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MAF's Fun-Filled 2007 Events Bring in the Bucks and Save Lives

Take a look at the stunning results of our 2007 fundraisers—the Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance in Denver and Boca Raton, the What's Up Doc? breakfast, and the MAF Comedy Night at the Comedy Works.

Denver's Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance: \$250,000

On Aug. 25, the fifth annual Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance was held at the gorgeous new XJet hangars at Centennial Airport. This annual event showcases some of the most amazing aircraft and automobiles on the planet. The flying machines ran the gamut from an historic recreation of a World War I SE5a, to myriad WWII aircraft, to more recent era jet fighters such as the MiG-17 and Czech-built L-39s. Out on the tarmac, everyone enjoyed an outstanding flyover parade of vintage aircraft, World War II trainer and fighter planes followed by high-speed jet passes.

The variety of automobiles on display was just as impressive. Stately Lincolns, Packards and Cadillacs of the '30s and '40s sidled up to newer Ferraris, Porsches, Jaguars, Lotuses and Lamborghinis.



In a striking display of formation flying, four T6s paraded over the 2007 Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance at Centennial Airport in August.

Besides the unique exhibits, supporters had the chance to bid on items in the fabulous silent and live auctions, and participated in an incredible show of support for new research technology by purchasing \$128,000 in Micro Array Chips! The fifth anniversary event was another hit, so make plans to attend MAF's 2008 edition this fall (check the website for the date).

Boca Raton's Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance: \$22,500

More than 400 guests from South Florida attended their first MAF event—Boca style. On March 3, the Commonwealth Group, including Rich and Jean Kesner, Marge Potruski and Lee Anne Foster, paid tribute to Brett Derosier by hosting a Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance at the Boca Raton Airport. The event featured an incredible array of rare, collectible and special interest automobiles and aircraft, along with live entertainment from award-winning musician Tony Wilson.

A T-28 World War II Warbird flew over to kick off the event, and auctioneer Elliot Paul awarded a once-in-a-lifetime ride aboard the T-28 jet to the highest bidder. It was a wonderful evening, and we thank everyone in the Boca Raton area who made it happen.

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Ferraris outside Centennial Airport's new XJet hangar during the Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance, a car and airplane show that raised a quarter million dollars.

What's Up Doc?: \$70,000

The Morgan Adams Foundation (MAF) hosted its first annual benefit breakfast on April 4 at the Denver Center for Performing Arts. The catered breakfast drew close to 300 people who came to learn how they can help join the fight against pediatric cancer.

Joan Slaughter, MAF executive director, gave a heartfelt plea to help make a difference in the life of a child battling cancer. Dr. Foreman and his colleague, Dr. Lia Gore—who pursue new treatments and therapies through their groundbreaking research—spoke eloquently about the tremendous progress they've made, thanks in no small part to the funding they receive from MAF.

MAF board member Brad Haight then shared the heartbreaking ups and downs his family went through when his 4-year-old son, Will, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Today, Will is alive and cancer-free, in large part due to new therapies MAF directly funded.

With the generosity of spirit—and checkbook—that many, many good people demonstrated, the What's Up Doc? breakfast grossed nearly \$70,000 in donations and multi-year pledges. We are extremely grateful for the participation and help of everyone involved, and we look forward to this annual event in 2008.

Volunteer Highlight

Shannon Gaut

Shannon Gaut worked for many years at ListenUp Audio/Video, and is a longtime supporter and friend to the Morgan Adams Foundation. When ListenUp offered the MAF free office space several years ago, we moved in, and soon **Shannon began to generously volunteer her time and effort.**

In 2006, Shannon helped us prepare for that year's **artma**, and from that point on she became more and more involved with MAF. Last year, she did a ton of work for the Morgan Adams Conocurs d'Elegance—Boca Raton, and even traveled with the team down to Florida to help with that event. She was integral to the success of the Denver events in 2006 and 2007 as well. By the time she left Denver, Shannon was **working 20–25 hours a week for MAF**, and during event “crunch” time she put in even more hours—all on top of her full-time gig at ListenUp. In fact, she gave us all her vacation time in 2006 and 2007.

Shannon recently moved to Glenwood Springs, and while she's not here at the Foundation's office quite as often, she can still dial into the MAF server—so she's not really all that far away! We'd like to extend our **heartfelt thanks** to Shannon for her **years of dedication and hard work.**



Steven Adams and Joan Slaughter receive a check for last year's “Live from Ebbets Field Vol. 2” CD proceeds from ListenUp's Phil Murray and KCUV's G. Brown and Zak Phillips.

Comedy Night Earns \$6,600

More than 200 friends of MAF showed up for a night of fun and frolic at the legendary Comedy Works nightclub in Larimer Square on May 5. The evening started off with Joan and Steven receiving a large (literally!) check from the proceeds from “Live at Ebbets Field Vol. 2,” a CD of classic live recordings from another legendary Denver nightclub.

