## We are requesting your support for a benefit being held for a local 5-year-old Buda resident named Ty Dahlstrom.

Ty has suffered for more than a year with repeated kidney stone formation, pain management, severe stomach pain causing inability to eat and drink, uncontrollable asthma and recurrent infections throughout his body, and is repeatedly undergoing treatment at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, MN.





The benefit is to raise funds needed to care for and provide necessary medical treatment for Ty. It will be held at the

## Manchaca Fire Hall FM 1626 in Manchaca Saturday, April 5, 2008

Attendees will enjoy dinner and entertainment by **The Jason <u>Allen Band</u>**. A silent auction, live auction and a raffle from donated items will also be part of the activities. Below you will find additional details to support the need of this benefit. Your consideration for monetary, in-kind, or auction donations is greatly appreciated.

All supporters will be recognized at the event.

## Thank you in advance for taking the time to read and consider this worthy cause.

## For additional information, please contact:

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Ty has been experiencing unexplained and unexpected medical challenges. His growth rate slowed dramatically after age 3 and his health has gradually declined. Ty has suffered for more than a year with repeated kidney stone formation, pain management, severe stomach pain causing inability to eat and drink, uncontrollable asthma and recurrent infections throughout his body. The progression and intensity of his illnesses and the continual addition of new symptoms has required Ty and family to travel over 1,000 miles to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN for care from very specialized physicians not found elsewhere. He is being treated for Primary Hyperoxaluria (rare liver and kidney disorder), Enteric

Hyperoxaluria (intestinal absorption disorder), Celiac Sprue (dietary auto immune disorder), suppressed immune system, asthma complicated by recurrent non-responding pneumonia and uncontrollable bladder and bowel functions as well as side effects from a long list of necessary medications.

In the past 7 months, and after three visits to the Mayo Clinic, the family has incurred overwhelming amounts of debt from travel, time away from work, medical bills, prescribed medications and expensive specialty foods due to prescribed dietary restrictions.

In addition to this excessive load, Ty's mother has been away from work since November 2007 and is unable to return due to Ty's ongoing medical needs and based upon the advice and recommendations of the Mayo Clinic. The clinic is requiring that Ty return to Minnesota in April, July and December 2008 at a minimum. Ty's blood count is monitored weekly and at any given time could require an unexpected trip to the Mayo.