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14th annual Dawn of a Dream
"Denim and Diamonds"
dinner dance
featuring Clint Black
Saturday evening,
January 14, 1995
Minneapolis Convention Center

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Clint Black To Perform At 14th Annual "Dawn Of A Dream" Benefit

Country music superstar Clint Black will be the featured entertainer at the 14th annual Dawn of A Dream benefit to be held on Saturday, January 14, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Main Ballroom.



Country western star Clint Black, featured entertainer for CCRF's 14th annual "Dawn of a Dream" to be held January 14, 1995.

"We were very fortunate to have been able to secure a performer of Clint Black's stature for our benefit," said Camie Eugster, Co-chair of the benefit with Toni Cady. "He's one of the premier names in the business and appeals to a wide range of people." Black's first four albums; *Killin' Time* (1989), *Put Yourself In My Shoes* (1990), *The Hard Way* (1992) and *No Time To Kill* (1993); put him in the vanguard of the new country music movement and sold nearly eight million copies in the process. All five singles from his precedent-setting debut album went No. 1. Black was the Country Music Association's Horizon Award winner in 1989 and its Top Male Vocalist in 1990.

The co-chairs believe that offering an evening of country-music entertainment opens "a world of possibilities for creating an **Dawn of a Dream** cont. on pg. 6

This Dazzling Evening Is "A Cause For Applause"

The third annual *A Cause For Applause*, Dayton's celebration of fall fashion blended with high-energy entertainment and contemporary dance, was held July 28th at the Historic State Theatre. And, by all accounts, it truly was a festive and spectacular evening and a resounding success to benefit the outstanding work of Children's Cancer Research Fund.

The Broadway-like production was a discriminating blend of fall trends for men and women, beautifully choreographed by Minneapolis-based professional dance theater company *Ballet of the Dolls*, and highlighted with solid performances by San Francisco a cappella group *The House Jacks* and the percussive, power-tooled sound of *Savage Aural Hotbed*. But the real stars of the show were the fashions, ranging from socialwear reminiscent of the 1940's to comfortable and relaxing knits as presented in a trip to the lake to the flowing, romantic silhouettes of minimalist evening dress. In addition, an elegant post-party was held in Dayton's 8th floor auditorium for VIP and Patron ticket holders, featuring the big-band sound of *Steve Vecchi and his Orchestra*.



A Cause for Applause models strike a pose in the "Back to School" segment of the show

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**Children's Cancer
Research Fund
Benefactor's Circle 1994**

by Sharon Waller

The air was lightly perfumed by the graceful flowers on the china and crystal laid tables. Waiters slid softly amongst the gathered crowd, pouring wine, passing delicacies on silver trays. Piano music drifted, never interfering with the flow of conversation and laughter.

It sounds like the beginning of a novel, doesn't it? As a matter of fact, I might use it. But it wasn't a book, it was life. Life at the Benefactors Circle Dinner in May. And if you think it reads like a book, you should have been there. It felt like a movie.

The setting was pure D'Amico Cucina, full of murky elegance and intoxicating food. From the light, crisp little pizzas to the indescribable vegetable dish to the succulent veal and a dessert which can be described only as awesome, we were staggered by the food.

And by the numbers. The 1994 Benefactors contributed over \$83,000 to the Circle. Last year the Benefactors Circle included 51 members. There are now 75 individuals and couples who donated \$1,000 or more this year to join the Circle and make things happen.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to you members of the 1994 Children's Cancer Research Fund Benefactors Circle and let you know what has been made possible through your generosity. Since the inception of the Benefactors Circle in 1990, a total of \$238,925 has been committed to childhood cancer research by you and fellow Circle members.

How Benefactors Circle funds would be spent this year was an easy decision. Every parent whose child is diagnosed with cancer wants to know why? What caused their child to get cancer? Pediatric oncologists cannot tell them. But they are working on it. Fortunately for us, the University of Minnesota is the home of a world-premier childhood cancer epidemiologist. It so happens this individual, Dr. Les Robison, also is a Children's Cancer Research Fund Board member.

