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Thank you from the Blattels

(Editor's note: The following is a thank you letter to the community from the Blattel Family.)

In 1998, when our youngest daughter Miranda was born and we learned that she had a rare genetic skin disease (Epidermolysis Bullosa) that could be fatal and debilitating, this community embraced us with their prayers, love and concern.

Throughout the next eight years, you all have remained consistent always offering kind words, prayers, and support for our family. Last month this community went even further yet again and showed your overwhelming support for our family. The benefit was exceptional to say the least. Thank you doesn't even begin to express it!

We are very proud to live in this community and very grateful to know so many loving and generous people. THANK YOU, to everyone for every prayer, kind word and donation, THANK YOU.

We would like to send a special thanks to Charlie Ray and Family, Mike Davis, Don Click, George and Tina Birdsong, Sandy Sucie, April Cahill, Christy Miller, Heather Turner, Jim and Jeanie Stephenson, Coachlite Lanes and all of its employees, and all of our family and many more people for their hard work to put the benefit together.

We had several very special contributors who were our lane sponsors and are listed below.

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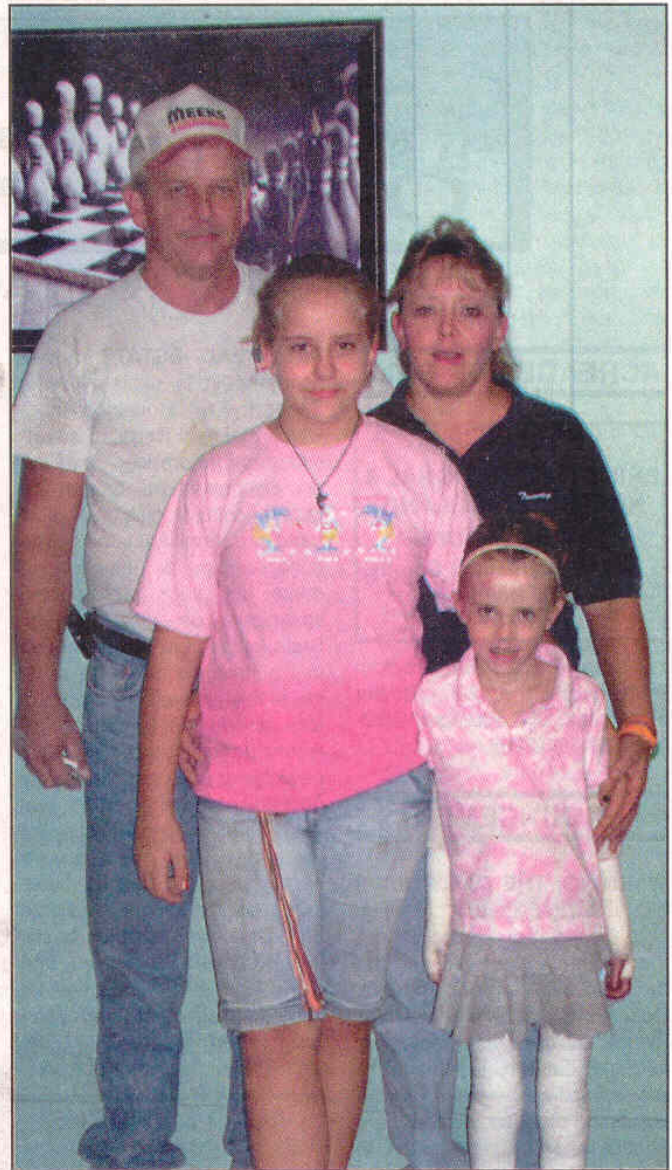
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However, we do not want to take away from the generosity of each and every person that made any donation, no matter what the size. Each and every one of you, individuals and businesses alike, participated in the effort that made this benefit the success that it was. Thank you one and all from Miranda's Family and the group of caring individuals who held this benefit.

I would like to also add, while I have this opportunity, that Oct. 25-31 is EB awareness week. The very first annual "Walk a Mile Shoes" fundraiser for EBMRF (Epidermolysis Bullosa Medical Research Foundation) and Debra (Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association of America) will start in New York and end in California.

They will stop in St. Louis, Missouri on Saturday, Oct. 27. There will also be a fundraiser for EBMRF & Debra in Belle, Missouri on Saturday, Oct. 27.



Pictured in front are Makayla and Miranda Blattel. In back are Matt and Tammy Blattel.

If anyone would like to learn more about the "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" Rally or more about EB you can visit: www.ebin-foworld.org or www.debra.org.

Thank you again for every-

thing you have done for our family.

-- The Blattel's
Matt, Tammy,
Makayla & Miranda