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Celebrating 5 Years!
Come Join the Fun, there's
something for everyone!

Register Today

&

Visit the On-line Raffle

Including great themed items.....



Date: Sunday, May 18, 2014

Time: 11am - 4pm

Location: 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

Goal: To raise **\$50,000** to endow the Mattie Miracle Child Life Program Fund at

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and to support the development and implementation of a nation-wide psychosocial standard of care for childhood cancer.

NEW FEATURES TO OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY WALK

Mattie Miracle's **Photo Gallery** and Childhood Cancer Research Facts
Come Meet & Walk the Mattie Miracle Mile with our **Honorary Walk Committee**
Sing-A-Longs with Teen Bands
Kids **Lacrosse Clinic** hosted by Georgetown University Team Players
Hands on **Lego Building** with **Play-Well TEKnologies**
Themed Characters to Walk and Greet Participants
Wacky World **Moon Bounce** -- jump, climb, crawl, & slide!

Featured Activities

Clyde's food prepared by Becca Fischer, Executive Chef at **Clyde's Tysons Corner**
LEGO train displays by **WAMALUG** & **WAMALTC**
LEGO activities by **Play-Well TEKnologies**
Kid Trots & Adult Zany **Relay Races**
Zumba by **Jenny**
Magic Show for Kids
Arts & Crafts and Games
Walk the Mattie Miracle Mile with Alexandria's Mayor Euille &
the Honorary Walk Committee
Mattie Miracle Raffle
26 foot Climbing Wall
Moon Bounce
Nail Art by **Molecule Salon**

Featured Musicians & Bands

Charley Montroll

Fuse Box

Lizzie & Sita

Neon Laces

Spork

REGISTER

We would love to see you on May 18th! If you are unable to attend the Walk, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution.

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Through The Years

At Mattie Miracle's 2010, inaugural Walk, **Sean Swarner**, was our featured presenter. Sean is a two time cancer survivor. He was diagnosed at age 13 and then age 16, with two different forms of cancer. Sean is the first cancer survivor to climb Mount Everest and he uses his cancer journey to inspire people around the world. His "keep climbing" motto set the tone for the Foundation's journey. As we reflect on our first five years, we have achieved many Mattie Miracles. We thank our supporters for believing in us and in our mission. Look what we have accomplished together!

1. Contributed over **\$100,000** to MedStar Georgetown University Hospital to support psychosocial services since 2011.
2. Endow the **Mattie Miracle Child Life Program Fund** at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, a fund which helps to support the salary of a child life specialist who assists 3500 children and families a year.
3. A founding contributor of a **free hospital snack cart** offered to in-patient pediatric families.
4. Supply over **\$10,000** worth of items to the free hospital snack cart a year.
5. Funds a monthly **support group** luncheon for pediatric nurses.
6. Introduced **legislation** on Capitol Hill addressing the psychosocial needs of childhood cancer.
7. Ran the first ever psychosocial childhood cancer **symposium** on Capitol Hill in 2012.
8. Sponsored the first ever childhood cancer **psychosocial think tank** at the American Psychosocial Oncology Society Conference in 2013.
9. Envisioned and advocated for a **psychosocial standard of care**

ABOUT MATTIE MIRACLE



The **Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity (EIN: 27-1238358), founded by Peter and Victoria Brown, in the loving memory of Mattie, their seven year-old son who passed away in 2009 after a 14 month battle with multi-focal osteosarcoma.

Mattie Miracle is dedicated to addressing the psychosocial needs of children and families living with childhood cancer as well as educating health care providers on the impact of such a diagnosis on children and their families.

To learn more about Mattie's life and his parent's grief process visit the **Mattie Blog**.

MATTIE MIRACLE CORE OBJECTIVES

To advocate, educate, and enhance awareness of the psychosocial needs of children with cancer and their families.

and serve along side a multidisciplinary team of psycho-oncology researchers and clinicians to help make this vision a reality.

10. A **primary funder** of the on-going national childhood cancer psychosocial standards of care project.
11. Winner of three **distinguished awards** acknowledging Mattie Miracle's contributions to the psychosocial care of children with cancer.
12. **Featured speaking engagements** at Universities, Hospitals, and Conferences.

To provide direct psychosocial support services to children with cancer and their families.