Dr. Robison has recently been appointed as CCRF Cancer Center

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Chair. The chair is to be funded at \$1.5 million which will provide \$82,500 for his research. At present, the chair is only partially-funded and, consequently, only \$13,000 is available. The Benefactors Circle money will be used to make up the research dollar difference between \$13,000 and \$82,500.

The credits are rolling now: "The Benefactors Circle Dinner"—directed by Judi Koch and Carol Rovick, produced by Sharon and Joel Waller, set design by Larry and Richard D'Amico, and starring the 1994 Benefactors. I think we'll be a shoe-in for an Emmy. Or maybe it will be a Butterfly.



CCRF spokesperson and former Minnesota Twins baseball player Gene Larkin holds patient Rumer Rodne at grand opening festivities for FAO Schwarz at Mall of America on July 23rd, 1994.

Hot Dogs And Leukemia? Very Preliminary Finding, More Studies Warranted

Newspapers on Friday, June 3, 1994, contained reports that researchers from the University of Southern California had found a potential link between eating hot dogs and an increased risk of childhood leukemia. In this study of 232 cases of childhood acute leukemia, they observed an increased risk of leukemia to be associated with a child's intake of 12 or more hot dogs per month. The articles drew a quick response from University of Minnesota Professor of Pediatrics Dr. Leslie Robison, Director of the CCRF Epidemiology Research Unit. He is currently directing the largest study of its kind investigating the causes of childhood leukemia. Dr. Robison's news conference sought to allay parents' fears by putting the California report in perspective.

Dr. Robison assured parents that leukemia is very uncommon in children. Only one of every 1,700 children will be diagnosed with leukemia by his or her 15th birthday. Dr. Robison explained that the reported study was not primarily designed specifically to test a dietary hypothesis. In fact, the California study itself states that, given the potential biases in the study data,

more focused and comprehensive epidemiologic studies would be required before concluding that hot dogs play a role in causing childhood leukemia.

Generally-accepted risk factors for childhood leukemia include: exposure to therapeutic doses of radiation, selected chemotherapeutic agents, exposure to high levels of ionizing radiation (e.g., nuclear or A-bomb survivors), and selected genetic syndromes (e.g., Down syndrome, Fanconi anemia, ataxia telangiectasia). Within the next several years, Dr. Robison expects to publish the results of the University of Minnesota's nationwide study of 2,437 children with leukemia and an equal number of "control" children without leukemia.

This five-year study, the largest investigation of its kind, is investigating a variety of potential risk factors such as in utero and post-natal viral infections, pesticides, solvents, hydrocarbons, electromagnetic fields, radon, parental occupation, maternal reproductive history and in utero diagnostic radiation exposure.

Future studies of childhood leukemia should consider examining consumption of dietary factors including processed meat such as hot dogs. But while hot dogs, because of their high fat and salt content, may be placing children at risk for other health-related problems, currently they are low on the list of suspected causes of childhood leukemia.

GOING HOME !

Dee Dee Jessen is getting the "going home" O.K. from Pediatric Oncology Fellow Dr. K.Y. Chiang. Dee Dee is a 12-year-old from Ipswich, South Dakota, who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia on November 29, 1993. Immediately upon diagnosis, Dee Dee was sent to the University of Minnesota to receive chemotherapy followed by an autologous bone marrow transplant for this cancer.



Left to right: CCRF Acting Director Jon Pyne with patient Dee Dee Jessen and her grandfather Dale Quist

Dee Dee has been home twice since November, for Easter and Valentine's Day. She's very anxious to get back to her home 25 miles west of Aberdeen to see her three brothers and two sisters. Dee Dee and her grandfather Dale Quist recently spent part of a day at the Mall of America. Grandpa Quist said Dee Dee walked his legs off looking for a "Bumble Ball" to take home to one of her brothers. Dee Dee is thought to be pretty special by her physicians at the U of M. She leaves many friends behind as she heads home to start 7th grade this fall.



