

Dr. Lory Schults Lady Skipper Regatta 2008

On August 23, the fifth annual Dr. Lory Schults Memorial Lady Skipper Regatta raised over \$100,000 for Lory's Place, the area's only grief healing and bereavement resource center for children and their families. The event consisted of a sailing regatta, raffle, and dinner auction held in memory of local physician, Dr. Lory Schults, who tragically died in an automobile accident in 2004.

We had twelve boats and over 100 women sailors who participated in the regatta race, chaired by Ken Zimmerman, Ron Schults, and Bob Basselman. The race winners: Spinnaker Division – *Wellenreiter V*, with lady skipper Katy Powers; Jib & Main Division – *First Light*, with lady skipper Bailey Carolla.

Under the leadership of Hilda Banyon, celebrations continued into the evening at the Vineland Center with an elegant dinner and spirited auction attended by over two hundred dedicated supporters who gave generously.

Thanks to the efforts of Frank Walsh, event raffle chairman, and everyone who sold raffle tickets our \$100-a-ticket raffle continued this year and raised \$20,000 to support our services.

Whether as a sponsor, donor, sailor, raffle ticket seller or purchaser, dinner guest, auction purchaser, or volunteer, thank you for contributing to the phenomenal success of our fifth annual *Dr. Lory Schults Memorial Lady Skipper Regatta*. We hope that you share in our joy as we watch Lory's Place continue to care for our community. Our program year has begun and hundreds of children and their families from Allegan, Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties in Michigan, as well as from Elkhart and South Bend in Indiana, are taking the courageous step of accessing the bereavement resource services of Lory's Place – at no charge. We couldn't do this without you.

Thank you to all of you who have supported Lory's Place in spirit, in effort, or in financial generosity.