

A Word From Jim

Will You Help Anchor Children's Harbor?



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Kendra Sutton's angelic voice boomed from behind a keyboard at the Willow Point Country Club on July 17. Pouring her heart out in song for members of the Children's Harbor Anchor Society at their annual reception, Kendra crooned the words of "Room 444" about a little girl struggling with cancer at Children's Hospital...in room 444. She sang with passion and feeling, for the child, Victoria, is her daughter and the light of her life.

Kendra told Anchor Society members: "It's a good day when Victoria asks to go to Children's Harbor." With a catch in her voice and obvious emotion, she added "I wish there were more good days." She went on to share with the members in attendance that night that they had no idea how many lives they touched by supporting Children's Harbor. Her strength and courage came through loud and clear as she finished with another song, "Bring on the Rain." The opening lines give a glimpse of the battle her family fights every day, the battle against childhood cancer.

*"Another day has almost come and gone,
Can't imagine what else could go wrong,
Sometimes I'd like to hide away somewhere and lock the door. . .
A single battle lost, but not the war."*

Many children and their families are fighting battles with serious illnesses each and every day. That is the reason the Children's Harbor Anchor Society was formed: to provide the tools and support that these families need to remain "anchored" as they fight devastating illnesses, and to encourage them to keep their eyes on winning the war even when battles along the way are difficult.

If you can, please consider joining with my wife Marilyn and me and our other Anchor Society members by committing an annual gift or a series of gifts in a calendar year that totals \$5,000 or more and become a Children's Harbor Anchor. It is our goal to average 200 Anchors on an annual basis and we need you. 📍

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Jim Ray", written in a cursive style.