Three Cheers For ...

Tim Stanko, Pat Miles and Nancy Lindahl of KARE 11 TV for producing for CCRF a pro bono public relations TV spot which aired in June.

Kelly Johnson, neuroblastoma survivor who donated to CCRF her babysitting money earned over the past year, and to **Deluxe Corporation** who will match her gift.

Jeffrey Paul of **J W Publishing** for his generosity in editing and designing CCRF's *Butterfly* newsletter.

Bruce Blazar who is the recipient of two new RO1 grants.

The new **FAO Schwarz** at the Mall of America for giving a portion of its Grand Opening proceeds to CCRF.

Dayton's for sponsoring and producing **A CAUSE FOR APPLAUSE**, an incredible fashion and entertainment extravaganza, to benefit CCRF.

Steve Rice and the **CCRF Finance Committee** and **Pat Ryan** and the **CCRF Long-Range Planning Committee** for CCRF's new three-year plan.

Norwest Bank for its gift to CCRF of three computers.

Laurie Pepper of **General Office Products** for her volunteer assistance in rearranging and reorganizing the

CCRF office and storage room.

Paul Orchard, M.D., for receiving the Jundt Research Award of the University Children's Foundation and being named the Irvine McQuarrie Research Scholar for 1994 and 1995.

The University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinic for being among the 15 most-recommended hospitals nationally in a survey published in *USA Today* on June 14, and among the nation's leading hospitals in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual "America's Best Hospitals" report published in July.

Bill McNeely for hosting a party on June 3, 1994, to benefit CCRF

Research Update

An Ounce Of Local Support Is Worth A Pound Of National Support

by Bill Woods

One of the main functions of the Children's Cancer Research Fund has been to help young investigators get their start in their research careers. CCRF has an almost 15-year history of funding bright young physician-scientists, who need "start-up funds" to continue the research that they have begun as fellow trainees, while gathering enough experience to be competitive for national grants. It is well recognized that it takes many years for a young scientist to establish him or herself to the point where they can compete for top national grants. For example, the National Institutes of Health (National Cancer Institute) traditionally only fund approximately 15% of applicants for traditional laboratory or epidemiology-based research grants. NIH study sections which review grants look both at the quality of the science as well as the "track record" of the scientist requesting funds. CCRF has helped establish that track record for many pediatric hematologists-oncologists/bone marrow transplanters trained at the University of Minnesota. The money invested by CCRF in these young scientists has not only gotten their various careers off the ground but has guaranteed a phenomenal return on the CCRF investment. Several examples will follow!

Bruce R. Blazar, M.D., is now an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and the Associate Director of the Bone Marrow Transplantation Program under the leadership of Norma Ramsay. Dr. Blazar has been a frequent recipient of Children's Cancer Research Fund grants. These local start-up grants require a regular research application which is then reviewed by several scientists throughout the country and ranked by merit. Funding has only gone to the top-rated grants and Dr. Blazar has been frequently successful in this endeavor. For example, in 1990, Bruce was awarded \$15,000 for studying the "potential contribution of monocyte-derived cells to the processes of engraftment and graft-versus-host disease." In 1991, he was awarded an additional \$14,400 to study "bone marrow transplantation across minor histocompatibility barriers in mice."

"Both projects looked at various aspects of better understanding engraftment of transplanted bone marrow, as well as graft-versus-host disease, the most common and serious complication of bone marrow transplantation. Since receiving those grants Dr. Blazar has actively competed for and won several national research grants to continue these important early studies. For example, one such national grant which Bruce leads is entitled "Acquisition of data for developing improved strategies for conditioning of bone marrow, and to facilitate the transplantation of immune cell depleted marrow: murine bone marrow engraftment." Funds for this grant alone come from the National Cancer Institute and provide Dr. Blazar \$200,000 in funds to continue his study per year. Overall, Dr. Blazar's current research grant awards amount to \$1,681,157 per year, including \$55,000 from the Mallinckrodt Foundation for his salary, in recognition of his international contributions to the field of BMT research.

