



1ST ANNUAL "BIRDIE" INVITATIONAL RAISES OVER \$60,000!

The 1st Annual "Birdie" Invitational was held on September 17, 2007 at Reston National Golf Course. Thanks to the tremendous support we received from our sponsors, donors, players and volunteers, it was a HUGE success raising over \$60,000!

Brad and I would like to personally thank these sponsors for their generous donations and time:

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**Brad, Amy and Brandon
at 2007's tournament**

It was a beautiful day filled with family, friends and colleagues playing golf and having fun for this wonderful foundation and cause.

All of the proceeds raised during the tournament went directly to the Trevor "Birdie" Davis Water Safety Foundation and will help to train ISR instructors.

In January 2008, the Foundation helped to train Nancy Monaghan to become an ISR instructor in the Washington area.

To date, there have been over 70 children trained in the ISR program in our area—all possible because of the large success of the golf tournament.

We look forward to assisting more aquatics professionals in their goals of becoming ISR instructors.

Please mark your calendars for the 2008 tournament which will be held on **Friday, September 19th!**

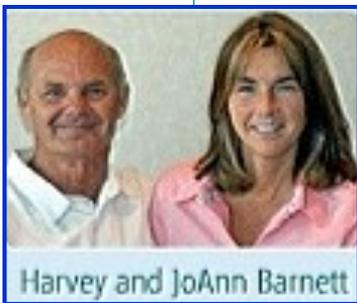
About Infant Swimming Resource (ISR)

(Excerpt from www.infantswim.com)

"The idea behind Infant Swimming Resource (ISR) was born in 1966 when its founder, Dr. Harvey Barnett, was just 18 years old. As an active lifeguard with a passion for water safety, Barnett witnessed the tragic aftermath when a neighbor child drowned. At that moment, he vowed to do everything possible to ensure **not one more child drowns**.

Barnett began teaching young children in his neighborhood how to swim. As he taught the children to swim, Barnett observed how they responded to certain types of instruction, how quickly they learned some techniques, and what types of communication they responded to most effectively.

He took miles of Super 8 movie film and began to develop a specific technique that could be used even for non-verbal infants. This was the beginning research phase for what is now



Infant Swimming Resource's proprietary and proven methodology to teach babies 6 months to 6 years old to swim, to save themselves in an accidental water encounter.

With a PhD and 41 years experience, **Barnett developed the first and only drowning prevention strategy that has earned a 100% safety record.** ISR is a truly comprehensive infant swimming education and self-rescue skill instruction method that is well established in the fields of health care, psychology/behavioral sciences, anatomy and physiology.

Since 1966, ISR has safely delivered over **6 million lessons** to teach water self-rescue skills to **more than 160,000 babies** and has educated parents and medical experts nationwide on water safety techniques and proven instruction methods. To date, ISR has **784 documented cases of children using ISR techniques to save themselves from drowning.**"

In Honor of “Birdie”

Written June 13th, 2007 by Aranya Tomseth of The Connection Newspaper

Brad and Amy Davis establish Water Safety Foundation after losing their youngest son in an accidental drowning.



Brandon and Trevor

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It was exactly one year ago this past Sunday that Brad and Amy Davis took their two sons Brandon, 4, and Trevor “Birdie,” 2, to a “Moving From the Neighborhood” pool party held in their honor. It was Saturday, June 10, 2006, and the family had moved the day before from their home on Canterwood Lane in Great Falls to another home just down the street on Nalls Farm Way. They never dreamed that their first Friday night in their new home would be the only one that their youngest son would spend there.

When the Davis family arrived at the party held in the Canterwood Lane home of one of their former neighbors, 4-year-old Brandon decided to join other children in the hot tub. His younger brother “Birdie” stayed by their mother’s side. “[He] came toddling into the pool area to sit with me while eating his hot dog and throwing pebbles into the pool,” recalled Amy Davis, who is now 35. “I can still hear him laughing.”

Amy Davis continued to watch “Birdie” until some friends came up behind her to say hello. They asked her how their move had gone, and Amy Davis said they conversed for about a minute before someone asked, “Where’s Trevor?”

“I looked beside me and said ‘he was just here, he must have gone to find Brad,’ but before I could finish the thought I panicked and began to look toward the pool,” said Amy Davis. “I looked into the shallow end and saw nothing, and then I looked toward the deep end and could not believe my eyes.”

Her 2-year-old son was at the bottom of the deep end of the pool next to a pair of sunglasses. Brad and Amy Davis believe that their youngest son probably reached for the glasses, unaware of the danger posed by the deep water. Adults at the party performed CPR on “Birdie” until a helicopter arrived and flew the toddler to INOVA Fairfax Children’s hospital. “Birdie” was taken off of life support three days later on June 13, 2006.

