



Fighting Childhood Cancer
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Newsletter

October 2015

October Opportunities

Make a Difference Day

The Brian Morden Foundation will again participate in *Make a Difference Day*. Please join us!

“This October 24th, millions of volunteers across the nation will unite with a common mission – to improve the lives of others. In its 24th year, Make A Difference Day is a USA TODAY initiative, backed by the Gannett Company and TEGNA Inc. In collaboration with Points of Light it is the largest national day of community service.”
From <http://makeadifferenceday.com>

Plan to help decorate and fill Halloween Brian Bags and Baskets for children with cancer at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Hershey Children’s Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and Janet Weis Children’s Hospital.



**WHEN: Saturday, October 24, 2015
9-11 AM**

WHERE: Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran

Erin Dodson Scholarship Fund Benefit

A Basket Raffle will be held at the AAHS Field House on **October 13th, 2015**, prior to the AAHS Girls Volleyball match versus Hollidaysburg. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Erin Dodson Scholarship Fund. The first match will begin at 6 PM.

The Brian Morden Foundation Board of Directors established the Erin Dodson Memorial Scholarship in memory of Erin and the work she did with children with cancer.



She was and is a star who will never be forgotten.

Candlelight Vigil

“A Night of Golden Lights” Candlelight Vigil for children with cancer has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lafayette Park in front of the White House.

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Cards Cheer

In addition to decorating and filling Halloween Brian Bags and Baskets, other volunteers will be sorting new unused Hallmark cards during *Make a Difference Day* at Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran. Cards continue to be given to PA Children’s Hospitals, local cancer survivors, and many local charitable groups.

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Golden Lights

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The Night of Golden Lights will feature live music and a speaking program. At 7:40 p.m., participants will proceed to the White House gates for the candle lighting.



If you are not able to attend in person, you can

also have your own vigil by lighting a candle at 7:40 PM in your time zone on October 17.

Go Gold Thanks

Thank you Altoona and beyond for showing support of children with cancer and their families during National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

- ♥ Altoona Area School District
- ♥ Honorary Captains for the Gold Ribbon Game – Illana Cecilia, Gabby Colegrove, & Tyler McCloskey
- ♥ Altoona City Council
- ♥ Leah, Timothy, Sean, Eddie and Ava
- ♥ Owen, Elliot and their parents
- ♥ Altoona Central Catholic School
- ♥ St. Rose of Lima Elementary School
- ♥ Everyone who purchased and/or wore a gold ribbon

Congratulations AASD winners of the “Go for Gold” competition. McAuliffe Heights Program at Irving Elementary won for the second time and AAHS won for the fourth consecutive year.

TOGETHER we raised awareness and more than \$5,800 to support Ewing’s Sarcoma and childhood cancer research. These funds will also help bring hope and love to patients and staff of pediatric oncology units in Pittsburgh, Hershey, Geisinger, and Philadelphia and to our local children including *Abigail, Kiera, Timmy, Isaiah, Owen, Erin, Jonah, Christina, Taylor, Diana, Austin, KateLynn, Alexis, Keiren, Kimmie, Abigail, Ariel, Isaac, Kaden, Paolo, Ryder, Zhane, Adias, Tyler, Illana, Dominick, Katelynn, and recently diagnosed children Sydney, Samantha, Gage, Gabby, and Bryce.*

Kids Ride Nationwide

Barbara Piper, Brian Morden Foundation board member, braved the rain with about 50 others in Harrisburg on September 12, 2015, for the Childhood

Cancer Awareness event in front of the state Capitol building. The main goal was to raise public awareness of



our government’s severe underfunding of pediatric cancer research. Given the weather, organizers felt this year’s event was a great start and they hope to have an even larger response next year.

Cards

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Interested in helping sort cards for various card ministries? Come to **Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 24th from 10 AM-1 PM.** A light lunch will be available for those volunteering thanks to supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial.

Upcoming Events:

- ♥ **October 13** – Basket Raffle for Erin Dodson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- ♥ **October 17** – The Night of Golden Lights, Washington, DC
- ♥ **October 24** – Make a Difference Day at Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - Brian Bags and Baskets 9 – 11AM
 - Hallmark card sorting – 10AM – 1PM
- ♥ **October 31** – Hollidaysburg Halloween Parade
- ♥ **November 29 & December 5, 6, 12, 13** – HIStory of Christmas at DELC