To create and implement a national psychosocial standard of care.



**WHEN TRAGEDY INSPIRES HOPE:
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
NATIONAL PSYCHOSOCIAL
STANDARD OF CARE FOR
CHILDHOOD CANCER**

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May 1, 2014



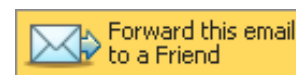
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**Making Miracles
Together!**

Mattie Miracle Delivers Keynote Address

On May 1, Mattie Miracle delivered a keynote address at the **Association of Pediatric Hematology Oncology Educational Specialists** (APHOES) and the **Association for the Education of Children with Medical Needs** (AECMN) joint national conference in Columbus, Ohio. APHOES is a professional association that focuses on meeting the educational needs of children with hematology and oncology diseases, while AECMN brings awareness and advocates for the educational needs of children with chronic medical illnesses.

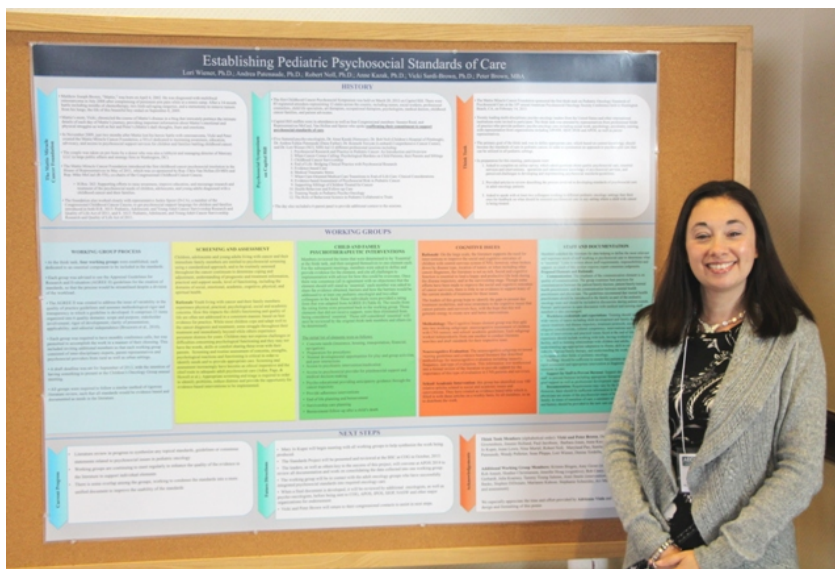
Mattie Miracle wants to thank Dr. Mary Kay Irwin, Chairperson of APHOES, and Dr. Kathy Kirkpatrick, Vice Chairperson of APHOES, for personally inviting Mattie Miracle's co-founders to share Mattie's story, the vision for the Foundation, the Foundation's accomplishments, as well as the history and the development to date of the National Childhood Cancer Psychosocial Standard of Care Project.



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The participants at the Conference were very supportive, engaging, and enthusiastic about the Standard of Care project and they look forward to remaining involved with our initiatives. This was Mattie Miracle's first keynote address and it left a very positive and lasting memory! While we were thanking the attendees for the work they perform daily to assist children with cancer, they were also commending us for taking a stand, fiercely advocating, and believing in the importance of psychosocial

support!



Poster Presented at Joint APHOES/AECMN Conference

At the APHOES/AECMN Joint National Conference on May 1, Mattie Miracle's Co-Founders presented a scientific poster that was developed by several of Mattie Miracle's Core Psychosocial Dream Team, **Lori Wiener**, Ph.D., DCSW (Director of the Psychosocial Support and Research Program, National Cancer Institute), **Andrea Patenaude**, Ph.D. (Director of Psycho-Oncology Research in the Division of Pediatric Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), **Bob Noll**, Ph.D. (Director of the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and Assistant Medical Director for Behavioral Health at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh), and **Anne Kazak**, Ph.D., ABPP (Co-Director, Center for Healthcare Delivery Science at Nemours Pediatric Health System).

The poster is an amazing historic illustration of the evolution of the National Childhood Cancer Psychosocial Standard of Care Project. It highlights its inception and vision, how the core team was assembled, the development of the working groups, the nature of how and where the work was performed, the methodology used in the formulation of the standards, and finally a discussion of next steps and future directions.

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