



Four Diamonds forum

Leukemia Cancer Survivor Receives Philanthropic Award

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals presented Katie Austin, a leukemia cancer survivor, with the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award on November 9, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in New Cumberland. Katie was recognized for organizing the first 12-hour Four Diamonds mini-thon at Lampeter-Strasburg High School in March 2005, which raised over \$24,000! This was the highest amount ever raised by a first-year Four Diamonds mini-thon. Even though this was a new concept for the school, the students and faculty embraced the cause and worked together to help make it an overwhelming success. Thanks to Katie's vision and leadership skills, a philanthropic spirit was generated throughout the school district, and the school board voted to make this an annual high school event.

Having cancer at the age of 12 was a challenge for Katie but she is quick to admit that she has no regrets. She has learned so much about herself and treasures the many wonderful friendships she has made along the way. Katie understands and appreciates the financial, medical, and emotional support she received from the Four Diamonds Fund while a patient at Penn State Children's Hospital and, in turn, finds ways to give back. She has one more mini-thon to oversee this year as a high school senior and then she will head to Penn State University as a freshman in the fall, where she is considering a major in kinesiology...and naturally, THON™!

Thank you, Katie, for not only making a difference, but also for BEING the difference.

Save the Date

February 4, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

The Liberty Ball - A Knight for the Kids
The Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

February 17-19, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

THON 2006
Rec Hall, University Park, PA

April 23, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

Post-THON Picnic
Shank Park, Hershey, PA

Wheels Will Be Turning in 2006 for Four Diamonds

In August of 1997, Elizabethtown resident, Jeff Schaeffer, began his own personal battle with cancer when he was diagnosed with testicular cancer at the age of 30. Today, Jeff is a cancer survivor and credits his recovery to a great medical team and the support of his family and friends. An avid cyclist, Jeff always wanted to organize a charity bicycle ride to help raise money for cancer patients, but just never found the right time. In 2003, his father and father-in-law were each diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, his father-in-law passed away in 2004, and his father recently lost his battle with this disease.

Jeff decided that it was time to stop talking about a fund-raiser and take action. His first attempt at riding to help raise money and awareness for cancer research began with a group of his friends participating in a 300-mile ride over four days to support the Lance Armstrong Foundation. With Lance retiring, Jeff has re-directed his cycling efforts to Penn State Children's Hospital and will partner with The Four Diamonds Fund, raising funds and awareness towards our mission of conquering childhood cancer.

If you are interested in learning more about the rides, sponsorships levels, or would be interested in volunteering to help with any or all of the events, please contact Jeff Schaeffer at (717) 471-7669.



Cycling for Life committee and volunteers

Jeff and his committee are organizing three separate Four Diamonds cycling events in 2006, which will offer various riding ability levels. Although the details for each ride are still in the planning stages, the event dates have been confirmed.

- 🌀 May 6 – The Four Diamonds Ride
- 🌀 July 8 – Shank Park Family Ride
- 🌀 September 23 - 26 – The Four Diamonds Ride (Four-Day Tour)



The Liberty Ball – A Knight for the Kids

On February 4, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. – midnight, the Philadelphia Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association and the Dance Marathon Alumni Interest Group (DMAIG) will co-sponsor The Liberty Ball at the Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA. The night's events will include dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and guest speakers. Tickets are \$99.00/person and can be purchased online at www.psalum.com/chapter/philadelphia or by contacting the event chairperson, Maria Sommer, at THONevent@psalum.com.

Thank You to...

6th Annual Jonathan Grula Memorial Golf Tournament, its sponsors, and all of the amazing volunteers, who helped make this tournament such a success by raising \$20,000!

Hershey-Palmyra Sertoma Club for a very festive 23rd holiday party, held at the Hershey Lodge on December 4. Children, ages 14 and under, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with magic, interactive songs, and a visit from Santa. This was a great way to welcome the holiday season.



(Above) Four Diamonds patient, Anna Caputo, age 3, for donating Barbie dolls for fellow-patients at Penn State Children's Hospital.

Friends of Four Diamonds for donating the decorative ceiling tiles in radiology, which help provide a relaxing diversion for pediatric oncology patients receiving radiation therapy.

The Clear Channel Keggers Softball Team for raising \$800 for the Fund during their season in memory of their friend and colleague, Larry Boose, better known to listeners of radio station BOB 94.9 as "Cameron."

Susquehanna Yacht Club and their sponsors for hosting an afternoon of boating for our Four Diamonds patients and their families on the Susquehanna River this past summer. It was a very warm summer day but no one complained because they had such a great time!

West York Boys Club Baseball Team for raising \$470 by canning with "Brady Buckets" at every home game to show their support for their teammate, Brady Lucas

Ryan Lucas, Brock Gladfelter, Jerrin Toomery, Ryan Word, Bradley Gorraro, and Trimmer Elementary School for raising over \$1,450 for The Four Diamonds Fund with the sale of "Brady Bands."



(Above) "Brady Band" check presentation at Penn State Children's Hospital. Pictured left to right are: Dr. Nancy Fuhrman, Trimmer Elementary School principal, Greg Baiocchi, Four Diamonds social worker, Mrs. Mummert, fifth grade teacher, Amy Tubbs, pediatric oncology nurse specialist, Katrina Souder, child life specialist, Four Diamonds patient, Brady Lucas with his brothers, Shaun and Ryan, and Ryan's classmates, Brock Gladfelter, and Jerrin Toomey. Missing from the picture are classmates, Ryan Word and Bradley Gorraro

Londonderry Fire Co. Basket Bingo - \$5,458

Order of Eastern Star - \$4,649

For the Love of Chocolate and Max Kirby - \$4,620
in support of THON 2006

Skyline Restaurant Grand Re-Opening - \$2,653

10th Annual Stammel's Haunted Hayride - \$1,740

Danielle Czarnecki's Benefit Concert - \$1,300

We are unable to recognize everyone who has made a contribution to The Four Diamonds Fund in this newsletter, but we want you to know how much your generosity and efforts on behalf of the F

"Tell me, and I will forget. Show me, and I will remember. Involve me, and I will understand forever." - Confucius



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Recycle Your Old Cell Phones

If you don't know what to do with your old cell phones, recycle them and help raise money for The Four Diamonds Fund. This is a great project for schools, churches, and community organizations! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Leonard at (717) 531-6086 or drop off your used cell phones at the Four Diamonds office.

Schools Continue to Dance for Diamonds

Over twenty schools will participate in Four Diamonds mini-thons this year, with the majority of them being held in March and April. Please visit the Four Diamonds Web site at www.fourdiamonds.org for the dates, times, and locations of the 2006 Four Diamonds mini-thons and stop by to show your support!

Thank you, central Pennsylvania!

At only 5-years-old, Aiyana Perez was diagnosed with leukemia. Her family was heartbroken.

Dr. Ken Lucas of Penn State Children's Hospital recommended a stem cell transplant to help Aiyana live a healthy life. Luckily, her sister Aliyah was a perfect match!

Thanks to Aliyah and the advanced technology and services of Children's Hospital, Aiyana is doing great!

When you contribute to The Four Diamonds Fund, you help provide advanced care and prevention programs right in your own backyard for children like Aiyana.

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