



## September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!



Did you know ...

In the U.S., childhood cancer is the number one disease killer of children, killing more children between the ages of one and 20 than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and AIDS combined. It is the second leading cause of death during childhood, exceeded only by accidents.

Did you know ...

Each year in the U.S., approximately 12,500 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer. That's the equivalent of two average size classrooms diagnosed each school day.

Did you know ...

The potential years of life lost to childhood cancer and the potential years of life saved by treatment exceeds all other cancers with the exception of breast cancer.

Did you know ...

Childhood cancer is not related to lifestyle choices as it is for many adult cancers, and there are no screening tests for most childhood cancers.

Did you know ...

Most children cannot be treated at a local hospital, and families must face the disruption of moving for treatment at a regional cancer center.

Did you know ...

In recognition and support of the patients, families, and professionals leading the fight against childhood cancer, Governor Rendell has proclaimed September 2005 as childhood cancer awareness month in Pennsylvania and recognizes the gold ribbon as the symbol of childhood cancer. He is encouraging all citizens to honor those young people who have lost their lives to this devastating disease and join the fight against childhood cancer in the Commonwealth.

Many of you have already joined our fight. Thank you! Please continue to help by wearing a gold ribbon this month. See <http://brianmordenfoundation.org/awareness.htm> for other ideas or contact me:

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*"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."*

Professor Dumbledore to Harry Potter in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling

*"It is better to light one candle than curse the darkness."*

Motto of the Christopher Society

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