

# Pattie Petty

FEATURED SPEAKER



Kyle and Pattie chat with kids at Victory Junction

## CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION APRIL 20 & 21, 2010

Pattie Petty, the wife of NASCAR driver Kyle Petty is a woman of compassion, determination and foresight. She is the founder and CEO of Victory Junction Camp and the keynote speaker for the Center for Women in Transition's Spring gala fundraisers April 20 and 21. She has been a partner in her husband's well known racing career and Pattie is the driving force behind the Camp.

"I'm honored that you have chosen me to speak to such a strong and empowering audience. I see a clear parallel between the missions of our two organizations. The Center for Women in Transition provides a safe place where women facing the challenges of abuse and violence find dignity, kindness and respect. Victory Junction strives to provide these same feelings to children who are facing the challenges of chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses through the camping experiences we provide," states Petty.

Victory Junction Camp serves children with chronic medical conditions. Campers and families benefit from the feelings of empowerment and independence that are fostered through the camp experience. After the loss of her son, Adam Petty in 2000, Pattie channeled her grief to a greater cause-fulfilling Adam's dream to provide children with chronic medical conditions and serious illnesses a haven of normalcy and life-changing experiences. More than 12,000 children have experienced the camp. In February of 2008 it was announced that a new camp was planned for Kansas City, to serve children and families from the Midwest. The camp is free to every single child and Pattie's fee for speaking at these events will cover the cost of four campers.

In addition to her leadership role at Victory Junction, Petty served as a board member at Brenner Children's Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C. and is a past president of the Sprint Cup Racing Wives Auxiliary. Pattie and her husband were recognized as one of WebMD's Health Heroes. She also served on the board of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride. Pattie Petty has a Master's Degree in Child Developmental Psychology and an undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Development.

"We are proud to have Pattie Petty share her remarks with the audiences about being a mother, wife and philanthropist. We are aware of the enthusiastic NASCAR audience in the Midwest and know that many businesses that are automotive related will be eager to participate in her visit to West Michigan," states Charisse Mitchell, executive director of the Center for Women.

Corporate Sponsorship packages are available and tickets will be on sale in February to the general public. Cost for the **Reach for the Stars** dinner auction is \$100 per guest and the event will be held at Laketown Conference Center in Saugatuck. The **Making a Difference** luncheon will be at Covenant Life Church in Grand Haven and the cost is \$50 per guest. Corporate sponsorship packages and information is available by calling 616-494-1756.