COMMUNITY RADIO STATION TO HOST FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL FAMILY

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As a result of action by two Dublin business owners, Lanell and Sam Upshaw of KEQX Radio, an Erath County family facing tragedy will get some much needed help this Friday. Titled "*Money for Mikayla*," the Friday fundraising event at Stephenville's Tractor Supply Co. parking lot will allow area residents to contribute to the family in need from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Gain family brought their oldest daughter Mikayla home Tuesday after a six-week stay in the hospital. After being diagnosed with Alpers' Disease, a rare neurodegenerative disease, and undergoing surgery, doctors informed Mikayla's parents there was nothing left for them to do to help their four-year old daughter. Her parents, John and Dasa Gain, chose to bring her home to be comfortable. A local hospice agency will be helping the young parents and Mikayla.

According to Lanell Upshaw, this year has been a difficult one for Gain family, and they need support and love from the local community. The family needs help with basic day to day living due to the recent layoff of the father, John Gain. The local, community radio station, KEQX 89.7 Pure Country, aims to assist the Gain family by calling on the community to help.

According to Upshaw, the fundraiser will be an easy way to help a local family enduring heartbreak. "People can simply drive through the parking lot, never getting out of their car, and drop off any type of donation for the Gain family," Upshaw said. "It doesn't have to be a lot of money, but a lot of small donations will mean a huge difference in the life of Mikayla and her family."