

Survivor Connection



An electronic newsletter from SurvivorConnect
A project of the Survivorship Clinic
Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

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Survivorship Clinic Celebrates National Cancer Survivorship Day!



Summer 2014

From our Medical Director



MOVING FORWARD: Fall Symposium - DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!

Moving Forward: A Symposium on Child and Adolescent Cancer Survivorship

Saturday, August 16, 2014
Our Clubhouse (formerly known as Gilda's Club)
2816 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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Visit us on the web at www.chp.edu/survivorship

There is still time to register for our upcoming Survivorship Symposium!

- Download Brochure
- Register for the Symposium

Your Survivorship Team celebrated National Cancer Survivors Day for the second year at Kennywood Park. Over 300 survivors, families and friends were treated to a wonderful lunch on Saturday, June 1. Thanks to the Kennywood Charitable Trust, 250 of our survivors were given free admission to the park. We are grateful to Kennywood for their generosity and hope that you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did!

Mark your calendars for next year - Sunday June 7, 2015!

Kennywood Day - June 1

Hi Everyone

We hope you had a great June and July. Thank you to those who were able to attend our **Second Annual National Cancer Survivors Day** at Kennywood park. Please mark your calendar for our Third Annual - **Sunday June 7, 2015**.

Thanks also to those who have expressed interest in being our "Guest Columnist". We welcome any opportunity to share your story and to connect our Survivors.

Finally, it is not too late to Register: Please consider joining us for the **Symposium on Saturday August 16, 2014** to be held at "Our Clubhouse"

GUESTS)

CASBAH Survivorship Fundraiser Dinner - November 6, 2015

CASBAH
MEDITERRANEAN KITCHEN & WINE BAR

Mark your calendars now! The CASBAH Fundraiser Dinner is set for Thursday evening, November 6. Casbah will be our host for a delectable 5 courses (including dessert) with wine pairings. One hundred percent of proceeds from this event will support our Survivorship program. Seating is limited! Tickets are \$100 each.

More details will be coming soon! Email noelle.conover@chp.edu to get on the list if you are sure you want to go!



2014 National Cancer Survivors Day at Kennywood Park

A Survivor's Story

"Your child has cancer." Those were the bone chilling words my parents heard as their two-year-old little girl began what would be a long and scary journey. In August of 1995, I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, commonly referred to as ALL. For the next two years I received numerous chemotherapy treatments from the wonderful team of doctors at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, specifically Dr. Michael Wollman and Dr. Donna Patton, my oncologists. That time was what looked like a horrible and frightening time to every one looking in, and while there definitely were those moments, I now look to my illness as a blessing in disguise.

Being a cancer survivor, I have taken the unfortunate event of the disease and have used to it better my life in various ways. I am a firm believer that we are only given battles that will make us stronger, and I can confidently say that I am proof of that today. Having cancer has given me a higher appreciation for life and a drive to get the most out of it that I can. We only get one life and as I



friends and guests as well as health care providers. Please read on for additional information and please register today to join us.

Have a great Summer."

Dr. Tersak

CHANGE Social Event - you are invited...

CHANGE - Children's Hospital Advisory Network for Guidance and Empowerment. CHANGE is a board for and by youth who have had trouble transitioning to adult life. The board provides the hospital with support to make it more youth friendly and accessible.

On Friday August 8th we will be having our next CHANGE social event on Independent Living! We are having some awesome games and simulations to build skills and have fun. We hope to see you there!

CHANGE At The Movies - **7 PM, Friday, August 8**, at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Rangos Conference Center.

Please RSVP to Jake Miller at jacob.miller3@chp.edu by **TUESDAY AUGUST 5TH**. I will be out of town and cannot guarantee parking after that date.

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Do you have a survivor story to share?



Contact Noelle at noelle.conover@chp.edu if you would like to share your story!

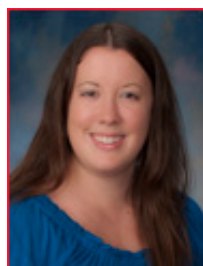
fragile. As a rising junior at Penn State University, the Marketing intern for Pittsburgh Magazine and a go-getter doing everything I can to make my dreams of success in fashion come true, I believe that having cancer has made me who I am today. So with big dreams for the future, I have to say, "Thanks, cancer."

Livewell Cancer Survivorship Program

The LiveWell Cancer Survivorship Program, in conjunction with Our Clubhouse, invites you to attend Cancer Transitions. Designed to help cancer survivors make the transition from active treatment to post treatment, this free, 2 ½ hour workshop features discussions with a physician, dietician, psychologist, and personal trainer.

For more information, upcoming dates and to register for this workshop, please call 412-338-1919 or email CDwyer@ourclubhouse.org.

Nurse Aimee is going over the Edge!



Our own Nurse Practitioner, Aimee is going over the edge...

"As a nurse practitioner for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

Survivorship Program and Adolescent/Young Adult Oncology, I am grateful for the opportunity to offer **Our Clubhouse** as a resource for patients and their families. Our Clubhouse offers support to anyone effected by cancer. They are a tremendous community resource and have been significant collaborators for the Survivorship Program at CHP. They have supported many events to help our survivors "Move Forward." and I am privileged with the

Program

FOR ANY OF OUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS...

The providers of the Fertility Preservation Program of Pittsburgh would like to cordially invite you to an Educational Seminar on **Fertility and Fertility Preservation** after a cancer diagnosis on **Wednesday September 10, 2014**. The event will take place at **Our Clubhouse**, located at 2816 Smallman Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will have a fundamental knowledge about the impact of cancer and cancer treatment on fertility in a pediatric and adult patient population, and will have an understanding of how fertility potential is measured.
- Participants will be knowledgeable about the options for fertility preservation, the evidence behind these options, and how to incorporate treatment into routine patient care.
- Participants will be aware of ongoing translational research being performed through the

For more information about Aimee's daring feat, see her [First Giving](#) page.

Preservation Program, and how to connect their patients with our study coordinators.

To register, please call (412-641-7475) or email (lenaja@upmc.edu) Julie Seifert no later than August 4th.

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