

Children's Hosts Surprise Prom for Patient

Earlier this month, 17-year-old Raven Johnson from Rockdale County awoke from a coma in the PICU at Children's at Egleston to learn she'd missed her senior prom. Immediately, she burst into tears. Raven has a severe form of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, which has wreaked havoc on her autoimmune system.

Rebecca Birchler, Raven's Child Life Specialist, teamed up with Chaplain Kenneth Hammond to organize a surprise prom at Children's at Egleston on May 13. Originally, the plans involved a cake and a few friends. But as soon as word spread to the Rockdale County school system and the rest of the PICU staff, everyone jumped in to plan a senior prom that Raven would never forget.

This eleventh-hour prom committee joined together to secure donations from vendors to make the event a success. Capozzi's catered the event with Italian food. Soundz Good Productions donated deejay services. Sam's Club donated a giant sheet cake, emblazoned with Raven's picture and the words "Prom Queen 2009." The PICU secretaries made Raven a Prom Queen sash, and one even purchased a tiara.

The PICU staff also chipped in for prom decorations, which were based on the theme "A Night at the Oscars." Apart from the typical prom tinsels, balloons and streamers, decorations also included movie set clap boards, pop corn boxes and movie reel, which adorned the tables.



hairstyle, makeup and gown.

Meanwhile, students, teachers and staff from Rockdale County High School

11Alive News caught wind of the prom plans, and wanted to air Raven's story. Raven first saw the 11Alive cameras the morning of May 13, and was told the crew was filming a story about Tina Gamble, a friend from the family's church who is a fashion stylist and often performs makeovers. The crew shot Tina giving Raven a makeover, complete with a new

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Volunteers Needed for News/Talk 750 WSE Thon

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Join us at Children's at Hughes St., Children's at The Park, Children's at Scottish Pines, Children's at Satellite I and for Summer 2009 Weight Watchers registration.

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Children's Pampers 35- and 40-Year Service Stars

At a special recognition ceremony on May 13, Children's celebrated employees who have 10, 20, 30, 35 and 40 years of service with the organization.

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Gift Helps Propel Pediatric Brain Tumor Research

A three-year study about brain tumors was recently launched and propelled by a generous gift from Ian's Friends Foundation, a not-for-profit organization committed to funding research for the advancement of pediatric brain tumor research.

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arrived at the event in a yellow school bus, dressed in gowns and suits, and ready to surprise Raven.

After her makeover, Tina and Raven's mother wheeled Raven to Classrooms 8 and 9 at Children's at Egleston. When they opened the doors, Raven was met by a room full of cheering fans, including 20 schoolmates. Again, she immediately burst into tears, but this time she shed tears of joy.

More surprises were in store for Raven as Atlanta radio personality Frank Ski introduced himself, presented her with a stuffed teddy bear and promptly asked to be her date. He then announced the special guests, including R&B singer Monica, a cast member from High School Musical 3 and Donna Hyland, Children's CEO.

Raven chatted with her friends and celebrity prom-goers, then the adults were asked to leave so that the teenagers could dance to hip-hop music.

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Look for the story to air on 11Alive, Tuesday, May 19, at 11 p.m.

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Memorial Service for Eddy-Barbato at The May 19

A Memorial Service for Eddy-Barbato, a past employee for 25 years is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at T Classroom 5.

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Next week, Strong4Life offer new What's4Lunc sessions entitled "Food Connection."

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Tim Schrader, M.D., Orthopaedic Hip Pro

Children's is pleased to announce the appointment Tim Schrader, M.D., as Director of the Children's Orthopaedic Hip program.

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Congratulations DA Award Winners

Hilary Veilleux, Lina Si Latham and Carie Watson have been recognized for their commitment to nursing excellence.

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CDC Confirms H1N1 at Children's ED

This past weekend, Children's received confirmation from the CDC that a patient seen in the ED, Monday, May 4, has tested positive for H1N1 influenza.

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A can-do attitude, creative preparation, strong support and a serious dose of fun prepared Surgical Services department to help them weather (a.k.a. "OpTime") launch in good form.

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Children's Announces Working Mother of the Year

Happy Mother's Day to our working mothers who