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Good Cheers for Spring to Y'all Out There !!!

We Hope that you, your Family & Friends (both those that you've met and have yet to meet) are Healthy, Happy and Safe! ☺

The daffodils, hyacinths, dogwoods and lilacs here are Bursting Color onto nature's canvas - Hopefully people are taking the time to look and enjoy. (As long as you don't have allergies) This is Definitely the time to take a moment or two to "smell the flowers." Trout season officially opened and the striped bass are beginning to make their way to spawn up river.

There are many other aspects of "growth" all around here. Before I got to install the air conditioner into our bedroom window this year, a robin red-breast made itself a nest and laid 4 eggs. The eggs hatched a few weeks ago and we're enjoying watching the chicks grow, starting out from bald little bodies with big mouths constantly opened up, waiting to be fed some sort of bug or worm by its parent. This would definitely be an awesome school project! ;-)

There are many people like psychic Jon Edwards, who claim to be able to speak with people who have "Crossed Over." Many people who have lost loved ones believe that they receive "signs" from those who have gone before them. Last month I was at Sean's grave planting miniature daffodils and other spring flowers, as I have for the past few years. I stuck the hand-shovel into the ground to make a hole to plant the first of Sean's bulbs. As I pulled the dirt out, there was an aluminum can tab that emerged after being buried in the ground. Do you think it was a mere coincidence?

The local weather is getting better which will now cause more people to get out and do more. Hopefully for us, they'll be quenching their thirsts from aluminum cans and will be giving their tabs to us.

Happy Mother's Day (belated) to All of you Moms out there ! ☺ We Hope you had a Wonderful day! Our Special Thoughts and Prayers go out to All of you Mothers who have had one or more Child go before you. For families that have lost a young member of their family, the toughest days to get through are their Birthday, the day they passed on, and then of course there's Mothers & Fathers Day.

In just one month, we will be taking our Annual trip to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House (PRMH). It will also mark the day of Sean's 5th Birthday. Since our garage is still "under construction," we're starting early to locate, segregate and bundle All of the items we have for this year's trip, which includes the hundreds of pounds of can tabs, a few boxes of brand-new games & toys, computer software, household and personal supplies, etc. Don't worry if you can't get your tabs to us by that time, we can Always use them for our 2005 SJDMF Donation Run for PRMH! ;-)

In addition, it looks like we're going to be able to send 2 more critic ally-ill children to Ronald McDonald Camp in Sean's memory this year, bringing our *Overall Total of sending 12 Kids to Camp in 6 Years!* Thanks Very Much to Everyone who has helped us to reach this year's goal. This includes Eric N. & neighbors that give us their aluminum cans to recycle, students like Aileen who

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made a donation to us in Sean's memory after she completed her Women's Self Defense Class, people who gave money in appreciation for us taking the time to stop to help them out while they were stranded on the road, people that bought items from our yard sale, etc. We feel Really Good about giving someone else's kid the opportunity to "*Be a Kid (at Camp) First, and Sick Second!*"

It also seems like our Annual Pot Luck Picnic is right around the corner - In fact, it's scheduled for 26/June ! Please feel free to contact us for more details!

We've been doing some Spring Cleaning lately, including taking the winter's accumulation of collected aluminum cans over the scrap yard. The money we collect from our "can cache" goes to Sean's Fund to help send critically-ill kids to Ronald McDonald Camp! One of the Best things about it was that the scrap yard was paying another \$.10/lb for aluminum that day! ☺

In addition to our aluminum can recycling, I brought six "Previously-owned" bicycles to Endurance Sports (www.endurancesport.com) of Lower Makefield, PA (close to the "Sesame Place" Theme Park). They are working in conjunction with H.W.I.P. (www.hwip.org) for their "Bicycles to Bosnia" program. Most of the bicycles came through the help of the Cipperly Family of N.J., who have often thought of us and those that we help. These folks also gave us a few large bags of household and personal care supplies for PRMH.

We recently received Not Just One, but Four large boxes of tabs mailed to us from our friends at Modern Warrior Police Defensive Tactics Institute (www.mwarrior.com)! We would have loved to pick them up personally, however we were unable to due to a scheduling conflict. I took the boxes and put them all on the scale and it was over 43 Pounds! Our neighbor named Carmen also dropped off a gallon-size Ziplock bag filled with tabs.

Thanks also to our Friends at Telcordia who have filled up another copy paper box! Thanks also to our all of the members of ILEETA (www.ileeta.org) that popped their pop tops for us in Rolling Meadows, IL. As usual, while I boarded my flights to/from Chicago, I asked the flight attendants if they would mind giving me the tabs from all of the cans used on the flights. On the return flight, one of the attendants actually made an announcement twice, saying that before they came to collect the cans and trash, someone (me) would be coming around to collect their can tabs from PRMH! A few people gave me both their tabs, as well as a few dollars that went to Sean's fund.

Last Thursday, I participated in a special "Thank You" presentation with the Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1076 of Rolling Hills, NJ. It was my first time attending a meeting, never mind being invited to participate in their opening ceremonies! These girls had not only collected tabs for us, but they also decorated a plastic container with felt wrapping and cut out & attached butterflies and put Sean's name on it! We're looking forward to sharing a photo or two from them in the near future.

We've heard from a number of people since our last writing, talking about the "Locks of Love" (www.locksoflove.org) hair donation. We've both had a few people who have donated their hair and many more who are now growing theirs in order to donate it in the future! ☺

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What a Great Idea to help others while you do things for yourself! ☺

Well, that's it for now. Thanks Again To All of You and Everyone Who Helps You, for thinking of and helping us to help the families of sick children from All Over the World at Ronald McDonald Houses All Over! You Are All Truly Appreciated !!! ☺ ☺ We hope you Have a Safe and Happy Spring & Summer! Please visit Sean's Web site at www.fysd.com/Sean and 'e-sign' his Guest book! **Thank you for helping to Make a Difference in the Lives of others!** ☺

God Bless You All & Keep Those Tabs Coming ! ☺

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*"A Hundred Years from Now . . .
it will not matter what my bank account was,
the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove . . .
But the World Might Be Different Because I Was Important*

In the Life of a Child . . . "