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Survivor CONNECTION

*An electronic newsletter from SurvivorConnect
Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



It's that time again! On **Sunday, June 3, 2018** we will be celebrating National Cancer Survivors Day at our favorite, Kennywood Park. This will be our 6th annual celebration! Kennywood has graciously donated tickets again so that every survivor can sign up to receive three (3) free tickets. We will pass out tickets the same way this year at the entrance

gate. The ticket sign up will be available in early May ***so watch your mail and email!***

We are so excited to celebrate another year of survivorship with all of you. Please join us for a day of fun, photos, balloons, games, food and the excitement of Kennywood! See you on June 3!



Welcome from our Director



Hi Everyone,

I hope you have had a great 2018 to date. I can't believe it is already time to gear up for Kennywood! It is one of the favorite days of the year for the Survivorship team – because we get to share it with all of you. Please read along for more details regarding this **6th Annual National Cancer Survivorship Day** celebration. You will also find some welcomes in this edition. We would like to introduce you to new team members that you will meet along the way.

Please do save the date for Kennywood and also look forward to information about additional events throughout the year in future newsletters.

May the remainder of 2018 be a wonderful year for you. Call us if you need us! We are always happy to hear from you.

Welcome to our new Nurse Practitioner

Welcome to our new Nurse Practitioner, Rachel Young. Rachel recently relocated to the Pittsburgh area from Upstate New York. A graduate of Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, her clinical experience includes pediatric primary care along with specialty care within the Cystic Fibrosis center and Spina Bifida clinic. Rachel's specific area of interest is on the transition of care between the pediatric and adult healthcare model specifically with youth and families with complex health care needs. Rachel is married with 3 children and resides in the South Fayette Community. She enjoys time with her family, wellness outings, and outdoor adventures such as camping.



We are thrilled to have Rachel on the Survivorship Team. You will meet her at Kennywood!

Welcome to our new Nurse Coordinator



Eileen Weinmann, RN is our newest member of the Survivorship Team! Eileen is our Nurse Coordinator for Survivorship. Eileen's role is very important in the management and coordination of the care of our patients and families. In addition to helping to prepare the treatment summaries for each visit, Eileen will help with calls, referral coordination and drawing blood in clinic!

Welcome Eileen! We are so happy to have you as a part of the team!

Meet our Nurse Researcher

Meet Bethany Nugent. She is our Nurse Researcher. Her role within the team is to help grow the research aspect of the Survivorship Program. Research in survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer is important because they are a group of patients with unique needs. As survival rates of pediatric cancer have improved, more patients are surviving into adulthood. Through the research we are doing, our goal is to better understand the needs of pediatric cancer survivors and find creative ways of meeting those needs to help our patients be the healthiest and happiest they can be.



We are so fortunate to have our very own nurse researcher for survivorship!

Survivorship invited to Penguins Charity Night

Your survivorship team and two of our survivors were recently invited to attend the [Pittsburgh Penguins Charity Bag night](#) on March 3, 2018. This charity event raises money that goes to support the many charitable donations made by the Lemieux Foundation and the Penguins Foundation. You may not realize but our Survivorship Program is partially supported through the generosity of the Lemieux Foundation. They are very supportive of Survivorship and we are so grateful for their support!

We want to thank our survivors, Trevor Thewes and Emily Okraszewski (and their families) for participating in this project with us. The Lemieux Foundation prepared a video which was shown during periods that night describing Survivorship and how grateful we all are for their support. You can view the video [here](#).



Do you want to share your story?



Each of you has a very unique and inspiring story to tell. While the details of each story are different, you all share the experience of having survived pediatric cancer! And that is no small feat! Your stories reflect courage, strength and wisdom beyond your years. Sharing your story may just be the inspiration that another survivor needs to hear.

Please consider sharing your story. Contact Noelle at survivorconnect@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you!

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