



FALL KITE TALES



Children's Cancer Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving Tampa Bay area families of children with cancer or chronic blood disorders.

"Fall carries more gold in its pocket than all the other season." -Jim Bishop

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Kite Tales

A Newsletter for Partners and Supporters of the Children's Cancer Center

The Children's Cancer Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing children who have cancer or chronic blood disorders and their families with the emotional, financial and education support necessary to cope with their life-threatening illness.

Fall is Here

Welcome to the fall issue of Kite Tales. With September being childhood cancer awareness month, it was our goal to inspire people to get



Patty O'Leary, with Nick, 6, Lukemia & Anya, 5, Lukemia

involved and move our community from "awareness" to action. Our vision was evident on September 12th when nearly 1,600 runners came out to support childhood cancer and participate in our 5k Fall Stampede. Thanks to the runners, sponsors, volunteers and families supported by our mission, over \$85,000 in net proceeds were raised during our 4th Annual Fall Stampede presented by Chick-fil-A.

Our own Tampa Bay Rowdies supported childhood cancer awareness month by hosting a "Go Gold" campaign that involved a generous donation and an opportunity for children and their families on treatment to attend a soccer game.

The Children's Cancer Center was able to raise additional awareness in September by hosting our Grand Remodel Reveal on September 22nd where we were able to celebrate with our partners who made our dreams a reality. Panera Bread~ Covelli Enterprises graciously donated \$250,000, The Leo and Anne Albert Charitable Trust donated \$100,000 for the renovation of our playground, and 13 Ugly Men donated \$25,000 for the new sport court!

As we close out the month of September, it's important to remember that kids need more than medicine to be well and when a child has cancer, the whole family and everyone who loves them does too.
~Patty O'Leary, Executive Director

KID TALE: VINNY

Vinny is a funny loving six years old who loves math, sharks and pizza with black olives and basil. He is very caring and compassionate. He never says an unkind word about anyone and wants to become a paramedic when he grows up! Vinny was diagnosed in 2015 with anaplastic astrocytoma but that does not stop him from doing his favorite activities which include video games, playing with hot wheels, and legos. Vinny and his parents attended our Summer Beach Party and they had so much fun together painting a starfish, swimming, and playing on the beach! Vinny also had an exciting week at CCC's Big Hero Camp where he enjoyed making new friends.



Wine, Women, & Shoes

Change your shoes, change a life and join us for our 3rd Annual Wine, Women, and Shoes fashion show which will be held at the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel on November 20th at 6:30pm. Be prepared for an exciting evening of sipping and discovering new wines, shopping the latest trends, bidding on one-of-a-kind auction items, and entertainment by our charming Sole Men. You can learn more and purchase tickets before they sell out at WWSTampa.com.



Your Donations in Action: Holiday Adoption

Every year, the Children's Cancer Center coordinates a program specifically to help our families that may be struggling during the holidays due to the stress of aggressive treatment plans, extended hospital stays, clinic visits or financial constraints.



Ethan, 14, Ewings Sarcoma with sisters Kirsten & Chloe

Once the patient's social worker at the hospital or clinic makes the referral for the CCC's Holiday Adoption Program, Parents are asked to fill out a "wish list" form stating each child's first name, clothes & shoe size and wishes the child has such as toys, games, or books and anything the family could use in the household like bed linens, towels, or small kitchen appliances.

Donors are then matched with a family based on the preference of the size of the family they would like to provide for. If your organization, group, business, club or family would like to adopt a family, please contact Sharin Nelson at 813-367-5437 or snelson@childrenscancercenter.org.



Kilani age 4, Lukemia

Join the Conversation

We need your support and partnership to help fulfill our mission. You can donate directly on our website or call us today to learn how you can help children like Vinny, Nick and Anya. *Let's talk. Let's make a difference. . . together.*

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