In 1990, Ms. Ann Mertens, a graduate student under Dr. Leslie L. Robison, was awarded \$10,875 by CCRF to perform a pilot study to determine if it would be possible to locate and communicate with patients now in early adulthood who were survivors of childhood cancer. The pilot study selected 100 childhood cancer survivors from five major childhood cancer centers around the country and attempted to both locate them and send them a questionnaire regarding their current personal, professional and medical status. Mechanisms were learned how to best locate such individuals who had not been in direct contact with their childhood cancer centers for many years. The pilot study was so successful that under the leadership of Dr. Robison, a study of over 20,000 childhood cancer survivors will be undertaken, funded completely by the National Institutes of Health. The first year award of this grant is \$2,300,000. Ms. Mertens is now Dr. Mertens, having successfully completed her Ph.D. She will perform her post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. Robison, continuing to work on the International Childhood Cancer Survivor Study where she is Project Director.

Finally, grant funds by CCRF help to continue the strong Minnesota tradition of basic research in the area of childhood cancer by insuring a continuity of studies from one generation to the next. When CCRF began to raise significant amount of

funds in the early 1980s, John H. Kersey was already an established internationally-recognized expert in the area of childhood leukemia characterization. Despite several attempts by other major cancer centers to attract Dr. Kersey away, he has remained at the University of Minnesota, in large part because he is the recipient of the Children's Cancer Research Fund Land Grant Chair in childhood cancer. Breakthroughs in Dr. Kersey's laboratory included the first-ever growth and tissue culture of leukemia cells bearing a characteristic chromosomal abnormality indicative of a very aggressive and deadly leukemia. Ironically, this particular kind of leukemia was exactly the kind that Katie Hageboeck had, which led to the formation of CCRF as we know it today. A better understanding of how this particular leukemia cell works has been generated from studies out of Dr. Kersey's laboratory. One of Dr. Kersey's most recent trainees, Joanne Hilden, a Fellow in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplantation, successfully competed for CCRF grant funds in 1993 with a project entitled "The Molecular Genetics and Clinical Outcome of Acute Leukemia" (award amount \$17,060). Joanne's work in this area has already led to a major research publication as well as to first prize for Joanne in the Annual Department of Pediatrics Fellow Research Competition. Joanne is just about to finish her fellowship and start her own research career. She is already applying for national grants for beginning investigations utilizing the expertise learned in Dr. Kersey's laboratory. Joanne will continue to compete for CCRF and other research funds over the next several years as she begins to establish her independence. But the future of research in this most fascinating and difficult area of childhood leukemia is guaranteed because the generational torch is being passed from Dr. Kersey to Dr. Hilden, thanks to CCRF.

In summary, an ounce of local funds truly translates into at least a pound of national funds. People who donate to the Children's Cancer Research Fund get much more than a ten-fold return on their money because of the success of CCRF investigators in generating millions of dollars in national grants which are utilized at the University of Minnesota: an incredible investment return indeed!



President's Perspective

by Barbara Wiken

Two years ago, Erma Bombeck wrote a column about a very special kind of people called volunteers. She said, "Volunteers are like yachts. No matter where they are, they arouse curiosity. Who are they? Where do they come from? Why are they here?"

"They could stay moored where it's safe and still justify their existence, but they choose to cut through the rough waters, ride out the storms and take chances. They have style. They're fiercely independent. If you have to ask how much they cost, you can't afford them."

"Yachts and volunteers are both part of an aristocratic era, that is fast disappearing from the American scene. They're both luxuries in a world that has become very practical... It frightens me, somehow, to imagine what the world will be like without them."

