

## **Save the Dates:**

YEAR END CHALLENGE

through the month of December

Sat., 2/24 & Sun., 2/25 - Great Food for a Great Cause Fundraiser at all Turning Point Restaurants.

Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018 - Kortney's Challenge 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at Monmouth Park



## Help Us, Help Doctors, Help kids GET BRAIN TUMORS OFF KIDS' MINDS

January 5, 2018

Dear Oceanport Families, Teachers, Staff and Administration:

The Kortney Rose Foundation (KRF) is very grateful for your continued support of the *Kortney's Cash for a Cure Fundraiser*. What a generous show of support. We cannot thank you enough. This amount of money will fund almost three days of cancer research.

## Wolf Hill & Maple Placed Raised A Total -\$3872.91!!

Mrs. Mistretta's \$381.92 was the top raising Wolf Hill Class Mrs. Albrink's was the top raising class at Maple Place raising \$637.51!!

Phenomenal!

Our support over the years of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and the Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium (CBTTC.org) has been significant thanks to donors like you. In the past few years there have been several major initiatives begun at CHOP supported by our funding that will revolutionize the way cancer research is done. Through its collaborative research model, CHOP is thinking outside of the box and setting up systems that will change the landscape of research. KRF has supported the Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium (CBTTC) since inception and has watched it grow from 4 to 17 collaborating institutions. KRF is the lead funding foundation for the world's first trial that will use live data to inform patient care. CBTTC is working in tandem with another consortium of 15 member hospitals to find better treatments for brain tumors. the number one disease cause of death in children. Also supported by KRF and operated out of CHOP, is the recently launched CAVATICA, which is the largest pediatric cancer data cloud that exists. This is an open source platform with the only mandate being that any scientist who uses the data MUST share their findings back for all researchers to access. These institutions are working together to break down the silos that have kept research behind for decades.

We can no longer rely on the National Institute of Health (NIH) for research funding; it only allocates 4% of its total research budget to all childhood cancers. It's the small foundations, like ours, that are allowing this life saving research to begin and continue. That's why your support is needed and appreciated.

As you can see every penny counts and it all adds up to make a significant impact. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in learning more about the brain tumor research we support and/or would like to become involved with KRF.

All the best,

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