



Dear Friend:

On June 18, 2011, my world was jarred to its very foundation. My eight-year old daughter, Tori, drowned.

Tori was a fun-loving, carefree goofball; never happier than when playing and laughing with friends and siblings. On any given day, you'd find her climbing trees or riding her bike. Like most kids, Tori's favorite holiday was Christmas. No matter what size the package or its contents, her face would glow with magic and wonder.



Needless to say, her death has affected my family profoundly. We focused on the loss rather than the silly tomboy that made us smile as she walked into the room with her shoes on the wrong feet. Her kind spirit, a spirit that found more joy in watching her sisters open gifts than in opening them herself, was lost in our grief.

...this is where the idea of celebrating laughter and giving came about. What better way to remember our smiling, little cowboy/ninja/gymnast than with an event filled with laughter, silliness and joy?

"Tori Saves Christmas" will be a 24-hour event filled with fun, laughter and silliness. It features comedy, music, art and film guaranteed to bring a smile. Proceeds from the event will celebrate Tori's special kindness and spirit of giving by providing Christmas gifts to needy children in our community.

The event will begin December 4, 2012 at 9 p.m. and run until 9 p.m. on December 5th. It will be hosted by The Avenue Cafe located at 2021 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI. The suggested donation will be \$10 for attendees. All net proceeds from this event will go directly to answer the wish lists of children being served by Child & Family Charities, a local charitable organization that provides services to disadvantaged children.

Your help is needed to make "Tori Saves Christmas" a success. Please consider making a donation, attending the event, and/or joining us as a performer. Donations can be made at the event; but if you send your donation today, we will be able to start saving Christmas for children right away. Donations can be made by check to:

"TORI SAVES CHRISTMAS" c/o Astera Credit Union, 111 S. Waverly Road, Lansing, MI 48917.

Thank you for helping Tori's love and laughter live on by helping us help children in need in our community.

Sincerely,

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