Erma should know. She wrote this column the year she had a mastectomy, a period during which she doubtless experienced first-hand how much volunteers contribute to the process of healing and coping.

Fortunately, the notion that volunteers are "luxuries that have gone out of style" is nowhere evident at Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF). Our volunteer network continues to provide an inexhaustible wellspring of energy, imagination and diverse talents.

Through the efforts of our volunteers, CCRF has been able to meet every challenge and tackle every project with exceptional commitment and skill. For that, all the families confronting the specter of childhood cancer owe them their heartfelt thanks. And so do we. Each and every volunteer has made a very real difference in the lives of many very real people in their time of need.

We can't afford to rest on our laurels, though. There is so much yet to be done, so many more families that will find themselves in need of our help in the months and years ahead. That's why, more than ever, it's important to understand how important volunteers are to the success of our mission. Every hour of volunteer time really counts. No commitment of time is too small.

A few years ago, my minister drove home the importance of every volunteer contribution regardless of how many or how few hours may be involved. He wrote in our church newsletter, "Vxvn though this typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys...wx havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrfrxctly. It is trux that thrxr ax 41 kxys that function wxll xnough, but onx not working makxs thx diffxrxnce. You may say to yoursxlf, 'Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx organization. But you do makx a big diffxrxncx, bxcausx an organization to bx xffxctivx nxxds thx activx paricipation of VXVRY mxmbxr."

I know from my own experience that this is true. So for all of your generous contributions in the past, a personal thank you. Also, a thank you in advance for any contributions you're able to make in the future. And if you ever find yourself thinking that the hours you can afford to volunteer are too few to matter, please remember that old church typxwritxr and give our office a call at 929-5535. You'll always find a rewarding volunteer opportunity to match your interests and availabilities.

The efforts of our volunteers have made CCRF what it is today. And with the new or continued support of your special talents, just imagine what we can all accomplish tomorrow!



Dawn of a Dream Chairs, current and former, enjoy a mid-summer retreat. Left to right, back row: Jane Ramsland, Maureen Rendahl, Toni Cady, Anne Nygaard, Jan Humphrey. Middle: Deb Nesbit, Jean Reissner, Sharon Waller, Beth Patten, Sherry Knappenberger, and Camie Eugster. Seated: Judy Tucker and Barbara Wiken

Maureen Rendahl, Co-Chair of 1991 Dawn of a Dream, with butterfly art in an Excelsior giftshop on an antiquing expedition during retreat with other chairs.



Corky Carlsen, 4th from left, immediate past chair of Dawn of a Dream, joins other chairs for a boat ride on Lake Minnetonka during retreat.

"I Can Fly!"

With a little help from two very dedicated Care Partners volunteers, Steven Struthers, a 4-year-old bone marrow transplant patient, was able to fly.

Steven had an immune disorder which required a bone marrow transplant to save his life. He and his mom and dad, Doreen and Jeff, came to the University of Minnesota Hospital in November 1993 for treatment.

The Struthers were from Tucson, Arizona, and were not familiar with the Twin Cities or with Minnesota winters. The Care Partners program provided the support they needed with two caring volunteers, Greg Bymark and his wife Jennifer Martinson.

"They did so much for us; I don't know what I would have done without them," Doreen said about having Greg and Jennifer as volunteers. For Jeff, it meant someone to take them away from the "eat, sleep and drink hospital atmosphere and someone to talk to."

Over the course of their stay in Minneapolis, the Struthers had to move twice because of the construction at the Ronald McDonald House. Each time, Greg and Jennifer were there to help. They also helped with transportation to and from the airport, provided meals, and most important, offered sincere friendship.