The show was hosted by local comedian (and artma emcee) George McClure. Also performing were Andrew Orvedahl, whose whimsical observations and easy charm went over well with the audience. Then Brian Kellen brought the house down with his own uniquely physical style. Don't miss the 2008 MAF Comedy Night on June 11.

MAF Mission Statement

The Morgan Adams Foundation raises money and awareness on behalf of children affected with cancer. Working with leading physicians, we use donations to **directly fund pediatric cancer research and therapies that will improve survival rates and reduce the devastating side effects of treatments.**

Research Corner

The Microarray Gene Chip Process

With the \$128,000 worth of chips provided by MAF, research is more focused, resulting in better therapies.

Researchers recently developed a method for studying cancerous tumor tissue samples using uniquely created microarray chips.

The Microarray Gene Chip Process is an exciting new method of data collection and analysis that allows a researcher to monitor and compare more than 50,000 genes simultaneously. This vast scale of data comparison provides faster and far more comprehensive insight into the factors and biology that cause cancer tumors to grow. Information gathered from “chipping” tumor samples is used for:

1. **A more comprehensive diagnosis of tumors**
2. **The prediction of future tumor behavior (such as the likelihood of recurrence)**
3. **Forecasting possible responses to therapy**
4. **The design of more effective therapies**



Members of the Morgan Adams Foundation donate a check for \$128,000 in a ceremony at the Children's Hospital last November.

The Advantage of this Approach

Previously, scientists would take an educated guess as to which gene(s) might be important and would isolate those for study and see where it took them. With this new approach, the aberrant genes essentially flag themselves so the research is much more focused. The hope is that this will help researchers more quickly develop targeted therapies.

Thanks to Andy Donson, B.S.c., Dr. Nick Foreman's research associate, for helping with this article.

MAF Support

In 2004, guests at the Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance provided funding for the first 25 chips—at \$1,000 each—used in treating brain tumor patients at The Children's Hospital. Through the generosity of guests at the 2007 Concours event, the MAF donated \$128,000 for CHIPs to be disbursed to The Children's Hospital in Denver and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

The Founders' Circle: The Foundation of the Foundation

The Founders' Circle was created to recognize those donors who both believe in the mission of The Morgan Adams Foundation and are also in a position to assist financially in the support of the Foundation's organizational needs. We are extremely happy and proud to announce our first Founders' Circle donors, **Peter and Marian Taylor.**

The Taylors have been enthusiastic supporters of the Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance since its inception. They have also taken the time to find out more about what we do by attending several media days and taking tours of Children's Hospital and research facilities to see how the Foundation's money is put to use.

At the MAF, we pride ourselves in running an efficient operation. With the advent and anticipated growth of Founders' Circle membership, we'll be able to continue to fund even more groundbreaking research being done at Children's Hospital and other institutions across the country. Again, a huge thank you goes out to Peter and Marian Taylor for their generous support.

The Faces of Success

Meet two of the many children who have directly benefited from innovative therapies. They are a living testament to the fact that research works and and they and their families are now a part of the MAF family.

Christian Howell

Christian was an active and loving 3-year old when diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor (medulloblastoma) on July 15, 2005. He was rushed to Children's Hospital where he began a two-and-a-half week hospital stay. The family's rollercoaster ride continued when cancer cells were found after a spinal tap was performed on Aug. 3.

Christian underwent a six-week radiation and chemotherapy cycle at University of Colorado and The Children's Hospital until September 2005. He then repeated a chemotherapy cycle every six weeks until September 2006. At this point, Christian's prognosis is very good and all tests to detect cancer have been negative. His last MRI and spinal tap in August 2007 were both negative.

According to Christian's parents, "We are truly blessed to have wonderful friends, family and coworkers who have constantly been by our side during this difficult time. We would like to thank all those who have supported the fight against pediatric cancer. Your donations have helped give our son and others like him a second chance on life."



Gabrielle Bayless

At 2 years old, Gabrielle was a bright, fun little girl, but something wasn't quite right. It took a few weeks to determine that it was a brain tumor keeping her from being completely healthy and happy.

She had weekly chemotherapy sessions at The Children's Hospital for the next year, and Dr. Foreman and the nurses in the Oncology Clinic became part of her family's life. Despite the fact that she seemed to be doing well, an MRI six months later showed the tumor had grown. At the end of another year of chemotherapy, Gabrielle could see well with her right eye and adjusted to having no vision in her left eye.

Unfortunately, five months later, at the age of 5, the vision in her right eye was compromised. Gabrielle needed to start yet another series of chemotherapy. Her vision improved temporarily, but she was considered legally blind. As a last resort, she started radiation treatments, and slowly but miraculously she got better. The vision in her right eye came back, too.

