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ater's Heroes is an annual charity  
event in honour of the late

and businesses. Come join us and  
show these great kids your support  
support.



GEORGE, A LITTLE BOY IN THE RACE, SAW ME AND WANTED TO BE MY FRIEND. AFTER INTRODUCTIONS THEY CAME ACROSS A TRAIL IN THE FOREST: "THIS IS HEARTLAND FOREST" GEORGE SAID AS THE FROG LEAPED INTO THE TREES.

WE HAD FUN ALL AFTERNOON, I STILL WONDERED HOW I WOULD RETURN HOME BUT HANGING OUT WITH THEM WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HAD FUN IN FOREVER.

WE CAME ACROSS A LEMONADE STAND RAN BY A RATHER LARGE TURTLE AND GEORGE ASKED IF HE HAD ANY GRAPES.

"YES, I DO" SAID THE TURTLE AS HE HANDED OVER SOME TASTY GREEN GRAPES.

WE ALL HAD A PICNIC IN THE FOREST AND THE TURTLE DECIDED TO JOIN GEORGE, THE MAGIC FROG, AND I ON OUR ADVENTURE. HE TOLD US OF A SHIP HIDDEN SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THE FOREST THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET ME HOME SO WE DECIDED WE'D FIND IT TOGETHER.

JUST THEN, THE TURTLE AND FROG STARTED RACING EACH OTHER THROUGH THE FOREST BUT THE FROG WAS MUCH TOO FAST FOR THE TURTLE AND BEAT HIM BY AT LEAST 40 STEPS.

THE FROG HAD STOPPED RIGHT IN FRONT OF A BOARD THAT HOVERED SLIGHTLY OVER THE GROUND. IT WAS PAINTED WITH FLAMES AND HAD A COOL SOUND BUZZING FROM IT. IT LOOKED LIKE THE STUFF MY SHIP WAS MADE OUT OF AND I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD USE THIS TO GET HOME.

I TRIED TO USE THE HOVER BOARD BUT IT WOULDN'T BUDGE FROM ITS SPOT. A WOMAN CAME OUT FROM BEHIND THE TREES HOLDING A BUNCH OF RED BEANS. "THESE ARE MAGICAL BEANS" SAID THE WOMAN. "BUT IN RETURN FOR THESE BEANS AND MY HOVER-BOARD, I WANT TO RIDE YOUR FRIEND, THE MAGICAL FROG".

THE FROG WAS MORE THAN HAPPY TO GIVE THE WOMAN A RIDE; HE LOVED HOPPING THROUGH THE TREES AND ONTO THE ROCKS.

AFTER A FEW LAPS AROUND THE WOMAN GOT OFF THE FROG AND HANDED US THE BEANS.

“EAT THESE AND THE BOARD WILL BE AT YOUR COMMAND.”

WE WERE TOLD THAT WE HAD TO WAIT A FEW HOURS BEFORE IT WOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO LIFT ME THAT HIGH. I WAS WILLING TO DO WHATEVER IT TOOK TO SEE MY FAMILY AGAIN SO I ATE THEM WITH NO HESITATION.

SINCE WE HAD TIME TO WASTE I DECIDED TO TEACH THE WHOLE GROUP HOW TO SPEAK AND READ MY LANGUAGE.

WHEN THE BEANS GAVE ME ENOUGH POWER I JUMPED UP AND THE BOARD BEGAN TO TAKE OFF. AS IT FLEW HIGHER I LOOKED BACK AT MY NEW FRIENDS AND PROMISED I'D VISIT NEXT YEAR IF I COULD. I WROTE THIS NOTE BECAUSE I WANTED LET YOU KNOW THAT THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE WAS THE DAY I MET GEORGE, THE TURTLE, AND THE MAGICAL FROG AT HEATERS HEROES.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

ZYRG, THE MARTIAN CHILD.

## **WHAT IS HEATER'S HEROES?**

**HEATER'S HEROES IS AN ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT IN HONOUR OF THE LATE ROBERT "HEATER" LAVELLE WHO THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE WAS DEDICATED TO HELPING LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED. MIKE STRANGE WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF HEATERS AND CONSIDERED HIM A MENTOR, SO TO CONTINUE HEATERS LEGACY MIKE FOUNDED HEATER'S HEROES IN 2011.**

**HEATER'S HEROES MANDATE IS TO HELP LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED (THE HEROES) NOW, TODAY, WITH THE HELP, SUPPORT, AND GENEROSITY OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BUSINESSES.**

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