

Charities Committee

Joan Bradbury, Chairperson



*The RISAA Charities Committee exists to lend a helping hand to others in need.
We have an operating budget, approved by the RISAA membership at the Annual Meeting.*

During 2009, the Charities Committee is continuing its "Gift A Month" Program, when each member of the committee is responsible for selecting and investigating the charity of his/her choice and then presenting it to the whole committee for consideration.

JUNE CONTRIBUTION

Rhode Island Association for Cardiac Children

This month's donation was to the R.I. Association for Cardiac Children. We first learned about this organization when it was brought to our attention by Lori Olsen, who many of you know as the bartender for our monthly meetings at the West Valley Inn.

The Rhode Island Association for Cardiac Children (RIACC) has been in existence for 30 years, and is an all volunteer advocacy group for children with cardiac disease. During that time they have donated numerous pieces of equipment to area hospitals, thereby upgrading their diagnostic and treatment capabilities.

Recent donations include a magnifying head lamp that enables delicate surgery to be performed on newborns and a metabolic cart that performs tests to check for undiagnosed exercise tolerance in children. These donations raise the level of care that local hospitals are able to provide children suffering with cardiac problems.

RIACC also provides direct financial assistance to the families of cardiac children. This assistance includes payment for diagnostic tests, special medicines, infant formula, and travel assistance for those requiring treatment at Boston's Children Hospital.

RIACC annually sponsors the John D. Olsen, Jr. Lectureship, an event designed to educate local doctors on the latest in cardiac diagnosis and care. RIACC is pleased that its version of a pediatric cardiac surgical program in Rhode Island has been finally realized. Ultimately this will allow many of the procedures that must currently be performed in Boston to be done locally; saving parents from the great emotional and financial burdens that accompany such trips out of state.

The main goals of RIACC are:

- Improve the level of pediatric cardiac care in Rhode Island
- Provide additional education to local pediatricians
- Assist families with financial and emotional burdens

While much has been accomplished, there is still much work to do, and RIACC appreciates your generosity which will allow them to

continue providing these services to cardiac children here in our backyard of Rhode Island.

For more information, contact Lena Leonardo, President at 401-353-3966.



Lori Olsen receives RISAA donation from Board member Charles Bradbury

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