

## The Miracle Mustang

The miracle mustang was donated to us by Bela and Eva Buncozy in honor of their son Mark. Mark was diagnosed with liver cancer at age 14. The cancer eventually moved to mark's lungs and to his bones and he succumbed to the cancer on December 19, 1993 at age 16.

After Mark's diagnosis, he and his father decided they would like to rebuild a classic mustang. Together they chose a 1965 mustang with their goal to have it fully restored by the time Mark was a senior in high school. When working on the car they were able to forget their troubles and it brought Mark and his family a great deal of joy. They did finish the car and Mark was able to drive it once in the parking lot of a high school with Bela but by that time the cancer had progressed and Mark was already very sick. Mark never got the chance to drive the mustang by himself. After Mark passed away the mustang sat in the garage for the next two years. The sight of it was now more of a reminder that Mark was gone and no longer brought the family any joy.

Since Mark was a little boy he always wanted to become a doctor. When he realized that he would probably never become a doctor he said he wanted to become a healing angel. He wanted to help kids who were in as much pain as he was in and who dealt with incurable diseases. A friend of the family approached them with information of an upcoming auction for the cancer foundation and the idea of Mark's mustang being an item that they could auction off to raise money for the foundation. Bela and Eva decided this would be a wonderful way for Mark's mustang and Mark to help other children and honor him memory. It turns out this was only the beginning for Mark's journey.

At this time Bela and Eva said goodbye to the car and went on with their lives. A couple of years later Bela came home from work and looked through the classifieds. This is not something Bela made a habit of, he never did it, but that day he just happened to. In the paper he saw a 1965 mustang for sale in perfect condition and he just knew



it was Mark's car. To this day he will tell you he doesn't know how he just knew. Bela made arrangements to see it the next day. When Bela and Eva drove up to the sellers house and saw Mark's car sitting there in the driveway they were overwhelmed. The seller told them the story of the car and how he had won it in

a raffle to benefit kidney cancer research. It turns out that Mark's mustang, after originally being purchased for \$15,000.00 at the auction that Bela and Eva had donated the car, was then donated back to the cancer foundation. The cancer foundation then used it in another fundraiser that raised an additional \$25,000.00. That purchaser then donated the car to the kidney foundation where it raised more than \$20,000.00 for their kidney research. Mark's car had raised over \$60,000.00 for cancer research.

Mark had indeed become the healing angel that he had aspired to be. Bela and Eva did purchase the mustang from the seller and it was quite a healing process to learn that their son who wanted to give back and help others as he was helped was given the chance to do just that. Having the mustang back brought the family great joy. Mark had come home to heal his family now. Bela and Eva have enjoyed the car for many years but now feel it is time for Mark to move on and continue his work as a healing angel. That is why they have donated the car to

us here at the MSUD Research Foundation to help us raise money for our cause and help our child. It is hard to put into words our gratitude for this generous gift and to be a part of this amazing story. We want to thank the Buncozy family with all of our hearts and are working very hard to add the next chapter to this story, which truly is a miracle.