Gabrielle is 10 years old now and her parents tell us she has been off treatment for four years—and doing very well. She takes growth hormones, but almost everything else in her life is the same as for any other 10-year-old. She does, however, appreciate her vision more than the average child.



Donate Today

We are committed to our goal of finding a cure for the disease that took Morgan and so many others and we would love to have your support! The Morgan Adams Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization so 100 percent of your cash donation is tax deductible. Donate today at www.morganadamsfoundation.org.

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Sponsor Spotlight: The Theodore Financial Group

In early January 2007, The Theodore Financial Group of the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network selected the Morgan Adams Foundation (MAF) as their charity partner for 2007. This wonderful partnership took many forms.

To help MAF, The Theodore Financial Group:

- ➔ **Took us to camp** with Betsy Wiersma, where we were able to meet more than 250 incredibly dynamic women.
- ➔ **Captained tables** at our fledgling “What’s Up Doc?” breakfast
- ➔ **Organized a wonderful** Angels Among Us cocktail party and brought our research doctors in to talk to their representatives and their clients.
- ➔ **Partnered with** Mary Boettcher and hosted Silpada Jewelry parties from which MAF received the proceeds.
- ➔ **Sponsored our Concours d’Elegance Denver** event and bought numerous microarray chips (see the Research Corner on page 3).

Under the guidance of Scott Theodore and through the incredible volunteer spirit of April Samaras, Stephanie Samaras, Scott Braun, Tre Urso, Monica Koebler, Tara Hall and the entire team, The Theodore Financial Group contributed more than \$40,000 as well as countless hours and a whole pack of new friends to the Morgan Adams Foundation in 2007.

Their efforts are an overwhelming testament to what can be accomplished. **Thank you Theodore Financial Group/Northwestern Mutual Financial Network for a great year!** www.theodoreassociates.com

Remembering Ani

April & Paul Samaras’ daughter and Scott Theodore’s niece, Ariana, passed away from an incurable diffuse pontain glioma brain tumor on Jan. 3, 2007, at the age of 4. She is much loved and missed by her friends and family.



The Healing Power of Music

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Ebbets Field, located on the first level of Brooks Tower near 15th and Curtis streets, was Denver’s premier music venue in the mid-1970s. Founded by **concert promoter Chuck Morris**, the tiny club saw an **amazing array of star power** during its four-year run, and hundreds of shows—from every genre—were **professionally recorded by the experts at ListenUp**.

For the past three years, ListenUp and FM 102.3 KCUV have assembled compilation CDs of tracks recorded at Ebbets Field, and Live From Ebbets Field Vol. 3 is now available for only \$10.23. Among other nuggets, the latest disc includes a countrified version of “Wild Thing” by **Chip Taylor**, the artist who wrote it; a killer tune from **Peter Frampton’s** pre-“Comes Alive” period; and an epic rendition of **The Outlaws** classic “Green Grass & High Tides.”

“Live From Ebbets Field Vol. 3” is available at ListenUp retail stores, online at ListenUp.com and at Twist & Shout. **Best of all, a portion of the profits from this CD goes directly to the Morgan Adams Foundation!**

Our heartfelt thanks for being an enormous part of our success.

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Beer, Brats and Bras

Feb. 10, 2008, noon–5 p.m.

The fourth annual Men's Shopping Event at SoL (Store of Lingerie)—featuring free cocktails, parking and gift wrap—allows men to enjoy beers and bratwurst while shopping for the perfect Valentine's Day Gift. SoL will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Morgan Adams Foundation to help support our efforts to fund a cure. SoL, 248 Detroit St., Denver; call 1-800-466-1356 (for reservations).

artma

Feb. 23, 2008, 6 p.m.

2008 is an **artma** year! Our beloved biennial art auction returns, featuring 200 pieces of original artwork donated by celebrated local, region and national artists. Watch for your invitation in early January.

What's Up Doc?

May 7, 2008, 7 a.m.

Our annual reporting breakfast helps us share with you what's up with our doctors and their research.

Comedy Night!

June 11, 2008

Join us for some fantastic stand-up comedy at the Comedy Works. All proceeds from the evening benefit the Morgan Adams Foundation.

Morgan Adams Concours d'Elegance

Fall 2008

Hosted every year at Centennial Airport, this "wheels and wings" event features exceptional automobiles and aircraft as well as live and silent auctions, great music and great food. Due to the Democratic National Convention, the event date will be changed from August to the fall.

Dining Out at Strings

Fall 2008

No speeches, no programs—just dinner. Make reservations in advance and a portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit the MAF. Keep an eye on the website for the confirmed date.

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Cancer Fact:
In the United States, cancer is the number 1 killer of children by disease.

