



Fighting Childhood Cancer
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Newsletter

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Ride, Run, and Fun for Life: A Superheroes Carnival

Join the Brian Morden Foundation in celebrating our local superheroes: our survivors of pediatric cancer.

Save this date: **Saturday, May 23rd from 8:30 AM to 1 PM.** Bring your friends and family to Legion Park to join in the annual Ride, Run and Fun for Life. This year's event will be set up as a Superheroes Carnival. Carnival attractions will include:

- Live Superheroes and Dennie Huber, Master Balloon Artist – who will mingle with guests and be available for pictures
- Games and prizes for children of all ages
- Photo booth
- Bouncy House
- Bicycle ride (for amateur and seasoned cyclists)
- Walk/run events
- Digital and traditional scavenger hunts
- Discovery Garden and Kids' Kingdom Play Park

The event will also include a service opportunity: Carnival guests can lend a hand making cards and decorating gift bags for pediatric cancer patients.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Registration information can be found on our website: www.brianmordenfoundation.org. Carnival attendance fees for pre-registered guests are \$20 per person; \$35 per family. This pre-registration fee entitles you to participate in any and all events. You will also receive an event T-shirt and a delicious lunch. Call Cathy Chirdon at 946-3977 to pre-register.

We apologize, but we cannot supply T-shirts to guests who register the day of the event.

Supporting the Foundation: How You Can Help

The BMF always welcomes new hands on deck. Below are a few ways you can participate in Foundation activities:

In the very near future:

- Attend *Ride, Run and Fun for Life: A Superheroes Carnival*.
- Volunteer to help with games, prizes, or food for the Carnival.
- Donate money or supplies for the Carnival.

Contact Cathy Chirdon at 946-3977 or Dawn Morden at fdj@brianmordenfoundation.org to sign up to help.

For the long term:

- Donate to our Brian Baskets project. Volunteers on basket assembly days are especially welcome. Give time, supplies, or money as your circumstances permit. Baskets are delivered on major holidays, as well as to newly-diagnosed pediatric cancer patients in our area. (See related article, page 2 of this newsletter.)
- Donate money to the Foundation's scholarship fund. Talented graduating seniors can apply for and earn scholarships for post-secondary education.
- Donate money for pediatric cancer research. The Foundation reviews research opportunities and offers financial support to a chosen few.

Contact Dawn Morden at dmorden@verizon.net to learn more about the long-term opportunities to contribute.

Bikes, Trikes, and Things That Go

Join the fun at TLC's Kids Helping Kids Carnival

On Saturday, May 2, a bevy of budding riders will gear up for the 5th annual *Bikes, Trikes, and Things That Go!*, an action-packed, fun-filled fundraising event to be held from 10 AM to 2 PM – rain or shine – at First Lutheran Evangelical Church, 1401 Twelfth Avenue. The event will benefit children in need and the Brian Morden Foundation. TLC Childcare/School coordinates this event because, as their literature proudly states, “TLC not only cares FOR, but also cares ABOUT children.”

Entrance fee for the event is \$15/child. The fee includes:

For the kids:

- T-shirt for participants (guaranteed if registered before April 15)
- Hot dogs, drinks, snacks
- Supervised riding course
- Access to TLC's Play Park
- Bounce House
- Cookie decorating
- Master Balloon Artist Dennie Huber
- Fun on the Tumblebus

For the crowd:

- State Police Car Safety Seat Technicians
- Visitors from the Altoona Police Car and Bike Patrol
- Altoona Fire Department Fire Truck
- Other exciting *Things That Go*, including a Kubota ATV, a backhoe, and more.

Pre-registration before April 15 is strongly encouraged. Registration forms are available at TLC.

Easter Baskets Delivered

Brian Baskets for Easter have been decorated, filled, and delivered to children's hospitals in the region. These cheerful baskets lift the spirits of young patients, as you might expect, seeing the photo below.



Current Calendar of Events: Spring/Summer

EVENT	DATE	PLACE	TIME
Board of Directors Meeting	April 22	First Lutheran	6:30 PM
<i>Bikes, Trikes & Things that Go!</i>	May 2	First Lutheran	10 AM – 2 PM
Board of Directors Meeting	May TBA	First Lutheran	6:30 PM
<i>Ride, Run & Fun for Life</i>	May 23	Legion Park	8:30 AM – 1 PM
Board of Directors Meeting	June TBA	First Lutheran	6:30 PM
Card Organizing Work Days	TBA		