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## Courteney's Cause For The Kids

**LOS ANGELES (August 15, 2006) -- Drag queen bingo can get a little raunchy and there are many chuckles. But as a father of three healthy little girls, *Access Hollywood's* Billy Bush found somber moments in between the laughs on Monday night, because the irony is, it raised money for a heart-wrenching disease called EB.**

**Courteney Cox invited Billy to get to know more about the cause that is so close to her heart.**

**It's called Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) and it's a genetic, life-threatening disease of the skin affecting 100,000 children in the U.S.**

**Courteney told Billy the kids are called "butterfly children" because their skin is as fragile as a butterfly's wings.**

**"No one knows about this, we have to get people to learn. It's rare, but it's out there and it's terrible," Cox said of EB. "Kids are born without a layer of skin or a gene that binds two layers of skin together."**

**And the result is blistering. The slightest touch can cause serious wounds.**

**Andrea Joseph, a close friend of Courteney, has a two-and-a-half year old son, Brandon, who has EB.**

**"I know he's got abrasions and bruises on his legs. How easy can that happen," Billy asked Andrea (pictured above with Brandon and Courteney) about her son.**

**"Very easily," she said. "It can be as simple as bumping up against something or rolling over in his bed. It actually can cause a tear and a blister in the skin."**

**Brandon is reason number one Courteney joined her famous friends – husband David Arquette, Reese Witherspoon, Rosanna Arquette, James Marsden, Holly**

**Robinson Peete, Skeet Ulrich, David Spade and many more – taking to the Comedy Store stage to focus the spotlight on the kids and at the same time, raising \$200,000.**

**All proceeds will go to EB research in the hopes Brandon and others afflicted with EB can have a normal life.**

**"His feet are the worst. They are constantly bandaged," Andrea explained about Brandon. "We sort of have resigned ourselves to what he will be able to do, which is a lot of things, but there are other things he won't be able to do, like be on a baseball team or play football."**

**"Never?" Billy asked.**

**"Unless he's really padded," Andrea smiled.**

**And as a mom herself, Courteney knows she is fortunate to have children in good health.**

**"I feel I'm the luckiest person in the world. I feel really lucky and if there is something we can do to make this kid's life better later on so he doesn't have to [suffer]... besides your skin, this affects your esophagus. You blister everywhere. It's so intense," Courteney said.**

**Courteney also serves as the spokesperson for Kinerase Skincare, who donated \$35,000 to the event, as well as 5 percent of all proceeds of the new Kinerase Skin Clear Collection and the new Kinerase Vitamins through the month of October sold at Sephora, Nordstrom, and Kinerase.com.**

**For more information on Epidermolysis Bullosa, visit [www.ebkids.org](http://www.ebkids.org).**