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Transplant families to gather for Annual Transplant Reunion *Event to be held Saturday at Texas State Aquarium*

CORPUS CHRISTI – Logan Flores is wearing a little t-shirt that reads, “I contain recycled parts.” The 2 year-old kidney transplant recipient is unstoppable as he plays with his two older brothers at Driscoll Children’s Hospital’s Kidney Center. As he climbs in and out of chairs in the room, his mother, Jessica Sargent, says Logan started eating well recently, just seven months after his transplant.

Sargent, of Edinburg, travels regularly to Driscoll Children’s Hospital for Logan’s post-transplant care. She doesn’t mind the long drive anymore, saying she’s gotten used to it. One of the small comforts that Sargent has experienced throughout Logan’s ordeal is getting to know other transplant families.

She said she and her sons are excited about Saturday’s annual Transplant Reunion at the Texas State Aquarium. The event is designed for Driscoll’s transplant recipients and their families to come and enjoy some fun, food, games and fellowship.

“It’s neat to talk to the other parents,” Sargent said. “We’ve become friends with some of

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them. You can feel very alone under these circumstances; it's not like you can find someone off the street who is having the same experience."

Driscoll Transplant Coordinator Anita Rosales said more than 240 patients, family members and Driscoll staff are expected to be at the reunion this year.

"Our annual Transplant Reunion Party is a great way for patients and families to visit not only with each other, but also with the doctors, nurses and hospital staff that helped them through their transplant experience."

- What: Driscoll Children's Hospital Annual Transplant Reunion
- When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 17, 2010
- Where: Texas State Aquarium

About Driscoll Children's Hospital...

*"Improve the health of adults and you give them back their health...
Improve the health of children and you give them their life."*

Driscoll Children's Hospital is a 189-bed pediatric tertiary care center with pediatric specialists representing 32 medical and 13 surgical specialties offering care throughout South Texas, including Corpus Christi, the Rio Grande Valley, Victoria and Laredo. Each year, more than 100,000 children receive care through Driscoll, including the 40,000 patients seen at South Texas' first emergency room created specifically for pediatrics.

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