



Fighting Childhood Cancer
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Newsletter

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Go Gold in September!



As you enjoy the last month of summer, please think about joining the Brian Morden Foundation and many others as we participate in activities during September - National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – to help bring attention to the struggle too many children face as they battle cancer.

As the graphic above suggests, for many families, the need for awareness is every month; however, we especially hope you'll get involved this September along with others around the country.

Two important dates to remember:
September 12th – Kids Ride Nationwide - Rally in Harrisburg, PA 10AM-3PM
(see <http://www.kidsridenationwide.org/>)

September 25th – Gold Ribbon Game at Mansion Park, Altoona, PA – 7 PM

For more information email fdj@brianmordenfoundation.org

Giggles for Gabby

A comedy show benefit with headliner Chris Monty and featuring Rich Shultis and Adam Lucidi will be held on **August 21st at 8 PM** at the UVA club in Altoona. The show will benefit one of “our kids,” Gabby Colegrove, a soon to be 3 year old who is battling leukemia. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call “Barb” (814-942-0492).

A Superhero Start to Summer



Many Brian Morden Foundation Superheroes were saluted at our 11th annual Ride, Run, & Fun event at Hollidaysburg's Legion Park on May 23, 2015. Introductions were followed by the release of gold and purple sky lanterns in memory and honor of many who have or are battling cancer, creating a beautiful and touching sight.

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After the sky lanterns were released, cyclists, walkers/runners, and digital scavenger hunters went their separate ways. At 10:00 AM the Superhero Carnival began with Superman, Supergirl, Batgirl, a Teenage Ninja Turtle, a Jedi Knight, and of course, Spiderman all making an appearance and having pictures taken with participants. The photo booth was donated by First National Bank and The Film Center.



A bouncy house, card making for cancer patients, games and prizes and Dennie Huber, Master Balloon Artist, who donated his time and talent, along with the music and sound system donated by Damian Branas added to the fun.

At noon, a delicious picnic, donated by GIANT MARTINS, was served. In addition, information tables were set up by the BMF, the Griffith Family Foundation, Beauty, Brains, and Heart, and Jim Restauri, PSU. There was also a Silent Auction for various Baskets, and Brian Morden Foundation scholarship winners were announced. T-shirts were given to the more than 100 participants and volunteers. More than \$2300 was raised to help in the fight against childhood cancer.

On behalf of all the children who are helped by funds raised by this annual event, the Brian Morden Foundation would like to especially thank Cathy Chiridon, event chairperson, all the volunteers, businesses, organizations, and individuals whose generous contributions made the 2015 Ride, Run, and Fun such a success.



THANK YOU!!

Giant Martins, First National Bank, The Film Center, Thrivent Financial, Delgrosso's,

Dr. Crevecoeur, Surplus City, Sam's Club, Meadows in Hollidaysburg and Greenwood, Weis Market, Transport Workers Union, Altoona Family Dentistry, Mile Level Physical Therapy, Sweet Frog, Pleasant Valley Bowling, Kimberly's Konfections, D'Ottavios, 814 Party, Image Signs, Gazette Printers, Dennie Huber, Master Balloon Artist, Adam Buck, Safelite Auto Glass, Hollidaysburg Legion Memorial Park, Health First Chiropractic, Kane Trash Removal, Mailpro, ProActiv Sports, Hollidaysburg Borough Police Association, Duncansville Lutheran Church, Griffith Family Foundation, Damian Branas.

Kids Ride Nationwide

for Childhood Cancer Awareness is a one day event/campaign to be held on September 12, 2015. On this date children and adults will peacefully gather in front of every state Capitol building in the country. The goal is to raise public awareness of our government's severe underfunding of pediatric cancer research.

Upcoming Events:

- ♥ **August 21** – Giggles for Gabby
- ♥ **September 2015** – National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- ♥ **September 12** – Kids Ride Nationwide – Harrisburg, PA
- ♥ **September 25** – Gold Ribbon Game – Mansion Park, Altoona, PA

Four Brian Morden Foundation scholarships were awarded this spring/summer. More details will follow in September's newsletter.

The BMF could use help sorting greeting cards.

Interested? Email fdj@brianmordenfoundation.org or call Dawn at 814-946-9369.