



Children with Cancer

George Volz and Walt Keast gave a slide show at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 6. Walt talked about the Metro Area Youth Foundations, Inc (MAYF), a 501(c)3 that provides financial help for children with cancer and their families in hospitals in Omaha. It is funded by Optimist Clubs in the area.

The MAYF identifies three goals:

- Provide support to children diagnosed and receiving treatment for cancer.
- Help families and care partners of children with cancer to meet children's needs.
- Assist healthcare and service providers.

The Summer Bash on August 22, 6:00 p.m. is their main fundraiser. It is an evening filled with fun and entertainment. Cost is \$75 per person and includes food, music, and live and silent auctions. Last year they served 355 people and raised about \$120,000. Reservations are due August 7.

Recipients can receive a maximum of \$1000 every six months. The MAYF can also help pay utilities, rent, and expenses related to treatment. Workers at the hospitals have debit cards that they can give families for immediate help.

MAYF also sends children with cancer to summer camps. Camp Quality Heartland is a summer camping experience and year-round support program for 70-80 children with cancer. Camp CoHoLo is a summer camp hosting 140-160 children with cancer and blood disorders, providing them with a normal summer camp experience. CoHoLo is an acronym for Courage, Hope, and Love. See www.SummerBashforCCC.org for more information.