

"How will you change the lives of others? How will people's lives be better and different because you were here on this earth?"

Tom Moseley, Foundation Board Member
Quoting Jim Collins, 7 Questions Every Leader Should Ask



News & Updates

In this Update: *Christmas in August* Sponsor, Jerry Hill Fishing Tournament Brings Smiles, Grablin Fund Gift, Leave a Legacy.

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xByte Technologies has made a generous \$2,600 contribution in support of *Christmas in August*.



xByte buys and sells new, used and refurbished IT equipment, including servers, computers and storage and network components and parts. The company specializes in Dell products in addition to serving customers with Cisco, Juniper, Hewlett Packard and other companies' products, plus IT services.

The company mission statement is:

Make every customer's experience with us so extraordinary that they will never forget us and always come back to us. Everything matters. The way we answer the phone, the way our emails read, the way we handle and pack our equipment, everything... Communication matters most. Do not ever leave a customer feeling like we are being unresponsive or leaving them in the dark! How our customers perceive us is what really counts.

"Xbyte Technologies believes in community support. The Kiwanis *Christmas in August* program is a great way for us to be involved and make a difference in helping young people who truly need support."

Ryan Brown, CEO
Xbyte Technologies

Photo courtesy of Xbyte Technologies. Roland Emerton, Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation, Ryan

Over 100 Smiles

Well over one hundred smiles could be seen at the 32nd Jerry Hill Memorial Kids Fishing Tournament. This is an annual event that provides local young people with an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and test their fishing skills. Several of the participants experienced fishing for the first time. The top three places in each age group receive a prize and no child goes home empty handed. Area Kiwanis Clubs lead by the North Manatee Club partner with the Manatee Fish and Game Association to provide volunteers, equipment, bait and anything needed to enjoy fishing. The tournament is named for long-time Bradenton Herald Sports Editor and outdoor enthusiast, Jerry Hill.



Jim Eliason, Kiwanis Club member who coordinated the event, stated, "Fishing was good. The kids caught a couple of 18 inch spanish mackeral along with redfish, snapper, whiting, flounder, catfish, jacks and stingrays."

"The Jerry Hill Fishing Tournament was once again a great success. It's encouraging to see the parents and kids making new connections to their local community, as well as to the Kiwanis family. Over a 100 participants as well as the volunteers enjoyed the cool weather with some surprisingly large catches from the kids!"

Neil van Niekerk
Jerry Hill Fishing Tournament Volunteer and Judge
Bradenton Kiwanis Club Board Member

Special thanks to the Manatee Fish and Game Association, Bradenton Kiwanis, North Manatee Kiwanis, City of Palmetto, Tropicana, Kidspot, Palmetto Animal Clinic, Leo Mills and Associates, Discount Tackle Outlet, Legend Charters, Crowder Bros. Ace Hardware and Crosthwait Memorial Fishing Tournament.

Photo Courtesy of Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. Calvin Hill, Jerry Hill's son with his daughter Abigail, (Jerry's granddaughter) enjoying the tournament.

Maxwell E. Grablin Fund Gift

A generous \$1,000 grant was received from the Maxwell E. Grablin Memorial Fund of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation in support of *Christmas in August*.

"All of us deeply appreciate the kindness and generosity extended by the Maxwell E. Grablin Fund that will touch the lives and create special moments for homeless students." Linda Locke Agresta, Co-Chair, *Christmas in August*



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Carol Probstfeld. Bradenton Police Chief, Melanie Bevan pins a badge on a *Christmas in August* participant. Special moments will continue to be

created thanks to the Grablin Fund and our many *Christmas in August* volunteers.

Leave a Legacy Name Us in Your Will



Bradenton Kiwanis is grateful to all of you who join us in our effort to improve our community one child at a time. Your support continues our mission and makes a significant difference.

Naming us a beneficiary in your will is the easiest gift you can make to impact our mission. Your estate planning attorney can include a provision in your will that leaves a lasting gift to Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation. Your gift can range from specific assets and dollar amounts to a percentage of your estate. Always consult your attorney or financial advisor for information specific to your situation.

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