

Dear friends...

The message below was forwarded from Derek's mom to his coach, marc...

I thought you would be encouraged to read her words about her son...

Also...

The benefit scheduled for Derek on Feb. 13th at the Arctic Ice Arena is coming together nicely!!!

The evening will begin at 6:00 and there will be many activities, including food and the benefit hockey game, silent auction, open skate, etc...Please visit the website for details and information...

Even if you cannot be there for the Benefit, you can contribute in other ways if you'd like...

Most importantly...your prayers ...

<http://www.chicagofury.com/>

Thank you dear ones for your continued prayers and concern for the Zike family...

In His Love...

Debbie

fyi from Robin

Thanks as Always!

Marc

Marc Kapsalis

President, Hockey Director

Chicago Fury AAA Hockey

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man. ~Benjamin Franklin

From: Sarah Mellifont

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 3:53 PM

Subject: Derek Update 1/27

Yesterday was a rough day. But a gal I met in the Ronald McDonald house told me God answer prayers one of three ways.

YES, NOT NOW, and I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER. Yesterday when we were skipping over to the hospital to get Derek off the respirator, God said NOT NOW. I was so sad. Today they called us to say that they want to do surgery on the back of his neck and are going to reinforce is neck with cadaver bone, and they would of had to put the tube in anyway. I believe we got I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER. Steve Smith from the HAWKS told us that is what they did with him for the same injury so we believe this is also good for Derek.

Well a helicopter flew in and we maybe delayed till 6pm tonight or Friday morning. We are anxious to reinforce his neck so he can have the best opportunity for bone to grow together .This will allow Derek to be most stable when rehabbing, whenever we get to that. Please feel comfortable to send updates to other people. I know people are curious as to what to pray for. Pray for patience and strength for Mike and I, and a successful, complete and speedy recovery for Derek.

Thanks for your friendship and prayers

Robin Zike