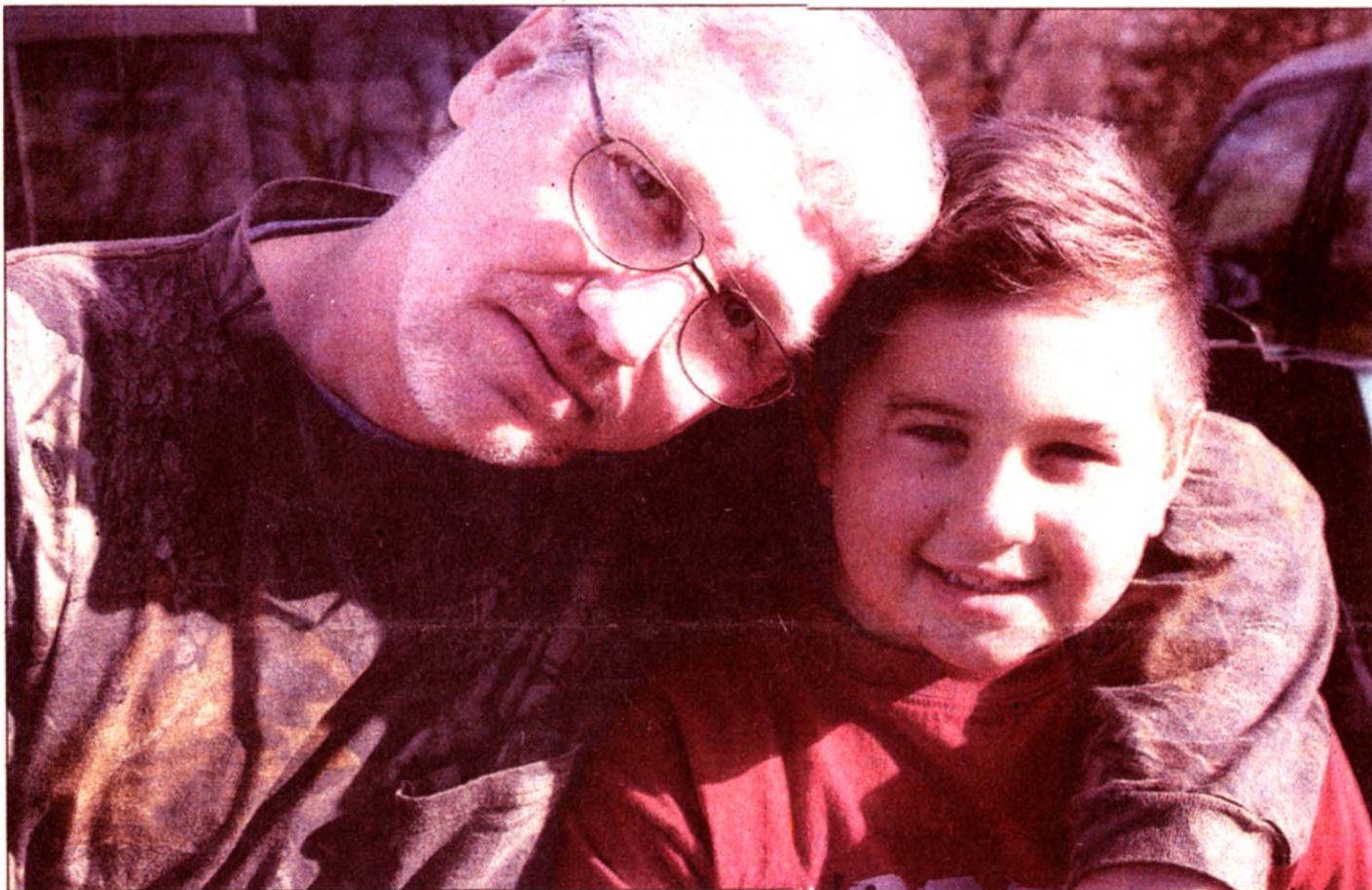


More than 200 turn out to play for the sixth annual Turkey Bowl



Dennis McGinnis, founder of Jason's Dreams for Kids, relaxes with Connor Halpin, 10, of Shrewsbury before the sixth annual Turkey Bowl. (STAFF PHOTO: ADENA STEVENS)

Football game helps grant wishes

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A few hundred men gobble up some points while dishing out some cash to benefit Jason's Dreams for Kids, the non-profit organization based in Red Bank.

About 240 men played tag football during the sixth annual Turkey Bowl, as a way to raise funds for Jason's Dreams

for Kids, which is devoted to granting wishes to children diagnosed with catastrophic or life-threatening illnesses.

"The first year we had the games, we didn't make any money," said Adam Kazalski, a Little Silver resident who organized the bowl games.

Six years ago, the bowl consisted of four teams with a roster of 15 men. This year, there were 16 teams.

"This year, we should make more than \$30,000," he said.

The Turkey Bowl was held Nov. 27 at Thompson Middle School in Middletown.

"We are here just to give a little back," said Joe Aretino of Eatontown, who was one of the officials at the games.

Aretino is a member of the Shore Group Football Officials Association, Central Jersey chapter. The officials at the game were there just to keep time of the games. The men were paying on the "honor system," he said.

"We read an ad in the paper four years ago," said George Woodford of Colts Neck.

He and a group of his friends have been participating in the match games since that time.

"We look forward to this," he said. "It's all about the kids."

Middletown resident Dennis McGinnis started Jason's Dreams for Kids a few

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