The highlight for Steven was a Batman cape that Jennifer spent late-night hours designing and making for him. The cape, teamed with a pair of Batman pajamas from Greg, were Steven's uniform during his treatment. Jennifer also made a tiny cape for Steven's stuffed dinosaur. With

his cape, Steven could fly. As he said, "I got the power!" He was frequently seen riding his tricycle around the 4A station in the evening with his cape flapping and saying, "I can fly."

As a couple, Greg and Jennifer feel their volunteer experience has been rewarding. Greg works at the hospital and is familiar with hospital life. He understands the tough parts of being a "hospital family" because of an experience with his mother's long-term hospitalization. He knows the value of a helping hand during a critical time for a family.

"Working as a Care Partners volunteer is a good way to help someone else. You learn new things about yourself. It gets you out of your routine, and it's a way to volunteer and do something together," states Jennifer. Greg observes "I got as much out of it as they (the Struthers) did."

Working together, Greg and Jennifer offered support and friendship to Jeff and Doreen. At times one of them would stay with Steven while the other took Jeff and Doreen out to eat. When Jennifer took Doreen shopping, Greg would stay with Jeff and Steven. After Jeff had to return to Tucson to work, Doreen greatly appreciated having Jennifer and Greg to help with any needs.

Doreen wrote after leaving the Twin Cities, "Jennifer and Greg were the highlight of our stay in Minneapolis. They are very compassionate people. I know we will remain friends throughout the years to come. We are very grateful to the Care Partners Program. It was a great support to us (as parents) when we were away from our home. Thank you."

Care Partners needs more couples to work with patients and their families. If you are interested in volunteering, call 626-2951 for more information.

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entirely different CCRF event - something that would be casual and elegant at the same time, a *Denim and Diamonds* evening which would appeal to a wide range of people."

Besides the music and entertainment of Clint Black, a local group, Steve Millar and Diamondhead will be playing a variety of music for dancing throughout the night. Dinner will be provided by D'Amico Cucina, one of the Twin Cities' finest restaurants. "We're trying to fill the evening with special elements which will appeal to everyone—first-rate entertainment, elegantly delicious dining, lots of dancing - line dancing included, spectacular decorations, lots of glitter and glamour and 'down-home' fun," said Toni Cady.

The January 14 Dawn of Dream benefit promises to be filled with entertainment, music and excitement along with the warm feelings of friendship, caring and community that CCRF supporters have come to expect at this annual event. For information regarding the benefit or volunteer opportunities, please call the CCRF office at 929-5535.



Camie Eugster (left) and Toni Cady, Co-chairs of the 14th annual Dawn of a Dream benefit to be held January 14, 1995



Fall Training for Care Partners Family Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a Care Partners family volunteer you will want to attend the fall training. Experienced volunteers are also encouraged to attend the training if they want to refresh their skills. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, October 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. It is a total of 18 hours.

Content of the courses:

Session 1 - Introduction to bone marrow transplant and the populations we serve

Session 2 - Psychosocial effects on the patient and family members; working with the health care professionals

Session 3 - Communication and listening skills

Session 4 - Issues of loss and grief that the family, or you as a volunteer, experience

Session 5 - Value conflicts, diversity, policies and procedures for family volunteers, tour of hospital and opportunities for trainees to learn from volunteers as they share their experiences.

For more information about the training, call the Care Partners office at 626-2951.

As they have generously done each year, Dayton's contributes all proceeds (net proceeds this year are expected in excess of \$120,000) from this event to CCRF in support of the University of Minnesota's pediatric hematology/oncology and bone marrow transplantation programs. It is this kind of dedication that brings us closer to the dream of an end to childhood cancer, and we are humbly thankful for their support.



Current cancer patient Megan Gilles drawing butterfly art for display in Dayton's windows to promote A Cause For Applause

Susan and Norman Cocks, Co-chairs of ACFA Patron Committee.



Left to right: Larry and Diane Gaines, ACFA Ticketing Chair, with Lindsay Bashoum, Chair of ACFA, and husband Ralph, Co-chair of ACFA Patron Committee.

