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THE BRODY YOUNG AWARD

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For years, Envirospec owners John and Shelley Allison have given to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Tampa, Florida, but had never actually met anyone who had benefited from the charity – until September 11, 2012.

Jason Young, owner of Troika Cleaning and Restoration, LLC, in Blackfoot, Idaho, decided to make the trek to Envirospec's warehouse in Homerville, Georgia, in order to help put together his new \$5,000.00 Allison Iron Horse Pressure Washer that he had just purchased.

Jason – whose company travels across the U.S. cleaning commercial buildings – had been purchasing equipment, parts and cleaners from Envirospec for about seven years. However, he found he had a lot of questions when it came time to buy a new machine.

"I wanted to make sure I purchased the right equipment," he explained. "So John invited me to come to Georgia and help build the machine myself. That way I'd know what I was getting, and also know how to fix it if it ever broke down."

During the two days Jason was there, he thanked John and Shelley for their support of the Shriners, the organization that had changed his son Brody's life.

Brody Young: In 1998, when Jason and Becky had an ultrasound of their first

child, they learned that their baby boy had club feet, a congenital deformity where the feet are turned inward and without treatment, causes an affected person to walk on their ankles or sides of their feet or spend the rest of their life in a wheel chair.

"Of course, we had no idea what 'club feet' meant or what the treatment options were at that time," said Jason. They also had never heard of the Shriners. However, the Shriners had heard of Jason and Becky. Before Brody was even born, a Shriner representative called the Youngs and said they wanted to help their baby boy. The Shriner Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah took the newborn Brody in, placed casts on his feet until he was big enough for surgery. At around age four months, the Shriners hospital performed reconstructive surgery on both of Brody's feet. The Shriners also paid for the Youngs to stay with their son at the hospital, and will continue to provide free follow-up care for Brody until he turns 18. In all, the Shriners have provided the Young family with hundreds of thousands of dollars in assistance.

Today, at age 14, Brody shows no signs of his early malformation. In fact, he is a starter on his school's basketball and football teams, is an active Eagle Scout, and "has a heart of gold."

Before allowing Jason to leave Homerville, John and Shelley insisted on treating him to lunch, saying that they had a special surprise. The Allison's friend and Shriner representative, Bill Vest, met them for lunch and

presented Jason with the Brody Young Award – a \$5,000 gift given to the Shriners hospital by John and Shelley in honor of Brody, Jason and Becky Young. Each year, the Allisons plan to "take this same journey so we can help pay a debt that was never asked to be paid," said John. "We now know the gift will help another child just like Brody Young."

"At that point, John and Shelley no longer had just another loyal customer," Jason said. "They had a good friend."

Jason concluded by saying "we need more people like John and Shelley." He added that he "highly recommends" Envirospec to anyone needing parts, machines or detergents. "They have always had my best interest in mind." and Brody's story is just one of many examples.

