

February 1, 2017



Dear Potential Donor:

Hope in Grace is a non-profit organization created following the passing of our beloved daughter, Grace Doffin, in the summer of 2009. Grace was born September 8, 2008 between her triplet siblings Tyler and Sophia. Grace had several severe congenital heart defects. Fortunately, there was a series of three surgeries planned that could allow Grace to live a fairly normal life. She was scheduled to have her third open heart surgery on her ten month birthday: July 8, 2009. The night before, on July 7, Grace's heart beat for the final time. But WHO was Grace? Grace was a beautiful baby girl whose eyes lit up when she smiled. She touched the hearts of everyone who met her. She taught us all about perseverance, patience, and being happy with what God has given you. It is our desire that Grace's story will continue to have an impact on the lives of others, even after her death. We hope that Grace will never be forgotten. It is our hope that this organization will help future children and their families find hope and joy in a long, healthy life after being diagnosed with congenital heart disease. It is for these reasons that we established this organization in her memory.

Last year we had our 7th Annual Hope in Grace Family Fun Run/Walk in Blaine, Minnesota with over 300 participants and 50 volunteers. Over the past seven years, Hope in Grace has been able to donate over \$150,000 to support pediatric cardiology research and reward excellence in children's intensive care nursing.

We hope you will consider donating to this year's event. There are several ways you can choose to support Hope in Grace. This year we are conducting our fourth online auction which will culminate with a silent auction at our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope in Grace Family Fun Run on April 1, 2017. Donations to the auction, monetary donations or participation in our Family Fun Run would all be thankfully welcomed.

Proceeds from this year's Hope in Grace event will go to support pediatric cardiology research and reward excellence in pediatric health care. Not only will your donation benefit Hope in Grace, but it will also benefit you. Here's how:

- Monetary donations and auction items will give you valuable exposure at our live event.
- Online auction items donated create valuable exposure to Hope in Grace's approximately 700 supporters and 200,000 nationwide bidders on BiddingforGood.com
- This is a great way for you to achieve widespread visibility by tapping into an engaged, active community to promote your own products and services and show the community that you support a great cause.

The online auction enables us to provide item donors with a valuable platform for visibility within our community. The greater the value of your monetary contribution or the items you choose to donate, the more opportunities for promotion and recognition your organization can receive. The attached page details different levels of support and the advertisement that you would receive with that support. If you have any questions regarding making a donation or becoming a sponsor, please contact us using the information below or visit our website: [www.hopeingrace.org](http://www.hopeingrace.org) Hope in Grace is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations made to our organization are tax exempt.

It is the generosity of supporters like you that will make our event a success. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and consider supporting Hope in Grace!

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

With Grateful Hearts,

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