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MEDIA ADVISORY

Golf Benefit in honor of Kali Grace McKellips

White Bear Lake, MN – Are you stirring to get those golf clubs out of the closet and stretch your legs on the course? Join us for a great day of golfing for a cause and help raise funds for transplant-related expenses in honor of Kali Grace McKellips, who recently received a life-saving double lung transplant surgery at the age of 9 months.

The Kali Grace Golf Scramble will take place on Sunday, June 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at beautiful Oneka Ridge Golf Course in White Bear Lake, MN. Cost to participate is \$75 per golfer and 18 holes of golf, a cart, and dinner. Interested persons can pre-register for the golf event by visiting www.kali-rocks.com. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly to Kali and her parents.

Kali Grace McKellips was born extremely premature at 24 weeks, weighing a mere 1 ½ pounds. Since birth, Kali has remained hospitalized and heavily medicated at Minneapolis Children's hospital, on ventilation and oxygen, but her undeveloped lungs continued to cause health problems. Recently, Kali was transferred to Texas Children's Hospital and put on a donor list for a set of new lungs. Several weeks passed before new lungs were found and on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 9 month-old Kali Grace underwent a risky, yet successful, double lung transplant. With many days of healing ahead, Kali and her parents remain in Texas and hundreds of miles away from home.

Like most transplant patients, Kali has private insurance to cover some of her medical expenses but it isn't nearly enough. When you have a sick child, the last thing you need to worry about are insurance costs, so in hopes to help compensate for medical costs and living and travel expenses that are not covered by insurance, Kali's friends and family hope to raise a substantial amount of money through fundraisers. A dinner and silent auction benefit is also in the works for late July.

Those interested in participating in the golf fundraiser, finding out information about future Kali Grace benefits or reading about Kali's miraculous first year of life, are encouraged to visit www.kali-rocks.com.

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