

The Fairmont Affair

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The Joe 15 Team

In Loving Memory of Joseph "Joe" Page

1988-2008



My son, Joseph "Joe" Christopher Page, was shot on February 3, 2008. He was at a party with friends. Three uninvited guests arrived and ended up getting into a fight over a dance contest. They were thrown out of the party and, several minutes later, returned for revenge. They went into a neighbor's side yard and started shooting into the house where the party was going on. My son was standing on the back porch with some friends and one of the bullets struck him. Joe did not know these people, had not been involved in the dance contest or the fight, but he was the innocent one whom the bullet hit. He was flown to Fairfax Hospital where he underwent five hours of surgery. He made it out of surgery, but on Thursday, February 7, 2008, he took his last breath.

For those four days in the hospital, I witnessed an amazing group of young people. Joe was in the Trauma ICU, so he could only have family visitors, but there was a group of 25 to 30 friends who slept in the waiting room every night. During the day, the halls were lined with 75 to 100 young people just waiting, hoping, and praying for Joe. They couldn't see him, but they were there for him. They made a "Pray for Joe" poster and had everyone sign it and offer their prayer for him. They set up an account at the Inova Blood Bank in Joe's name in which they donated over 40 units of blood. These young adults were incredible.

After Joe left us, my thoughts kept going back to the tremendous support these young people had given us. It was this outpouring of love, compassion, and energy that gave me the idea for "The Joe 15 Team." (The number 15 was Joe's favorite number. He always said that when he was 15, it was the best year of his life. He used this number for everything he could.) I wanted to use their energy and compassion to help themselves and other people. I wanted to guide these young people into the community by using their hobbies and talents to help others. I tell them to let me know what their interests are and I will find them something they enjoy doing. I am in the process of making "The Joe 15 Team" a nonprofit organization, hopefully with programs put in place in the fall at all the local high schools and a scholarship fund set up at NOVA, where Joe attended college. We have accomplished many projects and activities since the "Team" was formed.

We love coming to The Fairmont! Some of our activities here have been playing balloon volleyball, poetry readings, Wii night, after-supper walks, making cards for the residents to send to family and friends, a Father/Daughter Dance, and so much more is planned. Most of the activities are done on a biweekly or monthly basis. When you see our name on the calendar, please join us for the activity, watch, or just sit and chat with us. We feel we have made so many new friends here, and we cherish our time with you. Thank you for welcoming us into your home and for letting us keep my son's spirit alive by helping others.

(Our Web site at www.thejoe15team.org is in the process of being completed. Please visit us here for more information. Also visit www.joepage.memory-of.com to learn more about Joe.)

— Debbie Page-Maples



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Salon Hours

Tuesday-Friday

10:00 am-5:00 pm

Cindy Hicks, Stylist

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A Prayer for You

I said a prayer for you today
And knew God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart, although
He spoke no word. I didn't ask for wealth
or fame — I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures of a far
more lasting kind.
I asked that He'd be near you at the start
of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings and
friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you in all
things great and small,
But it was for His loving care I prayed for
most of all.

— *Author Unknown*



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Blessings to All!

Well, we made it through half of the year; July is now upon us. So far this year, the heat has been unforgettable. It will likely get hotter as the summer days go by; please remember to always take precaution by keeping yourself hydrated and cool.

This month, we will be celebrating July 4th, Independence Day, with a picnic, enjoying live gospel music, conducting our yard sale, having a Country Hoedown, and collecting food for the food drive. We will also be educating ourselves on staying healthy and maintaining a healthier lifestyle.

The residents and staff of The Fairmont would like to express a special thank you to The Joe 15 Team. We love you!

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
Philippians 4:13

Word to live by: Love, don't hate;
Give, don't take; and everybody
needs somebody.

— *Sabrina De Vane-Babb*

