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THE FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



Looking Forward.....

We recently changed our primary residence to our southern home. A share of our attention has turned to specific planning for the time-- that will surely come-- when we can no longer be involved in leading and participating in the activities of the Robert V. Miller Fund in the way we do now.

Our youngest son Benjamin is an important part of this forward thinking. Benjamin, like his brother Robert, has Neonatal Adrenal Leukodystrophy, has complex medical and care needs, and his life expectancy is less than ours. It is fitting that the "in memory of" part of the Robert V. Miller Fund vision be

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PLANCTX September Campers Salute Leif Johnson Ford.....

A generous provider of transportation vehicles.

One camper described it this way.....

"This is the first time in a long time that I've looked forward to the beginning of a new day."



♯ Jammin!

Music, Music and More Music....



Karaoke!  
Heat and fire dangers yielded to new activities in September.

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Austin Community Foundation

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**ART  
COMPETITION  
ANNOUNCED**

Imagine Art has accepted our invitation to lead an art competition to (re) design the RVM FUND logo for the future.

The Advisory Group will receive 3 finalist designs for consideration on or about January 15, 2012. Awards will be given to the submitting artists whose creations become part of the finalist group and to the artist whose design is chosen for the future.

Transition to the new logo will begin in the spring. If you know of an artist with disabilities who would like participate in the competition, or become part of this important, supportive community of artists, please encourage them to contact Alison Talbert at 512-448-1840 or [alison@imagineart.net](mailto:alison@imagineart.net) for more information.



**Founders Message**

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broadened to include Benjamin G. Miller who has been such an important part of our lives and work.

Several important decisions have been made:

- \*\*We will continue to foster camping and related social connection experiences for adults with disabilities in the Central Texas area in partnership with Imagine Art and PLANCTX . Three camp session dates have already been booked for 2012.
- \*\*We will also develop an additional camping opportunity in the central Florida area through a jointly named Fund being created at the SW Florida Community Foundation.
- \*\*Our daughter Kristina Beuning Ph.d. has agreed to lead and foster the vision and mission when we are no longer able. We are creating, and the family is depositing a start up amount into, a new "legacy fund" for the future. The name of the legacy fund will be the **Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund.**

We are looking forward to the future and ask each of you to consider continuing on the path with us.

Best wishes as you bring your celebrations and traditions into this holiday season.

Sharon and Jerry Miller

**INTRODUCING.....**

**Benjamin Gerald Miller**

Thank you to all who have traveled with us on this incredible journey, and thank you for sharing your 2011 with us.

May your 2012 be richly blessed!!!!!!!!!!



Sharon's Interview  
with Greg Lanier



The Robert V. Miller  
Fund

S. Your professional life is in the ministry. How did you become involved in the Robert V. Miller Fund mission?

G. I am proud to say that our church has been connected to the RVM Fund since before its inception because Robert was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church. On a weekly basis I had a chance to see the positive contribution both Robert and Ben made to our community through simple acts. They came and were valued members of the family that loved them for who they were. I have always known that the world at large is hungry to have that kind of relationship which is a sincere expression of God's love in action.

S. How long have you been an Advisory Group member?

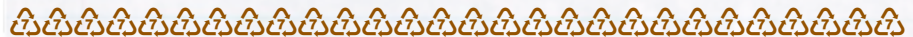
G.. Since inception.

S. Is there something unique that distinguishes the RVM Fund from other worthy activities in the Austin Area?

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Greg Lanier, Advisory Group Member



2012 Camp Schedule

Imagine Art, "Art and Spirit Retreat"--May 3-6

PLANCTX, "GetAway"--May 10-13

PLAN CTX "GetAway"---October 11-14



Wheel chair ramp is chosen by the campers as the "Giving Back" Project in September .



Painting, treating, and caring for the wood. Eager helping hands!



Access to the fishing pier will hold for the 2012 season!



There's Fishing and then there's using clay to express your experience!



G. The RVM Fund responded to a unique need in the Austin area for adults with disabilities. As we began to fill the void it is proving to be much larger than most people understood

S.What are the major milestones you have seen and what is your vision for the future?

G. The basic, but crucial fact is the the RVM Fund now as 15 successful camps under its belt, and has a waiting list for more. This proves the need for its existence and paves the way for the future. The broader vision of positive social connection for participants and respite for caregivers lights the path for expanding the community of care and compassion for all who need what is offered.



The relationship between the Robert V. Miller Fund and the Austin Community Foundation assures financial responsibility and IRS compliance.

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!**

POLL RESULTS

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- ACCOMMODATIONS.....4.8
- ACTIVITY SPACE.....4.6
- FOOD.....4.6
- STAFF.....4.8
- COME AGAIN?.....4.9

(Note: Priority is given to new participants at each new camp. Repeats are on a back fill status only because of limited capacity.)

