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"Paint The Town Green" becomes a huge success

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Nearly \$500 was raised as the weather cooperated and families and shoppers turned out for what is now being called the 1st Annual 'Paint The Town Green' Family Fun Day at the Shops at Avon Green in Avon, CT. Saturday, May 17th saw children of all ages bouncing all day long in the bouncy castle, creating colorful magnets at the craft table with Olivia Hanzel of the Farmington Valley Arts Center and posing as princesses, fairies and firemen for celebrated photographer Kevin Milhaly of Milhaly Portrait Design in Avon. Parents and



children alike enjoyed delicious pizza from First and Last Tavern.



"It was a wonderful day," said Karin Leite,

A lovely fairy princess, Ava Lynch, 3, of Avon, CT, poses for photographer Kevin Milhaly of Milhaly Portrait Design in Avon. at Shops at Avon Green's 1st Annual 'Paint the Town Green' on Saturday May 17th.

owner of Over the Moon, a children's fine apparel shop. "The weather couldn't have been more perfect and this Green is such a beautiful location for a family event like this."

"Kids and families had fun but they also brought lots of canned goods for the Gifts of Love food pantry," says event organizer Alicia Bell of Mariel the shoe bar. "We think it is very important that kids learn at an early age to help give back to their community and they did on Saturday!"

Gifts of Love serves families who are facing a short-term crisis in their lives; the loss of a job, reduced work hours, illness, divorce, death of a mate and domestic abuse but do not qualify for government support. In just the last few years alone, the non-profit organization has given more than \$300,000 per year in assistance, but according to their management, rent, electricity, gas, insurance and other costs all add up and to be chosen as the beneficiary of this event is very meaningful.

In addition to the Farmington Valley Arts Center, participating businesses at The Shops at Avon Green include: Bangle & Clutch, Finula's, J. McLaughlin, Madison Shop, Mariel the shoe bar, Over the Moon and Venus Salon.

For more information about the event or Shops at Avon Green please call Mariel the shoe bar @ (860) 470-0018 or log onto www.marieltheshoebar.com or Over the Moon @ (860) 676-9599.

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