

## Children and Youth Report ~ December 2008

### Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser

The Children and Youth Program has a special focus this year on the Children's Miracle Network. Fundraising for CMN is underway and I need all of your support to make this a success. There are bracelets for sale (\$2 each) to help support this program. Please be generous on behalf of our children. We need your unselfish help, support, and donations! The American Legion family is affiliated with 170 children's hospitals across the nation which provides quality health care to millions of children afflicted with various kinds of diseases. Let us all work together to accomplish our goals. If you would like to help, please send donations to the Treasurer (Lou Thompson). Please also send me an email [Elissa\\_swimordie@hotmail.com](mailto:Elissa_swimordie@hotmail.com) to let me know how many bracelets you have ordered! Please include the address you want the bracelets mailed to. I will snail mail the bracelets right away!

### Operation: Military Kids (OMK)

This program is the U.S. Army's collaborative effort with our communities to support children and youth of National Guard, Army Reserve, and Active Duty Families impacted by the Global War on Terrorism. The mission of OMK is to create networks of people to support "suddenly military" children and youth where they live, providing wide range of recreational, social and educational programs and other kinds of support for military youths living in civilian communities. One of the supports you may undertake is by sending Hero Packs to these "suddenly military" youths. Empty Hero Packs can be

obtained at no cost. You need to fill up these Hero Packs with suggested items given. Attached is the request form that can be submitted via fax, mail, or even email.