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MEDIA ADVISORY

Cookout Will Raise Money For 12-Year-Old Shooting Victim

Ald. Ashanti Hamilton will host a charity cookout event tomorrow (Saturday, July 7, 2007) to help raise money to pay medical costs incurred by 1st District resident **Rahjeen Mitchell** and her family. Twelve-year-old Rahjeen is now home from Children's Hospital after being struck in the forehead by a bullet outside her home on June 13. An 18-year-old male friend of Rahjeen's family has been arrested for the shooting, which occurred during an altercation he reportedly had with a 15-year-old male.

Rahjeen was originally thought to have a life-threatening wound, and Ald. Hamilton said doctors have been amazed by her recovery. "But Rahjeen's miraculous recovery has come at a very high financial cost to her family, and she's still facing a lot of therapy and a lengthy recovery period," Ald. Hamilton said. "I really hope people will get a chance to come out tomorrow and rally around Rahjeen and her family."

A fund to receive donations has also been set up in Rahjeen's name at M&I Bank.

WHAT: Charity Cookout
WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday, July 7
WHERE: 5025 N. 28th St.

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