



## **Naperville Jaycees' Mardi Gras Charity Ball Will Feature Almost Home Kids**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — NAPERVILLE — January 7, 2010** — The Naperville Jaycees are partnering with Almost Home Kids™ to host the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Mardi Gras Charity Ball, Saturday, Feb. 6. The evening includes silent and live auctions, entertainment by The Lady Upstairs band, Cajun food and signature cocktails.

“We’ve planned a very entertaining and exciting evening, and we’ve received a wide variety of auction items, donated by our always-supportive community,” said Meghan Trojanowski, 2010 Mardi Gras Co-Chair. “This event always proves to be a great evening while raising money for a worthy cause.”

Some of the Mardi Gras Charity Ball auction packages will include items such as:

- Train autographed guitar.
- Jason Aldean autographed guitar.
- Private wine consultation from PRP Wine International for up to 12 people.
- Gift certificates to Naperville Running Co., Harry W. Yassen Jewelers and more.
- Four rooftop tickets at Wrigleyfield.

All proceeds of the silent auction are donation to the partner charity, Almost Home Kids (AHK), whose mission is to enhance the lives of children with serious and ongoing medical challenges.

AHK is recognized as a multidisciplinary model of excellence for short-term clinical care of children who are medically fragile and who may also be technology-dependent. Founded by parents of medically fragile children, AHK is the first of its kind in the nation and the only one in Illinois. For more information visit [AlmostHomeKids.org](http://AlmostHomeKids.org).

The event will be held at the Northern Illinois University Naperville Campus, 1120 E. Diehl Rd.

The sponsors who have helped make this event possible include: Advanced Health of Naperville, Interpro Translation Services, Minuteman Press, Naperville Sun, Naperville Glancer and Rhea + Kaiser Marketing Communications.

Tickets to the fundraiser are \$60 per person or tables for 10 are available for \$500. Tickets must be ordered before the event and can be purchased by check, Visa or MasterCard. For more information on the event, to order tickets, donate an auction item or become an event sponsor visit the Jaycees Web site, [NaperJaycees.org](http://NaperJaycees.org).

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### **About The Naperville Jaycees**

The Naperville Jaycees is a nonprofit service organization with over 200 young persons dedicated to personal development through community service. The group organizes and staffs the Last Fling in close cooperation with the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, numerous Naperville community organizations and many volunteers. Proceeds from the Last Fling are given to nonprofit organizations in the community and throughout DuPage County.

### **About Almost Home Kids**

Almost Home Kids is a not-for-profit children's clinical care center whose mission is to enhance the lives of children facing serious and ongoing medical challenges. Founded in 1999 by parents of children who are medically fragile, this 10-bed facility provides 24/7 respite and/or transition care. Located 30 miles West of Chicago in Suburban Naperville, Almost Home Kids sits on 2 1/2 acres of relaxing wooded grounds.