Come Stroll with Ust

The 8th Annual Tomorrow Fund Stroll will be held on Sunday, April 25th at Garden City Shopping Center in Cranston. The Stroll is organized by a committee of volunteers and parents of children with cancer.

Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate in the Stroll and collect as many pledges as possible. A minimum donation of \$20 per walker or family is required.

Walkers can register by mail by Monday, April 19 or in – person the day of the Stroll. Check in begins at 8:45am. "Tomorrow Fund Stroll" t-shirts will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.

The Stroll starts at 10:00 am. Participants can walk as few or as many laps around the shopping center as they wish. Refreshments, entertainment and a raffle will follow the event.

For more information please call The Tomorrow Fund at 401-444-8811.

DONATE TODAY!

EVERY gift to The Tomorrow Fund makes a difference to a child with cancer. There are so many ways to help!

- Annual Appeal make a tax-deductible donation to our Annual Appeal.
- Monthly or Quarterly Giving donate automatically with your credit card.
- **Kids for Kids Campaign** a special fundraising program for schools and youth groups.
- Employee Giving invite a Tomorrow Fund speaker to your workplace; donate through your workplace; designate a gift through the United Way#3790.
- •Planned Giving leave a legacy in your will or estate plan.
- Honorary Gifts celebrate a wedding, birthday, or other special occasion with a gift to The Tomorrow Fund.
- **Memorial Gifts** pay tribute to a loved one with your donation. A special acknowledgement will be sent to the family.
- •Special Events attend a Tomorrow Fund event, such as our annual Stroll or Fantasy Ball, or create an event of your own!
- **Volunteer** volunteers are the heart and soul of The Tomorrow Fund. Help out in our office, at our events, or join a committee.

THANK YOU!

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- The Tomorrow Fund is an independent and local nonprofit organization.
- We provide direct financial assistance to children with cancer and their families.
- We provide support to The Tomorrow Fund Clinic at Hasbro Children's Hospital.
- The Tomorrow Fund programs provide support groups, parent consultants, community education, and psycho-social research.

You can make a difference in the life of children with cancer.
Your donations are tax deductible.

"Everyone who has ever touched Holly's life (and mine) has been such a blessing. I will be a part of The Tomorrow Fund forever. " ~Ronnie Anderton

A New Look for the New Year!

The TICHMORROW FUND

Our website underwent major changes recently bringing a new look, a new way to navigate and new features.

The new site also features one of our own Tomorrow Fund Kids, Megan Butler, thus highlighting the most important part of our mission, the kids.

Some new features can be found right on the home pagestructured for ease in finding needs and interests quickly. These new features include; a Share Your Story section, a Tomorrow Fund Kid's segment and a Calendar of Events.

Share Your Story asks families and friends of The Tomorrow Fund to share their thoughts and experiences allowing us to stay in touch. It also allows sponsors the opportunity to share the details and pictures of events being held throughout Rhode Island for The Tomorrow Fund. This exciting new feature allows us to communicate with both Tomorrow Fund families and sponsors, and to share these happenings with the community.

If you're looking for a Tomorrow Fund event or details of ones you are involved in, then check out our new Calendar page. The Calendar breaks down events by month enabling you to locate Tomorrow Fund events faster. You



can access this feature directly at the home page or through the News and Events tab, making it simple to use for both current and new browsers.

You'll also notice some updated elements. A "DONATE NOW" button located on each page makes it easy for donors to donate online via The Tomorrow Fund's Paypal account. You can also contact The Tomorrow Fund directly through the website, to update contact information such as an email address or to sign up for Tomorrow Fund mailings.

Go to www.tomorrowfund.org to see what it is all about.



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SIGN IS UP!

On March 11, 2010, Hasbro Children's Hospital and Lifespan unveiled the long awaited and much anticipated signage officially designating The Tomorrow Fund Clinic in the Edwin N. Forman Pediatric Hematology Oncology Center. The sign is in honor of our founder, Dr. Edwin Forman, former Chief of Pediatrics Hematology/Oncology.

The Clinic was relocated to the upper lobby of Hasbro Children's Hospital in 2009 to provide a larger space with more exam rooms to accommo-

date the increased number of patients seeking treatment.

"We are very excited about the unveiling," states Barbara Ducharme, Executive Director of The Tomorrow Fund, "as it reinforces and strengthens our commitment to children with cancer and accentuates our ongoing, symbiotic relationship with the Lifespan community."



