



## "A Friend of Youth"

Over the years, the Mile of Hope has been recognized by local, state and national agencies and has received numerous awards for the service it provides.

**Contact Us** to learn how you can contribute to the Mile of Hope and make a difference in the lives of these young cancer patients:

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[www.mileofhope.org](http://www.mileofhope.org)

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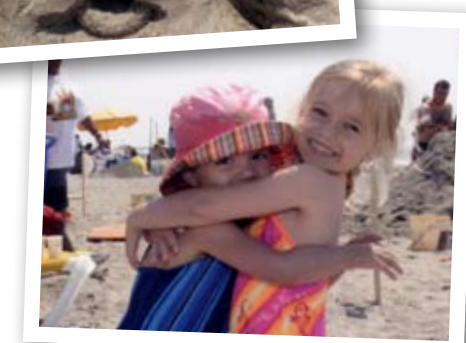
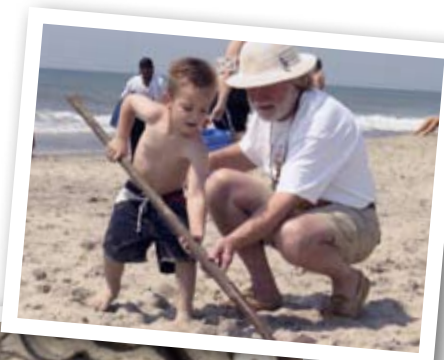
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## Our Special Guests

The Mile of Hope celebrates children treated by the Pediatric Oncology Departments of ECU in Greenville, UNC in Chapel Hill, and Duke University in Durham. Families from all over NC with children suffering from cancer and life threatening blood diseases are served by the quality care of these three schools.

Their goal is to help families cope with this illness by offering the treatment, support and care that they need. Dedicated physicians, nurses, social workers and child life specialists provide this care including psychological, nutritional, financial and social assistance.



# 2011 Mile of Hope Childhood Cancer Event

May 6-8, Atlantic Beach, NC

PRESENTED BY THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF RALEIGH



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*"The walls keep falling down around you. You build them back up time after time. You hit a snag and you falter a little. But you go on never giving up hope. For there are miles and miles of hope."*

- One parent's comparison of sand castles and their child's fight with cancer.

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## Building Hope

The Mile of Hope weekend provides an escape from the medical procedures and hospital visits facing young cancer patients. Started in 1991, the event brings a little sunshine, joy and optimism into the lives of these special children and their families.

Guests are treated to a fun-filled visit to *North Carolina's Crystal Coast* with activities and entertainment provided by our dedicated volunteers. From sand castle building to local events and tours, the Mile of Hope is an unforgettable weekend for everyone involved.



## Sharing Creativity

The highlight of this three day weekend is the *Sand Castle Building Contest*. On Saturday morning, starting at 9:30am, our special guests will create their sand sculptures on Atlantic Beach in front of the Atlantis Lodge.

Everyone is invited to come out and participate in this event. The creations are always a sight to see, including a special demonstration by the professional sand sculpting team of *Sandy Feat*.

## Acting Optimistically

The Mile of Hope is made possible through the generous donations of caring individuals and organizations. Find out how you can *Get Involved* by contacting the Mile of Hope or simply *Make A Charitable Gift* to help fund this special weekend.

Contributions of \$100 or more are tax deductible, and checks should be made payable to "The Optimist International Foundation" a 501(c)(3) organization. Contribution of less than \$100 should be made payable to "The Optimist Mile of Hope." All donations should be mailed to:

The Optimist Mile of Hope  
c/o The Optimist Club of Raleigh  
P.O. Box 26155, Raleigh, NC 27611

