

Ryan's Newsletter



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Meet Our Newest Member

The newest member of Ryan's Foundation is **Corrin Sternberg**, Director of Operations.

Corrin was born and raised in Dutchess County, graduating from F.D. Roosevelt High School. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at the University of Delaware where she developed a passion for helping children with cancer and their siblings. This passion was expanded to include all children with traumatic health experiences during her child life internship at Vermont Children's Hospital. There she cultivated her love for working with siblings.

In the Summer of 2014, Corrin completed her Master's Degree in Grief and Loss Counseling and became a Certified Child Life Specialist. When she finished graduate school, Corrin was blessed to be presented with the opportunity to work with Ryan's Foundation. She has been running the day-to-day operations since late Fall 2014 and, while she loves administrative work, she can't wait for Ryan's Barn to open so she can start working with families as well.



When Ryan's Barn opens later this summer, Corrin will be meeting with children and families as Ryan's Foundation no longer cares strictly for families' economical needs, but their psychosocial needs as well. Corrin's interaction with children and families will not only be pivotal for the foundation's growth, she will have the opportunity to integrate her Child Life and bereavement knowledge and passion into

helping these families. Using her passion for both Child Life and bereavement in this way to assist children with life - threatening illnesses, their siblings and their families as a whole is an exciting and fulfilling prospect for both Corrin and Ryan's Foundation.

Corrin is honored to be a part of this amazing foundation and to help it grow to the next level.

She couldn't imagine a more wonderful organization or better people to work with. Corrin has always loved the Hudson Valley and having the opportunity to pursue her passion here is a dream come true. She couldn't imagine doing anything else and plans to be with Ryan's Foundation for a long time.

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PEOPLE WHO GIVE BACK: KELLY L. WALTERS, DMD

I am in my 7th year of practicing orthodontics in the Hudson Valley area. I grew up in LaGrange, New York and always wanted to come back to town and have my own practice. Three years ago, I moved my practice to a brand-new facility in Hopewell. Since then the practice has grown beyond what I could have hoped for. I have a wonderful, committed staff, most of whom have been with me since I started. We believe in providing our patients with extraordinary care, which means that patients not only get top-quality care, but they truly become part of our 'family'. We treat children of all ages, very often multiple siblings, and sometimes even their parents.

Because we are such a family-oriented practice, working with Ryan's Foundation just makes sense. I first heard of the Foundation through my hairdresser, Jen Paden. At the time, her son had received help through the foundation and she had so many positive things to say about her experience. Fast-forward several years, I now had a growing practice that was in a position to organize events for our patients, families, and friends, and at the same time to give back to the community. I immediately thought of Ryan's Foundation and how it was a great, local, community-based charity that serves local children in need, some of whom were even siblings of patients I had in treatment. I also was able to donate my services for auction to raise even more for the foundation.

Being successful goes well beyond making money; what is the sense of being able to buy things for yourself if you are not sharing your success with others? It has been so rewarding and meaningful to share the success of Dutchess Orthodontics with my community and, in particular, with Ryan's Foundation.

Every patient who has chosen to come to our office has truly contributed in some way because they have made it possible for us to not only give back, but to raise awareness for a foundation that concentrates on making

life just a little bit easier for children and families who need it most.

Dr. Walters' Bio

Dr. Walters obtained her Doctorate in Dental Medicine from the University of Connecticut and her Orthodontic Certificate from Montefiore Medical Center. Dr. Walters is a Board Member of the Dutchess County Dental Society, a member of the Junior League of Poughkeepsie, and a member of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Each year, Dr. Walters volunteers time to give dental education talks to local elementary school students. Dr. Walters is board-certified by the American Board of Orthodontics.

Her professional affiliations include the American Association of Orthodontists, the American Dental Association, the Northeast Society Of Orthodontists, the New York State Dental Association, the Dutchess County Dental Society, and the 9th District Dental Society. In 2006, she was inducted into the Dental Honor Society Omicron Kappa Upsilon, which recognizes members for both character and professionalism.

Dr. Walters lives in LaGrange and is married to Clint Walters, a local middle school teacher.

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GOOD NEWS CORNER

The **Clay Shoot** was a huge success last month at TMT Shooting Preserve. Thank you to all the shooters and trappers who came out to support us. Kevin Kihlmire and his crew from River Station Restaurant cooked, donated their time and the food, and did a fantastic job as always. Thank you to TMT Shooting Preserve's owners, Carol and Tom Mackin, for having us. Another great job by Carl Merritt, Art Hart, and their committee who made it an awesome day as always.

The **2015 Angels of Gold** was an amazing night. Thank you to everyone who participated; restaurants, volunteers, sponsors, and guests. The event was so much fun and we couldn't have asked for a nicer evening. A huge Thank You to the committee who worked so hard to make this year's event so unforgettable.

Healthy Smiles Family Fun Day was a great time again this year. Thank you to Valley Pediatric Dentistry, Dutchess Orthodontics, and Taconic Dental for sponsoring such a wonderful day for Ryan's Foundation. It was a fun day with entertainment, face painting, a photo booth, food, games, and raffles.

WE DID IT! A group of us participated in the half marathon at the Walkway over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie. Thank you to everyone who supported us. We reached our goal on our fundraising page. **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS.** Thank you to **Embroid Me** in Poughkeepsie for our shirts.

Ryan's Foundation paid a central hudson bill for a family so they don't have to worry whether they will be able to keep their lights on.

Ryan's Foundation paid a daycare bill for the sibling of a child with leukemia so that he doesn't have to spend his days at the hospital while his brother gets treatment.

Ryan's Foundation has provided wigs to two teenage girls this quarter so that they can continue to feel pretty while going through cancer treatment.



2015 CALENDAR

August 25-30 – 170th Dutchess County Fair. Stop in to see us in Building B.

September 21 – 2nd Annual Clifford Kihlmire Memorial Golf Outing. Dutchess Country Club.

October 8 – Annual Fall Wine Tasting Event at the Poughkeepsie Grandview.

Watch for more details in our next newsletter or go to our webpage for info on all of our events.

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RYAN'S ANGELS

Heaven gained another angel as we said goodbye to another cancer warrior this quarter.

We ask you to say a prayer for his family.

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