

Press Release

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Rezin Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Employees Donate Jean Day Money to the Kargle Family Dog Pax

Morris, IL- Wanting to help juvenile diabetes, a disease that has affected many, Rezin Orthopedics and Sports Medicine employees had an idea. Each Friday during the summer, employees of Rezin Orthopedics, Vital Care Physical Therapy and Deerpath Surgical Center donate money to wear jeans to work. In turn, Rezin Orthopedics then matches half of the dollar amount donated by employees. A designated Charity Committee then distributes the funds to local charities.

Knowing juvenile diabetes was on the mind of the Charity Committee, Dave James; Athletic Trainer with Vital Care Physical Therapy suggested the Kargle Family dog, Pax, a large Schnauzer to be the recipient of the money collected for July.

“I knew this family had a very specific situation,” James recalls. “Pax is not just a dog; she is a member of the Kargle family who has actually saved their daughter Mykaela’s life more than once.”

Mykaela was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at the age of five. As a result, her blood sugar level becomes dangerously low, which can result in seizures. Pax, the dog is able to detect through smell and alert when Mykaela’s level is low. “This was the perfect opportunity for us to help a local family where the money we raised could be contributed towards this amazing dog,” said Megan Borchers, Marketing Coordinator with Rezin Orthopedics.

An ice cream social was held at Rezin Orthopedics where the Kargle family was able to bring Pax to meet employees who contributed money towards her daily costs, which is much greater than an average dog. As Mykaela ate ice cream and counted carbohydrates, employees witnessed first hand how Pax works. Starting at Mykaela’s feet, Pax continuously smelled for the drop in her sugar level. “She never leaves her side,” Michael Kargle, Mykaela’s father said. “We are just so grateful to employees here at Rezin Orthopedics for taking the time out of their day to meet our family and Pax, and for thinking of Pax to be the Jean Day recipient.”

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