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As many of you may already know, our 5 year old son, Caleb has a bleeding disorder called Von Willebrands. Some of the symptoms are similar to hemophilia but there are differences in each person dealing with a bleeding disorder. He was first diagnosed around 1 year old with VWD mild. Later it became apparent he was more serious than first suspected and he is now diagnosed as VWD Type 2b moderate. He also has a connective tissue syndrome called Ehlers Danlos, which really complicates his bleeding disorder. Our family, as well as many others unfortunately, have been through some not so pleasant experiences from not being correctly diagnosed, health care expenses, support, etc.

Last year in August 2007, our family along with many supporters throughout, had our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Horse Shoe Tournament benefit called **"Pitchin' for Caleb"**. The turnout was tremendous and more than we could have ever imagined. We raised over \$9,000.00 with all proceeds going to the Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorders Foundation. The Foundation is the only non-profit organization in our state providing services for the bleeding community. Volunteers and donations are the major part of their success in serving these families dealing with this chronic illness.

Our family would like to ask you for your help or contribution with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **"Pitchin' for Caleb"** this year. The event will be held September 13, 2008 at Centennial Park in Crossville, TN. Some examples of giving are gift certs/cards providing services, items for raffle, monetary donations, event tickets, etc. Our goal is to give back to the Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorders Foundation by raising funds and awareness in our community. I have enclosed information about the foundation for your review. Should you need to speak with anyone with questions, I have listed contacts below. We will gladly provide a tax deductible receipt for any charitable donation/contribution should you decide to participate. I look forward to hearing from you and truly appreciate your time & consideration.

Sincerely  
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