

Randy, played by Falls/Lenox third-grader Alex Bolton, gets buttoned up to go outside by his mother, played by Elizabeth Ann Townsend, on the set of "A Christmas Story" at the Bolton Theatre.

Holiday Hop on Saturday benefits Children's Home

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BEREA — Two local restaurants are tapping into holiday spirit, collecting gifts for youngsters at Berea Children's Home.

Cornerstone Brewing Co. and Mike's Bar and Grille are teaming with Luna Marketing Inc. for the annual Holiday Hop beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Participants buy a \$20 ticket and bring along a wrapped gift — a wish list is available at bchfs.org/makeagift. By purchasing a ticket, each person receives one pint of

the special brew being tapped at each location, hors d'oeuvres, brewery tours, entertainment, a commemorative pint glass for the first 65 people, and a warm, fuzzy feeling knowing they've helped give the gift of Christmas to a child.

Erik Rothschiller, manager of Cornerstone, said Christmas is the perfect time to support a community that has been supportive of Cornerstone.

"What better way to do that than around the holiday by giving gifts to a bunch of kids and families that need it," he

said.

The event starts hoppin' at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone where a keg of Xmas Ale and an Old Ale with oak chips will be tapped. Hoppers can enjoy caroling and a visit by Jolly ol' St. Nick.

Then at 4 p.m. everyone will hop on over to Mike's for another tapping of South of the Border Porter complete with another round of hors d'oeuvres and caroling. Participants are encouraged to dress in festive garb such as a Santa suit, Mrs. Claus, elf, reindeer, present or a tacky '70s sweater.

Alex Petrus, vice president of advancement at Berea Children's Home and Family Services, said he is grateful for the generosity of the three businesses.

"In the current troubled economy where so many of the children and families we serve are struggling to make ends meet, the generous donations from strangers may be the only gift they receive this year. Their charitable support means more now than ever, and we are very thankful for their support," he said.

Tickets are available at Cornerstone and Luna.

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