

Thanks so much for taking my call this morning and I hope that my Kiwanis family can help my co-worker and her family.

My co-worker, Tammy Jones, came to me this morning asking, "does your Kiwanis club still help kids after Christmas?" When I told her that children are our focus year round, she broke down and said she didn't know how to ask, but she needed some help. Her nephew was recently diagnosed with Wilms' Tumor, a form of cancer in children that goes undetected until around the 3 1/2 to 4 year old stage of their life.

Her brother was told last week that if they didn't start radical chemotherapy immediately, he would maybe live another 2 weeks. Needless to say, they started therapy last Friday, 2-20-09, and now Elton is having the side effects which is only making him weaker. He has less than an 81% chance of surviving this cancer, but his parents and Tammy want to do all they can for their child.

Eltons' dad, Eric, was recently laid off from his landscaping job and Kim, Eltons' mom was working for the Middleton School district, but quit her job to stay with her son. He has been in the Boston Children's Hospital for a week now and this is where his mom stays 24 hours a day and dad has to leave to go home and take care of their other child, 10 year old Alexis.

Tammy went to set up an account at Dover Federal Savings Bank today for anyone who can help the family financially to deposit money into. According to Gail Baker, at Dover Federal Savings Bank, all checks should be made out to Tammy Jones with "donation to Elton's medical expenses" in the memo section and sent to Dover Federal Savings Bank. Should any of the Kiwanians want to help out and want to send the check to me, Sandy Blanchette, for deposit in the account that is acceptable with Tammy as she would want to send thank you notes/emails to anyone that provides her/me with that information. The bank address is: Dover Federal Savings Bank, Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820 and my address is Sandy Blanchette, c/o Dover Kiwanis, POB 728, Rollinsford, NH 03869.

Sincerely,

Sandy Blanchette
Past Lt. Gov.
Dover Kiwanis Club