A Heartfelt "Thank You"



CCRF volunteer Bill McNeely (left) presents CCRF Director Jon Pyne with proceeds from his June 3rd event to benefit CCRF.

Corporate Action: A Historical Perspective

The second Dawn of a Dream Benefit concluded in 1982 with a reduction in net proceeds from year one. It was apparent new funding sources were necessary. During the fall of 1982 and the winter of 1983, many of the original 13 CCRF members, led by Diana Hageboeck and newly recruited volunteer, Cal Simmons, met to figure out what to do.

It was determined that more men and women in a corporate role needed to

Office Update

Increasing Your Investment In CCRF

Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) has come a long way. We have now raised over 7 million dollars to support research and training in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinic. CCRF has endowed two professorships at the University of Minnesota Medical School in childhood cancer research and is working to endow a third. The success rate for treating childhood cancers has risen from about 5% to almost 70% over the past 30 years. CCRF has a proven record of success. Each year we have been able to expand our efforts, bringing in new volunteers and raising ever-increasing amounts of money for research programs. Our success is due to the fact that we are a volunteer-driven organization. Continued growth has come through the tremendous efforts of women and men who share a common dream that cancer, childhood cancer, will be cured in our lifetime.

This success has proven us as a great place to invest your gifts of time and money. Our mission, history and proven responsibility demonstrates to our communities that we are worthy of support. An investment in CCRF will help save lives that otherwise would be lost. There will be a series of articles in upcoming issues of the *Butterfly* on how you can give more effectively to CCRF. We will cover issues like the gift of appreciated stock or other assets, gift annuities, wills, gifts of life insurance and other giving vehicles that can maximize

your giving. Our relationship with the Minnesota Medical Foundation at the University of Minnesota gives us access to the strongest planned giving program in the area. The fall issue of the *Butterfly* will include an article on giving gifts of securities and other appreciated assets.

Help! We Have Outgrown Our Space!

After 4 years at 6750 France Avenue South, we need to move to larger quarters. Our current office suite has 476 square feet of usable space. In this area, we have three staff, computers, files and a small work space for volunteers. Until last month, we had an additional 600 square feet of storage space. This space is no longer available to us. We need about 1,100 square feet of space for our staff and volunteers to work effectively. If you have space or know of someone with office space that would like to support us, please call the office at 929-5535 and speak to Jon Pyne or Carolyn Riley. We are looking for donated space or deeply discounted rent. This would be a great opportunity for you to support our fund raising programs.



MMF computer whiz Greg Vossen (left) with CCRF Office Assistant Blake Norby, as they install new computers donated to the Children's Cancer Research Fund by Norwest Banks

be involved. In the workplace those volunteers could: 1) sell tickets to events to corporations, 2) obtain corporate funding, 3) recruit more volunteers.

Throughout the winter of 1983 many tours of the hospital were led by Dr. Mark Nesbit and Dr. Norma Ramsay telling the CCRF story to prospective volunteers. Lists of names were developed from personal knowledge of individuals who might be interested in helping CCRF.

From those tours a core group of

25 volunteers formed the 1st "Corporate Action Committee." Over 60% of the tickets to several Dawn of a Dream benefits have been sold by Corporate Action members. From the original committee came many CCRF leaders of the 1980's. Chuck Carlsen, David Crowther, Doug Crowther and Doug King, all in the original group, have done much to make CCRF what it is today.

We welcome new volunteers to the Corporate Action committee. Call 929-5535 to get involved. Also, CCRF plans to rename Corporate Action. We invite your suggestions. Please see enclosed insert.

Acknowledgments

Following is a list of people and organizations that have donated memorials or honor gifts to CCRF between 3/92 and 6/94. Although we make every effort to ensure that each donor is properly recognized, omissions may occur. Please contact CCRF with any corrections.

GIFTS TO CCRF, March 1992 through June 1994

MEMORIALS

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald O. Gilmer

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