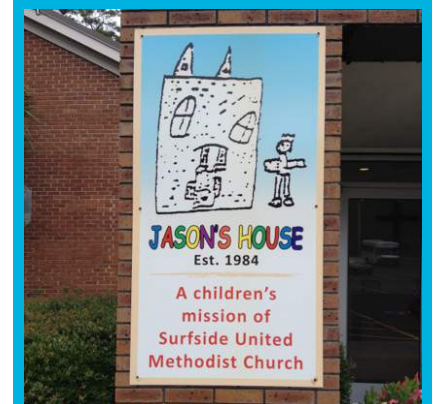


# JASON'S HOUSE



If you drive by the Surfside Beach (SC) United Methodist Church on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon from May through August you may hear some unexpected sounds and see some strange goings-on. The sounds will be of high-powered engines revving as if in a race. The sights will be of various colored sleek sports cars weaving around in the church's parking lot. Is this an illegal mini-gran prix taking place during the height of tourist season at a church? Nope...it's just the Grand Strand Corvette Club giving rides to terminally ill children. The Surfside United Methodist Church sponsors Jason's House, a program that brings the families of terminally ill children to Surfside Beach for an all-expense-paid week of fun-in-the-sun. Room, board, and a week of miniature golf, go-carts, movies, eating-out, shopping, and all the wonders of Myrtle Beach, are provided by The Church, generous businesses, and concerned citizens. The result, as voiced by many of the participating families, is a chance to have some fun, be a family again, and forget, if even for just a week, the horrors of living with the illness that has so affected their lives.







The Grand Strand Corvette Club, a 50 member group that is less than 5 years old, is proud to be a participant in this most worthy project. The mini-gran prix, described above, is really the club members taking the children for rides in their 'Vettes as a part of Registration Day. While the parents are completing paperwork and getting their itineraries and vouchers for the week, GSCC members are giving their kids a small thrill by hot-dogging around the parking lot amid the roar of engines and the occasional squeal of tires. The rides only last a few minutes, but the smiles and the memories, according to parental reports, last all week. Some of the members provide small souvenirs like pins or caps or Corvette models to keep the memories alive even after the kids return home.

The GSCC also supports Jason's House with a monetary contribution. For the past two years, the club has sponsored a car show and invited all local motor-heads to participate. Despite rain-outs and cold days, there have been two successful car shows. Last year there were 45 cars on display and the show generated about \$500 in profit, all of which was donated to Jason's House. The members later voted to add another \$500 to the donation from the club treasury to make the total support an even grand. You can see from the pictures that both the kids and the members were thoroughly enjoying themselves and on several different levels. The Grand Strand Corvette Clubs hopes to continue our association and support of Jason's House for many years to come!

