



Special Visit by Utica Comet's Hockey Player Delivers BIG Smiles!

It was the Wednesday before playoffs, and although most players were heading to lunch and preparing for the upcoming games, Utica Comet's player John Negrin was heading to Boonville, NY to sing to his newest friend, Owen, with the KEYS Program.

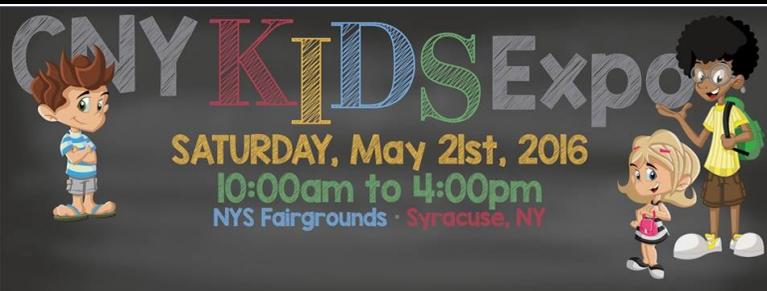
In January 2005, Owen was diagnosed with Tetrasomy 18p just days before his first birthday. Tetrasomy 18p is a genetic condition in which there are two copies of chromosome 18, creating an isochromosome that causes a wide range of medical and developmental problems. It's an extremely rare condition; in 2005, there were only two medical journal cases and less than 100 people in the world who had been diagnosed. Owen is the KEYS Program's 2015-16 KEYS Kids Ambassador.



After multiple episodes in the hospital these past couple of months, the Save of the Day Foundation partnered with the KEYS Program to help brighten Owen's spirits! Knowing Owen's love for music, they invited Negrin to share his musical talents with Owen. Not only did Negrin have a fun-filled afternoon with Owen and his family, but also wrote Owen his own song about all of the adventures they had.

A very special THANK YOU to John Negrin and the Save of the Day Foundation for partnering with the KEYS Program to deliver music and BIG smiles to Owen! After all...it's all about the smiles! ♥

CNY Kids Expo to Benefit the KEYS Program & Make-a-Wish!



We are thrilled to announce this year's CNY Kids Expo will benefit the KEYS Program and Make-a-Wish of Central New York!

This wonderful family fun day includes interactive exhibits, free demonstrations & workshops for the kids, bounce houses, face painting, famous characters and a whole lot more family fun!

Tickets are \$3 per person or \$10 for a Family Pack of four (4) tickets with proceeds benefiting the KEYS Program and Make-a-Wish of Central New York! Tickets are available at the door or in advance by visiting www.cnykidsexpo.com. Children one (1) year and younger will be allowed in without a ticket. Be sure to swing by the KEYS Program booth to meet our Smile Crew, sing-along with Donna the Troubadour and to get behind the wheel of our Smile Experience race car! See you at the #CNYKidsExpo!

KEYS Summer Music Camp

July 11 through 22, 2016

Music Camp meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 2 weeks from July 11 -22 at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 304 Broad Street, Oneida, NY!



♪ Empowerment Through Music Camp 9am-9:45am

Parents & their little ones are invited to join music therapist Cindy Legwaila for 45 mins of singing, instrument playing, movement & songwriting fun! *Recommended for kids ages birth to 3 years old.*

♪ Music Exploration Camp 9am-9:45am

Come join Mrs. B for a fun-fill 45 mins of singing, dancing, playing instruments and learning a tune on the piano too! *Recommended for kids entering Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1st grade.*

♪ "Play in a Band" Percussion Camp 9am-9:45am

Have you ever wanted to play percussion in a band? Here's your chance! Come explore & perform various styles of rhythms like rock, country, blues, reggae and more. Join us for 45 minutes of percussion fun with Amanda & Jenelle Yeoman! *Recommended for students entering 2nd to 6th grade.*

♪ Ukulele Camp 10am-10:45am

Amanda & Jenelle Yeoman will teach fun basic chords and techniques that will have each student playing songs on the very first day of camp! Don't have a ukulele of your own? No problem! We have plenty to share! *Recommended for students entering 3rd to 8th grade.*

♪ Voice & Recording Camp 11am-11:45am

Students will perform popular cover songs while learning basic vocal techniques from Amanda & Jenelle Yeoman. At the end of the session, each student will help create a recording of their song to take home and enjoy! *Recommended for students entering 2nd to 8th grade.*

Cost is \$90 if registered by **June 1st**—\$100 after June 1st

Call 363-6446 or go to www.theKEYSprogram.org to register TODAY!

