



An Evening to Remember

On November 8, from 7-9pm, Mattie Miracle will be hosting its first evening event at a beautiful home in Alexandria, VA. The Bourbon & Bites Bash will be a wonderful way for sustaining and new supporters to learn more about Mattie Miracle's mission, achievements, and psychosocial vision of care.

Come meet the master distiller of Jos. A. Magnus, an 100+ year old DC based bourbon label, and learn more about our work on the national level to create and implement evidence based psychosocial standards of care from Dr. Lori Wiener (Head, Psychosocial Support and Research Program at the National Cancer Institute).

Join us for bourbon tastings, farm to table bites and culinary treats by Relish Catering, and enjoy the sounds of Washington, DC's in-demand jazz pianist, Tim Whalen.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5, 2018
Post Halloween Candy Drive
to Stock Snack Carts

November 8, 2018
Bourbon & Bites Bash
Alexandria, VA

December, 2018
Annual Drive Campaign

February 28 - March 2, 2019
APOS Annual Conference
Atlanta, GA

April 8-10, 2019
APOSW Annual Conference

Special Thanks to:

Debbie and Peter Keefe
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The Bourbon & Bites Host Committee:

Christine Cooper

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Bob & Ann Henshaw
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Alison McSlarrow
Jane Pisano
Brett & Susan Thompson

Phoenix, AZ
May 19, 2019
10th Anniversary
Walk & Family Festival
Alexandria, VA

Click on the box below to learn more and RSVP.

Join Us



Help us Spread Candy Cheer

Join us as we collect and sort post-Halloween candy during our 8th annual Candy Drive. We want to thank our returning volunteers, businesses, community groups, and schools.

Last year we collected over 12,000 pounds of candy! A good portion of that candy stocked our free Snack & Items Carts at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (Washington, DC) and Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD). Candy is highly sought after and considered a sweet necessity to help families manage the long hours of caregiving. Last year, candy was donated to:

1. Children's Hospital at Sinai, Baltimore, MD
2. Children's Inn at NIH, Bethesda, MD
3. Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC
4. DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, Merrifield, VA
5. Hackerman-Patz House, Baltimore, MD
6. HSC Pediatric Center, Washington, DC
7. MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC
8. Pediatric Specialists of Virginia (PSV), Falls Church, VA
9. Ronald McDonald House, Washington, DC
10. Ronald McDonald House, Falls Church, VA
11. Ronald McDonald House, Baltimore, MD
12. Special Love, Winchester, VA
13. Cornerstones, Reston, VA

14. Covenant House, Washington, DC
15. Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Reston, VA
16. Nourish Now, Rockville, MD
17. United Community Ministries, Alexandria, VA

NEW DROP OFF LOCATION THIS YEAR

Drop off location: The home of Ali & Eric Goldwater (Arlington, VA)

Drop off dates and times:

- Saturday, November 3 (10am to 4pm)
- Monday, November 5 (10am to 4pm)
- Tuesday, November 6 (10am to 4pm)
- Wednesday, November 7 (10am to 4pm)
- Saturday, November 10 (10am to 4pm)

Click the box below to participate in our Candy Drive.

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Teen Creates a Gold Ribbon Club

Mattie Miracle has mentored several secondary school students over the years. We are committed to the next generation and believe that educating students about childhood cancer will inspire them to pursue solutions that can assist children with cancer and their families. Recently, Abigail Henshaw, a classmate and good friend of Mattie's, reached out to the Foundation. Abbie has been a volunteer in some capacity with Mattie Miracle since its inception in 2009. Now in her junior year of high school, she has decided to start a Gold Ribbon Club at the St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School (SSSAS) in Alexandria, VA. The club is well named, given that gold is the awareness color for childhood cancer.

Abbie is determined to sustain Mattie's legacy at his school, long after she and her classmates graduate in 2020. The club will focus on bringing awareness to the psychosocial issues faced by children and teens with cancer and will charge the school community to make a difference, get

involved, and actively help to support local families touched by childhood cancer.

Click on the box below to learn more about community engagement at SSSAS.

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Awareness Through Kindness

The co-founders of Mattie Miracle are honored to know Kristen Caminiti, the founder of Kindness Grows Here. A non-profit dedicated to fostering kindness in children and spreading it within our communities. On the anniversary of Mattie's death, Kristen and her children planned random acts of kindness to honor Mattie's memory. These acts of kindness were so well received that Mattie Miracle has begun to encourage its student supporters in building upon the model Kristen and her children provided us. Thereby promoting both kindness within our communities as well as bringing awareness to childhood cancer and Mattie Miracle's mission.

A Message from Kristen Caminiti, MSW, LCSW-C.....

September 8, marked the 9th anniversary of the death of a special boy, Mattie Brown. I never met Mattie, but I have come to know his parents, Victoria Sardi-Brown and Peter Brown, since his death through the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation.

This year my children and I decided to spread kindness in Mattie's memory. We chose a number of toys that we thought Mattie would have liked, and we left them in places around our town with a tag explaining what we were doing. We left some toys at a playground, a few others at the MARC train station, and several others at the library.

Something awesome happened from this act of kindness. The mom of two of the children who found the toys by the library sent a message to Mattie Miracle's co-founder and even made a donation to the Foundation.

Talk about a prime example of one small act of kindness having a ripple effect:

- My boys and I helped Mattie's parents know that his memory lives on, even in those who did not know him.
- The children who found the toys were happy to receive a new toy.
- The mom of these children felt grateful and went to the trouble of tracking down the e-mail address of Mattie's mom, who was then able to see this act of kindness come full circle.
- This mom made a donation to Mattie Miracle which allows Vicki and Peter to continue doing

the amazing work they do to help so many kids with cancer and their families.

I believe Mattie had a hand in this too, as he did extraordinary things while on this earth and continues to do so through his Foundation. I'd call this a Mattie Miracle!

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