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**STREET HOCKEY EVENT
AND TOILETRY DRIVE**
BENEFITTING
MATTIE MIRACLE CANCER FOUNDATION
A mitzvah project organized by Ryan Goldstein
Sunday, November 20, 2017
11am-5pm



Teen Raises Funds for Mattie Miracle

Mattie Miracle wants to acknowledge Ryan Goldstein, age 13, for raising funds for the Foundation. Ryan lives in New Jersey and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on March 12.

Bar Mitzvah is a ceremony that marks the passage of a child into Jewish adulthood. Many synagogues require Bar Mitzvah students to do social action projects, often known as "Mitzvah projects," as part of the preparation to demonstrate commitment to thoughtful Jewish adulthood.

A message from Ryan Goldstein who was awarded the top teen fundraiser at this year's Walk & Family Festival:

I ran a street hockey team event on November 20, to raise **\$3,035** for the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation. I chose to do a street hockey event for my Mitzvah project because I love hockey. There were 60 kids who participated and the funds I raised came from this ice hockey event as well as from donating a portion of my Bar Mitzvah gifts.

My grandmother knows Mattie's parents, Peter Brown and Victoria Sardi-Brown, and shared their story with me. In 2013, my grandmother and I drove from New Jersey to Alexandria, Virginia to participate in the annual Mattie Miracle Walk & Family Festival. The experience made an impact on me, so much so that I decided I wanted to get involved with the Foundation's work. Here are the three ways I have supported

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17-19, 2017:
Concurrent Session & Town Hall at
APHON Annual Conference

September 2017:
CureFest for Childhood Cancer
On the Capital Mall

October 14, 2017:
Town Hall @
SIOP Conference

the Foundation: 1) hosted a street hockey fundraising event, 2) collected items for the April toiletry drive and 3) participated in the 2017 Walk & Family Festival.

When my family and I attended the Walk & Family Festival on May 21, 2017, I had the opportunity to personally deliver the funds raised from the street hockey event and the collected toiletries to Mattie Miracle's co-founders. I was amazed to see how the Walk & Family Festival had grown from when I last attended. There were so many fun activities. I was excited to be a part of this great event and to help such a worthy Foundation.



15th Endorser of Psychosocial Standards of Care

Mattie Miracle is proud to announce that the **St. Baldrick's Foundation** has endorsed the **Psychosocial Standards of Care for Children with Cancer and Their Families**. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is the largest nongovernmental funder of childhood cancer research grants, funding more than \$200 million since 2005 to support the most promising childhood cancer research. As a volunteer-powered organization, St. Baldrick's empowers its supporters to raise funds through various fundraising platforms and advocate for childhood cancer issues through its Speak Up For Kids Cancer network.

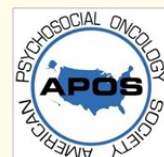
Kathleen Ruddy, CEO of St. Baldrick's shared, "it is critically important that more is done to provide emotional and psychological support for families and patients throughout treatment and survivorship. We are proud to fully endorse the Psychosocial Standards of Care for Children with Cancer developed by the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation as an important step in this direction."

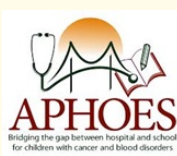
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15 Professional Endorsements

Mattie Miracle's vision became a reality on December 23, 2015, when the **Psychosocial Standards of Care for Children with Cancer and Their Families** was published in a special issue of *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*. The three year long, international project, involved 85 health care professionals from 44 institutions across the U.S., Canada, and the Netherlands.

The project resulted in the largest and most comprehensive psychosocial standards research study to date in which 1,217 journal articles were reviewed.

These historic evidence-based standards define what children with cancer and their families must receive to effectively support their psychosocial needs from the time of diagnosis, through survivorship, or end of life and bereavement care. The Standards have been endorsed by 15 professional organizations:

1. American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)
2. American Childhood Cancer Organization (ACCO)
3. American Psychological Association's Society of Pediatric Psychology (SPP - Division 54)
4. American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS)
5. Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Educational Specialists (APHOES)
6. Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON)
7. Association for Pediatric Oncology Social Workers (APOSW)
8. American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO)
9. B+ Foundation
10. Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology (CAPO)
11. Cancer Support Community
12. Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy (CCCA)
13. Children's Oncology Group (COG)
14. National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS)
15. St. Baldrick's Foundation

These 15 endorsers represent the vast array of health care professionals who provide psychosocial care (child psychiatrists, child psychologists, educational specialists, pediatric HEM/ONC nurses, pediatric social workers, and HEM/ONC physicians) to children and their families as well as the professional organizations who advocate for comprehensive cancer care. It is important to have these distinguished organizations endorse the Standards as we progress forward in determining ways to strategically implement the Standards at treatment sites around the country.

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