

ELWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

7th Annual Golf Tournament

TO BENEFIT THE EVFC AND

Maria Elisabetta Maione

On June 1, 2006, a beautiful baby girl was born to Giovanni and Angela Maione. Maria Elisabetta changed her parents lives forever. She is their first child. During her short stay in the hospital, Maria was given a newborn hearing screening. The morning Maria was to come home, the pediatrician came in and informed her parents that Maria had failed the newborn hearing screening. Giovanni and Angela decided to follow up with Children's Hospital to have Maria's hearing examined more closely. Her parents were devastated hearing the results of Maria's hearing test that determined she was hard of hearing and that hopefully hearing aids would be a fix-all for her condition. Her mother immediately called the insurance company only to find out that hearing aids are not covered by the insurance company. When Angela stressed that her daughter needed hearing aids to develop speech, she was told by the insurance representative that, "We have American Sign Language for people who can't hear." Maria's hearing loss is caused by a genetic defect that neither of her parents knew they carried. Connexin 26 is responsible for 20% of deafness in children. There is approximately a 3% chance of being a carrier and Maria received the mutated gene from both parents. Maria is a loving and outgoing child who can't help but bring smiles to everyone's face. She is not only a joy to her mother, but she is daddy's little girl. She is the curly haired



baby with big blue eyes who everyone adores. Your support will guarantee that Maria can continue to hear and develop speech. Maria will need new hearing aids every 3-5 years. She needs new ear molds at least three times a year. Hearing aids cost thousands of dollars, not to mention the cost of ear molds and speech therapy every week. The insurance company covers not one of these expenses. Currently, Giovanni and Angela are still taking their son, Francesco, back and forth for hearing tests as he also failed his newborn screening. We are awaiting his results. The audiologist believes that Francesco has a high frequency hearing loss, which would require hearing aids as well. As of now, Maria still is not talking, but she receives therapy every week and her parents, grandparents, extended family and friends, and her Nonno in heaven are all helping her along the way.

When: Saturday, October 4th, 2008
 Raindate: Saturday, October 18th
Time: 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
Where: Green Tree Golf Course
 Mays Landing, NJ

Gold Sponsor - \$1,000 = Only sign located at specified hole.

Silver Sponsor - \$500 = Shares sign location with one other sponsor.

Bronze Sponsor - \$250 = One sign. **\$100** = Associate sign.

• **COOKOUT** • **DOOR PRIZES** • **BEST SCORE**

• **LONGEST DRIVE** • **CLOSEST TO THE PIN** • **PLUS MORE**

\$75. Per Person
 Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch

For further info. contact **Bill Kennedy at 561-4738**

Donations and checks can be made payable to:

EVFC Charity Golf Tournament, Elwood Vol. Fire Co., P.O. Box 223, Elwood, NJ 08217

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REGISTRATION FORM

Sponsorship: Gold _____ Silver _____ Bronze _____ Associate _____

Name (as it is to appear on sign):

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment: _____

Player Registration (individual or foursome):

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Name 3 _____

Name 4 _____

Name 1 _____

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Name 4 _____

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Name 3 _____

Name 4 _____

Payment _____ \$75 per player

Includes: Greens Fees, Cart, Lunch, & Soda, Plus More!