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**SPECIAL EDITION:**

**GROWING HOPE 2016**

Our 11th annual Growing Hope childhood cancer fundraiser, Family Fun Day, was held at the Vienna Town Green on Saturday, September 24th. Donaldsons' Run band played, the Vienna Singing Princesses performed and the Octagon Club from Madison played games with children. Optimists and friends set up tents and tables, ran raffles, staffed the dunk tank (in and out of the water), took down tents and tables—and did everything in between. At the end of the Fun Day (and it was, first and foremost, a *fun day*) donations and proceeds totaled \$35,687. Check out the following pages for photos, thank yous, and credit where it is due.



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for over 60 Years!

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*Clockwise from left:*

1. Announcing our presence on the Vienna Town Green.
2. Kathy Cutri explains the principles of gravity to a prospective customer at the dunk tank.
3. Vienna Princesses lavish attention on a Fun Day guest.
4. Optimist and Madison teacher Dick Gongaware reflects on his decision to volunteer for the dunk tank.
5. Patrons wait patiently for their turns on the bouncy slide.
6. Balloon creations take shape in the hands of an artist.



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# Scenes from Family Fun Day 2016



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# We thank all who contributed!

**Donors** We are gratified that many of our community donors have supported us for years! This year we received major cash gifts from:

**\$1000+**



*Johnson Robison, PLC (CPAs)*



*Girls on the Run—Louise Archer Elementary*

**Manna Capital Management**



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**\$500+**

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**100+** *Ameriprise Financial Advisors (Adair) \* Costco (Corporate Donation) \* Drs. Covell, Stack and Henon \* Have Tex \* EKKO Title \* Flynn Realty Associates \* Keller Williams (Pat Flynn) \* Northern Virginia Title & Escrow, Inc. \* Sweet City Desserts \* Vienna Rexall Drug Center \* Vienna Paint and Decorating \* Weichert Realtors—individual agent donations*

**Volunteers** This year, participation from Optimist members more than doubled from last year. The names of Optimist donors are not published here as many provided a donation without a form authorizing name recognition. We are very proud of our members. In addition to monetary donations, the following Optimists and community organizations volunteered for the event:

Angelique Ayala  
Mike Fitzella  
Tom Fraim  
Dick Gongaware  
Pat Hackerson  
Rich Ordeman  
Anna Ryjik  
Susan Bauer  
Thomas Bauer  
Jeff Bechtle  
Carla Brooks  
Kathy Cutri  
Yvonne Ha  
Jim Houston  
Jeff Johnson  
Mark Keam  
Sherry Levitt  
Dick Lippert  
Barbara McHale  
Kathryn McHale  
Joe Miller  
Greta Miller

Gary Moonan  
Dan Mulville  
Vishal Patel  
Nicole Pham  
Pat Solan  
Tom Spengler  
Ed Wonder  
Michele Wright  
Donaldsons' Run Band  
Madison High School  
Octagon Club  
Dunk Tank Dunkees:  
*Jim Jones, Mark Keam, Scott Butler, Dick Gongaware, Jeff Bechtle*  
Vienna Singing Princesses  
*Sweet Pickle the Clown* (balloons)  
*Fancy the Clown* (face painting)



# We thank all who contributed! (continued)

Our great local businesses were generous in their support! Please remember to support these businesses who donated goods, services or prizes.

Abbey's Hallmark  
Big Country Amusements  
Brooke Rental  
Cafe Renaissance  
CAVA Grill  
Cheesecake Factory  
CHOP'T  
Clarity  
Clyde's  
Costco  
Diamond Spa  
Donato's Pizza  
Dunkin Donuts  
Evolution Fitness

Falcon Printing  
Famous Dave's BBQ  
Foster's Grill  
FoyDavisArt  
Fresh Market  
Giant – Oakton  
Giant – Vienna  
Great American Restaurants  
Great Harvest Bread  
Karin's Florist  
Manhattan Bagel  
Maplewood Grill  
Massage Envy  
Milkbar

MOD Pizza  
Norm's Beer and Wine  
North American Office Furniture  
Pazzo Pomodoro  
Pie Gourmet  
Potbelly Sandwich Shop  
Starbucks (Maple Ave. East)  
Taco Bamba  
Vienna Singing Princesses  
Vocelli Pizza  
Wegman's  
Zoe's Kitchen

## Our Team

“Hard work” and “dedication” only begin to describe what goes into making an event this big and this successful. The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna thanks our Growing Hope Campaign Co-Chairs, **Anna Ryjik and Susan Bauer**, and their core committee, **Tom Spengler, Joe Miller, Michele Wright, Pat Solan, Pat Hackerson, Jim Houston, Gary Moonan**. Well done!

*Below:* Optimists Angelique Ayala, Susan Bauer, Michele Wright, Brooke Johnson (Fairfax Club) and Jeff Johnson take care of business on Family Fun Day. *Right:* The ceremonial check presentation to Growing Hope representatives.

