray."

Then I gave my heart to God that day,
In a solemn, pleading prayer.
And now, if Jesus should decide to come back;
I will meet Him in the air.

Madalene Wasson

69th Hardy Family Reunion

The family of Clark "Bud" Hardy had their 69th annual Hardy Reunion on Saturday, August 31, 2019. It was held at the Rice Station Christian Church fellowship hall and featured a potluck lunch.

Those in attendance were, descendants from the Melvin Hardy family: Jeff, Kim and Madison Sparks; Anthony and Tina Hardy; Angie, Emi, and Liz Walters; Mary E. Hardy, Gene and Lora Hardy and Kasen; Millie Hardy Lees, Peter and Arianna Paterson; Eva Mae Jordan, Dobbin and Ruth

Walters; William Boyd and Pam Hardy.

From the Henry Thomas Hardy family: Doris Hardy, Donald Hardy, Betty Wiseman, Pepper and Joyce Hardy, Jennifer and Alexis Hall; Leslie, Mark, Hudson, Nova, and Lauren Hardy; Butch and Brenda Hardy.

James Hardy family present were: Aubrey and Connie Miller, Jeremy and Jamie Marie Miller, friends, and Joe Hall.

Everyone had an enjoyable time and looks forward to the 70th next year.

Hospital Foundation Events September 28th

Friday, September 20th will be your last day to register to swing your golf club and add a little hula to support Mercy Health Foundation Irvine at the 5th annual golf scramble and Paradise Luau dinner at the Estill County Golf Club on Saturday, September 28.

Tickets to the golf scramble and luau are sold separately; you may play golf, attend the luau or both! Golf teams and luau attendees must register and pay prior to September 20. These events are presented by Citizens Guaranty Bank.

The golf scramble registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and the scramble begins at 11 a.m. Hole Sponsorships for the golf scramble are \$100 and golf teams (four members) are \$200. Golf scramble includes: lunch (provided by Steam Engine Pizza Pub/House of 'Cue), snacks and drinks, player gift/goodie bag, cart/green fees, closest to the pin contest, Tanner Chrysler Dodge Jeep Hole in One Challenge and longest drive contest. Putting contest, mulligans and skirts will be available for purchase. Prizes awarded to first, second and third place teams.

The Paradise Luau dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Individual tickets for the luau are \$50 and table sponsors (eight tickets) are \$400. Ticket includes: buffet dinner, entertainment and more! Attendees will also have the chance to participate in an exciting live and silent auction with bidding on an array of expe-

riences and items...including a week in an ocean-front Costa Rica house, a weekend getaway at a cabin, theme baskets and more!

This casual event invites you to dress in your island attire and Hawaiian shirts. The luau will celebrate 60 years of Marcum and Wallace Hospital "Blue Hawaii" style, a popular theme when the hospital first opened in Estill County.

Sponsorship packages range from a \$1,500 Platinum sponsor; \$1,000 Gold sponsor; and \$500 Bronze sponsor. Sponsorships are due by September 18.

For more information, tickets, or sponsorship opportunities contact 606-726-2119 or arestes@mercy.com. Online event registration is available at foundation.mercy.com/irvine.

Proceeds from the events

will be used to purchase new hospital beds for the Marcum and Wallace Hospital medical unit. Historically, these events have been successful, raising over \$180,000.

If you cannot attend the events, but wish to support the foundation, donations can be made online or mailed to: Mercy Health Foundation Irvine Attn: Arielle, 60 Mercy Court Irvine, KY 40336.

Click

Farm Produce Stand

Located at 432 Kirkland Avenue
Full assortment of fall decorations
Including pumpkins, mums, squash

fodder, straw, mini-pumpkins, hay

Produce items including:

Tomatoes, green beans,

corn and cucumbers

Open Wednesday-Saturday, 11-6 or

Call for appointment (606) 643-5145

Price Less Foods is still OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



Still Full-Service With Groceries on the Shelf

The Deli is OPEN! Get your Chester's Chicken!

NEW BRANDS! SAME GREAT SERVICE!

PRICE-LESS IGA

1012 Winchester Road • Irvine KY

Phone: 606-723-5338 • OPEN: 7-Days 8am-8pm



HOMETOWN PROUD