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IT TAKES A VILLAGE: HOW OUR NEIGHBORS CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEARCH FOR A CURE

BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS 5K

Brain cancer is often overlooked: not many organizations work to raise awareness of this deadly disease, and it rarely garners much attention from the press. But one group is planning to change that.

Aug. 22, 2015 was the date of the Second Annual Brain Cancer Awareness 5k, which took place in the heart of White Oak Park in White Oak, Pennsylvania. This year, 425 runners participated, up from 250 in 2014. The race organizers, who are in the process of forming a nonprofit group, share a common bond: either they or their loved ones have been treated for brain cancer at UPMC CancerCenter. Their positive experiences with our physicians, nurses, and other caregivers led them to form an organization to raise funds exclusively to support research at UPCI.

In 2014, the Brain Cancer Awareness 5k raised \$25,000 for research. On August 13, 2016, they hope to increase that number and educate even more people about their cause. To learn more about the group's mission, visit www.active.com/white-oak-pa/running/distance-running-races/brain-cancer-awareness-5k-2015.

STOMP OUT CANCER

Many of us have fond memories of our first teachers. In Evans City, Pennsylvania, the children of the Seneca Valley School District honor the memory of a beloved teacher every year by marching in an event called STOMP Out Cancer.

STOMP, which stands for Saule's Teddybear Official Memorial Parade, refers to Mrs. Linda Saule, who taught kindergarten for 17 years at Evans City Elementary. Her annual Teddybear Picnic was always a favorite event. She died of cancer in 2007 and is still greatly missed—but her influence lives on. Evans City Elementary and Middle School children devote one day every year to raising money and awareness in the hope of finding a cure. Iceburgh, the mascot of the Pittsburgh Penguins, joined the kids in 2014. During the parade, the children carry banners bearing the names of loved ones who have experienced cancer.

Last year, STOMP raised more than \$22,000, and, over the past eight years, the event has established an endowment of more than \$127,000. In 2009, the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized Evans City with its Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award. All proceeds from STOMP benefit UPCI. To learn more, visit www.svsd.net and click the Evans City Elementary link.

STAMPEDE IN THE PARK

On July 23, 2015, approximately 350 runners and 250 spectators came together in Boyce Park, in Plum, Pennsylvania, for the tenth annual Stampede in the Park, a 5k run sponsored by the Plum Running Mustang Alumni. The event raises funds for leukemia and lymphoma research at UPCI and Hillman Cancer Center.

Joe Ionta, who has coached the cross country team at Plum High School for more than 30 years, found out 10 years ago that he had chronic lymphocytic leukemia. This diagnosis spurred his group to create the event to raise funds for research.

This year's race was run in memory of Rachel Twigg, a former Running Mustang who passed away from osteosarcoma. In nine years, Stampede in the Park has contributed more than \$210,000 for cancer research.

HACKERS FOR HOPE

On May 20, 2016, approximately 200 golf enthusiasts will come together at the Longue Vue Club in Verona, Pennsylvania to raise funds to support cancer research and treatment. Hackers for Hope is a golf marathon event: up to 16 golfers solicit pledges and sponsorships and then play as many holes of golf as they can in one day. The event, which is open to the general public, ends with a dinner party featuring a silent auction and live entertainment.

Hackers for Hope is an event that grew from a gathering of longtime friends who had each experienced cancer among their loved ones and wanted to find a way to help others. They identified a specific program—the BRCA registry program at UPCI—and, in six years, have raised more than \$300,000 to support it. Children's

Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC also benefits; the event supports the hematology/oncology pediatric fellows program. For more information, visit www.hackersforhope.org/pittsburgh.

OTHER EVENTS

Many members of our community work to support cancer research at UPMC CancerCenter and UPCI, and we sincerely appreciate their contributions. Here are a few organizations that have dedicated their time and talents to the ongoing search for a cure:

- **Pink Pamper** (*women's cancers*)
Information: 412-855-6822
- **Denise's People** (*brain tumor research*)
Information: 724-482-2984
- **Maple Lane Farm** (*nurse education fund*)
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- **Woiner Foundation: 3-2-1 Ride** (*melanoma program*)
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- **Ladies Hospital Aid Society** (*various programs*)
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- **Carnegie Mellon Athletics** (*breast cancer research in memory of Cynthia Lackner*)
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- **A Glimmer of Hope** (*various programs*)
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- **Chris4Life** (*colon cancer*)
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- **Grant Channell Memorial** (*melanoma research; 21 years of support*)
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- **Tailgate for the Cure** (*cancer research*)
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