What's Happening at KEYS!

- ◆ **May 21st** ~CNY Kids Expo 10am-4pm @ NYS Fairgrounds
- ◆ **June 11th** ~Smiles for Hope Quarter Auction, 12-3pm @ Remsen Fire House, Remsen
- ◆ **July 11-22nd** ~KEYS Summer Music Camp
- ◆ **July 30th** ~KEYS Float in Sherrill's 100th Anniversary Parade
- ◆ **August 28th** ~KEYS Smile Experience & Car Show 12-3pm @ Oswego County Quarter Midget Track, Volney, NY
- ◆ **September 10th** ~Get a team together and walk with us at KEYS annual Miles of Smiles Track Walk 5-9pm @ Oswego County Quarter Midget Track, Volney, NY

KEYS Receives Grant from Utica Comet's Save of the Day Foundation

The KEYS Program has been selected one of six charities to receive a grant from the Save of the Day Foundation! The grant award of \$15,000 will enable KEYS to brighten the spirits of children in the Mohawk Valley region who are facing life-threatening illnesses this year.

Throughout the past decade the Rob Esche "Save of the Day" Foundation has donated over a million dollars for children facing life-threatening illnesses and their families as well as 501c3 organizations supporting education, health and wellness, and fitness in the Mohawk Valley. The Save of the Day Foundation is proud to partner with the Utica Comets to further raise money for those in need through various efforts that have become common within professional hockey.

We are so grateful to partner with the Save of the Day Foundation to deliver music, hope and smiles to the brave superheroes we serve!♥



Music Therapy Services Now Available for Kids with Special Needs Too!

The KEYS Program has expanded its music therapy programming to provide individual services for children with various special needs, including autism. These new direct services are reimbursable by many programs including the Medicaid waiver program.

For more information, contact us at 315-363-6446 or keysprogram@msn.com!



Music Hub is Up & Rockin'!

Have you checked out our new "Music Hub" yet? Our "Music Hub" is a place where our KEYS kids can enjoy music 24/7 from anywhere and everywhere in the US and across the globe!

Go to www.theKEYSprogram.org/music_hub and check out some of the great songs, learn about the amazing artists who are donating their music to bring joy to our KEYS kids, and even enjoy some of the tunes yourself!

The "hub" is being updated daily with new songs, trivia and activities ...so be sure to tune-in often!♥

You're Invited to the Smile Experience & Car Show!

Mark your calendar for this year's *Smile Experience and Car Show* being held Sunday, August 28th, 2016 from Noon until 3pm at the Oswego County Quarter Midget Track, corner of Howard & Silk Road in Volney, NY! Admission is FREE!

C'mon out and cheer on our KEYS kids as they suit up into driver's suit and helmet and take to the track for lap after lap of smiles! This year, the awesome folks in the Oswego Co. Quarter Midget Club will have a car show, great food (for purchase) & raffles, while KEYS will provide music and entertainment for the whole family. Our KEYS kids will even be the judges for the car show, voting on best in show and more!

We hope you can join us to see some BIG smiles in action! ♥ #itsallaboutthesmiles

Donate a Smile or Two!

All of our music outreach, family respite days and sibling support programs for kids battling cancer & serious illnesses are provided at no cost to the families we serve. We depend on wonderful donors like YOU to make smiles possible throughout the year. Every \$20 you donate helps us to create another SMILE! If you'd like to help create smiles just once this year, or all year long, simply fill out the form below to make a tax-deductible donation today!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Business/Foundation Name (if applicable): _____

I Want to Create a Smile Today! ~ Number of smiles you would like to donate: _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

I Want to Create Smiles All Year Long ~ I'd like to create smiles all year long with a monthly pledge of \$ _____

Please make check payable to: KEYS and mail to: 308 Sherrill Road, Suite 100, Sherrill, NY 13461

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