

Ryan's Newsletter



The Ryan McElroy Children's Cancer Foundation
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Children's Cancer Foundation

Raising Hope FROM Ryan's Way

We are officially operating out of Ryan's Barn! Our permanent home was officially finished last month and has become the Headquarters of Ryan's Foundation. We have been dreaming of this since the start of the foundation back in 1998 and cannot express how excited we are that it has finally become a reality. This new space allows Ryan's Foundation to make a huge expansion that has been in the works for almost two years now. We are expanding our services to reach beyond the financial "band-aids" we currently provide for families and become more of a place for healing and guidance while they battle life-threatening illnesses. Our last newsletter introduced Corrin Sternberg, Director of Operations and Child Life Specialist. Corrin will begin working with families alongside a per-diem social worker to help our families navigate this difficult and confusing time in their lives and support them along the way. Ryan's Foundation is in the process of creating multiple programs to serve our families' needs. All of these new and exciting programs are possible because of the love and support we have received from all of YOU who helped make Ryan's Barn a reality! Thank you! We are beyond blessed to officially say we are Raising Hope **FROM** Ryan's Way! Please NOTE our new address and phone number above**



This issue is dedicated to Ryan McElroy who would have been 22 this month

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Kids Can't Fight Cancer Alone

Childhood Cancer Facts

- 46 US children are diagnosed with cancer every single school day
- 1 in 285 children will get cancer before their 20th birthday
- More than 175,000 children are diagnosed every year
- A child is diagnosed with cancer every 3 minutes world wide
- Cancer is the #1 disease killer of US children under the age of 15 - More than AIDS, Asthma, Juvenile Diabetes, and Cystic Fibrosis COMBINED
- 1 out of 5 children will die of childhood cancer within 5 years of diagnosis
- Childhood cancer treatments increase the risk of secondary cancers and other chronic diseases in survivors
- The average age of cancer diagnosis in children is age 6
- The average length of treatment is 2 years
- The average age of death in children with cancer is age 8 - losing 69 years of expected life years
- The incidents of childhood cancer has Increased in the last 25 years
- Childhood cancers are Not just adult cancers in children – they are a whole different set of cancers, mostly with no known cause

How YOU Can Help

- Support by Wearing a Gold Ribbon
- Spread Awareness
- Do Your Research
- Ask Someone About It
- Give Strength
- Wear Gold
- Become a Bone Marrow Donor (<https://bethematch.org>)
- Donate to Ryan's Foundation



UPCOMING EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL CLIFFORD KIHLMIRE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2015 | 10:00 AM Dutchess Country Club

The Second Annual Clifford Kihlmire Memorial Golf Tournament is in honor of Clifford Kihlmire, father of Kevin Kihlmire; owner of the River Station Restaurant. This tournament is to "Remember a life, Save a Life" Proceeds benefiting Ryan's Foundation.

Sign in: 9:00am **Shotgun Start:** 10:00am **4 Person Scramble~ \$175 Per Person**

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Lunch Sponsor: \$1,000 includes foursome

Dinner Sponsor: \$1,500 includes foursome and dinner ticket for four

Tournament includes: Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Lobster Bake Dinner and One hour Open Bar at **The River Station!** Please make checks payable to Ryan McElroy Cancer Foundation. For details call Kevin Kihlmire: 845-452-9207

ANNUAL FALL TASTING

OCTOBER 8TH, 2015 | 6PM-9PM Poughkeepsie Grandview.

Taste fine foods with over fifty restaurants, wineries, and breweries from around the Hudson Valley! Enjoy the beautiful fall night with us to help continue our mission to never say no to a child with a life threatening illness.

Buy your ticket now; \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. **Vendors Needed!** Please contact Stephen Reverri for more information at sreverri@gmail.com

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Platinum Sponsor **\$5,000**

Large promotional sign recognition at the event

Name on all promotional material

Sponsor recognition on Ryansfoundation.org website promoting your company.

This includes a link to your company's website for 1 year

Complimentary tickets for 50

Gold Sponsor **\$2,500**

Sign recognition at the event

Name on all promotional material

Sponsor recognition on Ryansfoundation.org website promoting your company.

This includes a link to your company's website for 6 months

Complimentary tickets for 20

Silver Sponsor **\$1,000**

Sign recognition at the event

Name on all promotional material

Complimentary tickets for 10

Bronze Sponsor **\$500**

Sign recognition at the event

Complimentary tickets for 4

Hope Sponsor **\$100**

Special Thanks on our website

1 complimentary ticket

Corrin Sternberg
Director of Operations

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I want to help donation form



Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

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MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

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**PLEASE - HELP US REACH OUR GOAL
"NEVER SAY NO TO A CHILD"**

A \$100 contribution will cover transportation to a hospital.

A \$250 contribution will pay for food or utilities. A \$500 contribution will pay for lodging or rent.

A \$1,000 contribution will pay for a mortgage or medicines.

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