

RAGAMUFFIN

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HOPE IS IN THE HOUSE

Can one person really make much of a difference in your life? How about a group of 17 who invade your world for one week - eating, sleeping, praying, staying, and pouring into every area of your life - all for one purpose: to see you whole, loved, and full of joy. How impacting would that be? Well that's exactly what we found out during this year's mission trip to House of Hope in Orlando where every one of us invested a huge chunk of our hearts, witnessing once again this simple truth. One life really *does* make a difference. For some, that difference meant eternity. Whether it was **Chelsey Haske's** constant verbal encouragement, **Haley Herzog's**

positive attitude, or the countless other ways team members: **Abby & Glenda Wilhelm, Carly Thompson, Cameron Crain, Abbie Romano, David Drury, Brooke, Bethany, & Ty Whittaker, or Shane & Chris Johnson** demonstrated love, lives were changed...*our* lives were changed. Opening your heart up and allowing others into your story, only makes your story all the richer! So, thank you to all who supported us in prayer. We saw the power of your prayers answered in many special moments when God's amazing grace came into focus, and otherwise hardened hearts, were made soft once again. What a blessing it is to serve!

"I'd like to thank the Ragamuffins for giving me something I never had before... the chance to be a child. I missed out on that, and you guys gave it back to me."



Did You Say Summer Stock?

I am thrilled to announce a brand new artistic partnership with the beautifully historic Perry Hotel located downtown, Petoskey, Michigan. Plans are underway to



kick off a delightful season of quality summer theatre beginning **Tuesday evening, July 6, 2010** and running consecutively throughout the months of July and August, until our final show on the evening of **August 10, 2010**. This is an unusual honor. How often do High School students who are serious about their craft get to be a part of presenting a professional show in the private sector? Not too often, and I can tell you for certain, not around here! It is no small thing that your daughters have earned an excellent reputation through hard work - which has won us the respect of not only the owners at Stafford's Perry, but perhaps more impressively, the staff. Our first venture was last year's Princess luncheon where little girls who *dressed* like royalty watched as we *performed* like royalty, and in the end, all were crowned with royalty! The staff raved about our professionalism and the audience left wanting more. That was the beginning.

We have earned the respect of successful business people who want to share what they feel is Charlevoix's best kept secret with their clients, visitors, and local community.

What does this mean for us? The chance for our girls to SHINE! To develop their characters, craft, and skills through delightful musical, comedic, and dramatic, pieces *each* week for six weeks. It's almost like being on Broadway! It isn't often our actors are given the chance to really develop a role through consistency and weekly repetition - but boy do we love it when it happens. Serious artists will have a chance to even earn a good review. What a blessing!

Rehearsals this summer for the senior girls will be every Tuesday. We will be trying out something new this summer by doing all our rehearsals/choreography on one day, thus freeing up more days for summer jobs. Special individual rehearsals can be worked out at the convenience of each ragamuffin when they are needed. We are pretty excited about this change and welcome any feedback you may have. As always, feel free to email or call me! Look for more info to come in the near future regarding this exciting new venture!



A GLANCE AHEAD

Zonta Sponsored Tea Party ~
Sunday, April 18th at 2:30
(Charelvoix Public Library)

Boyne City Middle School Assembly
Friday, April 30th ~ Boyne City
high school auditorium. Program
will begin at approx. 2:00 p.m.

Acquire The Fire
Team Weekend Retreat. Leaving
Friday, April 30th ~ returning
Sunday, May 2nd. At the Breslin
Center, East Lansing.

Family Show
Downtown Petoskey in
Park ~ Wednesday,
June 23rd at Noon.

Dinner Theatre Begins
July 6th (Runs every Tues)

Venetian Kid's Day Shows

All You Need Is Love...

Valentines weekend 2010 will forever be remembered for its flurry of crazy costume changes, quick musical/dance transitions, Bethany's broken toe, sickness, fevers - but perhaps most importantly, the smiles and laughter of our adoring audiences who enjoyed every moment. "I thought it was your best show yet," said Dr. John Lignell, Sunday night. My thanks goes out to our terrific Cast, Grey Gables, Brian Cornett, Jetty Rae - and all of you!

Hot off the Press - News Flash! * Emma In Between * takes on new shape! Juicy details along with pictures to follow...