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IN THE AFTERMATH of the tragedy, Brad and Amy Davis decided to found the non-profit 501(c)(3) Trevor “Birdie” Davis Water Safety Foundation. For them, it seemed to be the only way to bring something positive out of the worst day of their lives. The mission of the Foundation is to save children from accidental drowning by educating both children and adults about potential water hazards.

“We want to get the word out there,” said Brad Davis, 40. “Kids that age, their stomachs are so little, it doesn’t take much water to fill them. With Trevor there was no splashing, no noise, and there were probably 20 or 30 adults there and a bunch of kids. You’d think that someone would have seen something, but they didn’t. People think something like this is never going to happen to them.”



The Davis Family

The Foundation has already raised about \$60,000 and Brad Davis said he hopes to raise about \$30-40,000 more at the already sold-out, 1st annual Trevor “Birdie” Golf Tournament which will be held at Reston National Golf Course on Sept. 17. “We’re going to continue to have fund-raising efforts,” said Amy. “We are not sure what they are going to be yet, but we are going to have them.”

Brad and Amy Davis plan to use funds donated to the Foundation to bring the Infant Swimming Resource (ISR)/Safe Start USA program to the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. The program, which was developed by Dr. Harvey Barnett in Orlando, Florida in 1966, has trained over 140,000 children under the age of 4 how to survive in the water. According to the Infant Swim Resource Web site, over 1,700 survivals of near-drowning incidents have been witnessed as a result of the program.

“To lose a child to a drowning is horrible,” said Amy Davis. “This program helps the child learn how to save itself.”

ISR Comes to the Washington Area!

We are very pleased to announce that we now have **three** ISR certified instructors in the Washington area!

Amy Pritchett and Victoria Campbell, both Senior Master Instructors with ISR, came to Washington to train the future instructors. Amy has been part of ISR for 15 years and Victoria 10 years.

The training was held from January 21st –February 29th. This is a very intense 6 week process which requires instruction in the water as well as many hours of academic study.



Amy Pritchett training Nancy Monaghan with 6-year old Chase Flynn

Thanks to those who have supported the Trevor "Birdie" Davis Water Safety Foundation, we were able to sponsor Nancy Monaghan in her efforts to become an instructor. The cost to train one instructor is \$12,500

and we couldn't do it without donations from friends and family like you.

Along with Nancy, Kerry Ellett from Congressional Country Club and Staci Otto of Alexandria, VA were also trained.

The training was held at Congressional Country Club for 5 weeks and then Georgetown Prep for one week. There were 50 children that went through the 6 weeks of class.

We would like to thank The Board at Congressional for their help and support in bringing this amazing program to Washington.



Amy Pritchett and Kerry Ellett with 9-month old Grace Drummond



Staci Otto with 21-month old Ridgely Bryer

How can I enroll my child in ISR in this area?

Nancy and Staci answer this for you:

"We primarily teach in the Northern VA and DC Metro area, stretching from Rockville MD south to Mt. Vernon. Also including the Ft. Belvoir area and west to Herndon and Centreville.

We are both willing to travel to a private pool for lessons. The classes would be at your local indoor pool or club pool (within the DC metro area) provided you can arrange a commitment from at least 4 students to train within the same hour."

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Nancy Monaghan
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Monaghans@gmail.com

Interested in becoming an ISR instructor?



We are hoping to have 3 more instructors to train in the Fall of 2008.

If you are interested in becoming an ISR instructor or know someone that is, please contact Amy Davis at AmyDDavis71@verizon.net.

Great Falls Business and Professional Association Donates \$1,000 To "Birdie" Foundation

(GREAT FALLS CONNECTION NEWSPAPER, July 25th, 2007)

Giving Comes Full Circle when BPA donates to foundation established by Taste of Great Falls Volunteer.

Great Falls Business and Professional Association (BPA) president Ralph Lazaro said he was moved to see the spirit of giving come full circle recently, when the BPA made a \$1,000 donation to the Trevor "Birdie" Davis Water Safety Foundation, which was established by Great Falls residents Brad and Amy Davis. When the members of the Great Falls Business and Professional Association heard about the Davis family and their foundation, they knew immediately that they wanted to make a contribution.

The organization presented a \$1,000 check to the couple at the Great Falls Community Library.

The Trevor "Birdie" Davis Water Safety Foundation is a
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CASH DONATIONS :

The Trevor "Birdie" Davis
Water Safety Foundation
c/o Cardinal Bank
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McLean, VA 22102



Brandon and Trevor

ITEMS TO BE DONATED
for this year's "Birdie"
Tournament:

Just email or call Amy
Davis to be picked up:
AmyDDavis71@verizon.net



Don't forget to tune in!
Infant Swimming Resource (ISR) will be
featured on the TODAY SHOW on
Wednesday May 14th, 2008

The Trevor "Birdie" Davis
Water Safety Foundation