Teen Group Flies through the Air

submitted by Stephanie J Atlas, LICSW, EdM, Clinical Social Work, Pediatric Oncology, Sickle Cell & GI, Hasbro Children's Hospitalhh

ABOUT THE TOMORROW FUND

The Tomorrow Fund was founded in 1985 by a group of local physicians and parents of children with cancer to ease the traumatic financial and emotional burdens that accompany this dreaded disease. Each year, more than 90% of the children in RI and southeastern Massachusetts who are diagnosed with cancer receive treatment in The Tomorrow Fund Clinic. From hospital parking passes to bone marrow transplant expenses, our programs form a "safety net" for these courageous kids and their families as they face the daily challenges and harsh realities of childhood cancer.

On November 11, Veteran's Day, The Tomorrow Fund Teen Group regulars had the opportunity to experience Newport from the air. The group of 7 teens, and social workers Stephanie Atlas and Rachel Bloch, traveled to Middletown, RI and took to the air (3 at a time) with Bird's



Teens from left to right: David Pelletier, Henry Andrade, Chelsea Cornman, staff members Stephanie Atlas and Rachel Bloch, Fabio Castro, Katherine Muth, Jazel Rubio, Xenia Fernandez

Eye View Helicopter. The group enjoyed this unique opportunity viewing the mansions, corn maze and golf courses from the air.

Upon landing, the group went to Newport for lunch at Brick Alley Pub. A good time was had by all. Thanks to The Tomorrow Fund for providing us with this amazing experience!!!

Salute to Donors



Good Cause Volley Ball Team poses before game in honor of The Tomorrow Fund. Front row, L-R: Steve Brosnihan; Norman Escobar; Ed Tanguay; Mary Ann Escobar; Ly Chin; Kathy McClean; Andrew Taranto. Back row, L-R: Manny Escobar; Ron Thiboutot; Paul Pappas; Bill Brickach; Nicole Comeau; Normand Thiboutot; Jason Chin.

Holly Oppenheimer, Brenda Loiselle-DuClos, Natchala Morales, Mark Male, Kellie Dougherty and Marcia Berthiame-Independent Insurance Agents of RI/ RI Young Agents Group with Barbara Ducharme, Executive Director.





University of Rhode Island Resident's Life & SAA Pancake breakfast for The Tomorrow Fund.



Whitney Washbum, Bryce McGillivray, Amanda and Coach Kelly of the South Kingstown Lady Rebels Soccer Team with Kathy Connolly, Development Director.



Barbara Ducharme, The Tomorrow Fund's Executive Director accepts donation from Ken Ledo from Border to Border.



Dr. Greg Lockhart, Kathy Connolly, Development Director, Barbara Ducharme, Executive Director and Frank Donahue, Executive Director of the RIAAP.



Providence College students Kenneth Chabert and Timothy Pleines with Kathy Connolly Development Director.



BJ's Stephanie Venditelli and Stephen Webb present check to Kathy Connolly, Developement Director of The Tomorrow Fund.

Fun and Games to benefit The Tomorrow Fund

In the winter of 2006, Colby Blanchet and Chris Masse decided to hold a small eggnog drinking contest to raise funds towards an independent film project. The event, which they called "Nogfest", was held in Colby's driveway and was a hit on a very small scale. As the years progressed, Nogfest added live music and friendly competitions. What once started out with 20 people in a driveway grew to over 100 people making it necessary to move the event to a new venue in Slater Park.

Chris, encouraged by his Aunt Chris Black, a longtime volunteer and avid supporter, was curious to learn more about The Tomorrow Fund. In 2009, Nogfest founders visited The Tomorrow Fund. After seeing and hearing more about The Tomorrow Fund's Mission, they were inspired and honored to help such an amazing organization. Nogfest 2009, with about 300 peopled in attendance, raised \$1,200 with proceeds donated to The Tomorrow Fund.

"We imagine the attendance will at least double again for Nogfest 2010. With that in mind, I hope we'll be able to double our donation amount next year and help out hundreds of sick children and their families," stated Chris Masse, co-founder of Nogfest.



Nogfest founder Chris Masse and Colby Blanchet, present fundraising proceeds to Kathy Connolly, Development fundraising process

Growing Up and Giving Back



In second grade, Danielle Perez developed a strange rash that was later diagnosed as ITP, Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura. Dnaielle was seven years old when she became a patient in The Tomorrow Fund Kid.

She began her weekly routine at the Clinic, having her blood drawn, tested and receiving treatment, not able to understand what was wrong. She met many new people in the Clinic.

"They were always so friendly to me. I felt like I was a normal child, in a place that made me feel happy and loved," says Danielle.

Danielle was treated for ITP three times throughout grade school, each time receiving therapy in The Tomorrow Fund Clinic.

Danielle has since recovered from ITP and is a senior at North Kingstown High School. For her senior paper and project, Danielle decided to give back to The Tomorrow Fund for all the support and help that they provide to families.

Her paper explains the impact that support from family, friends, and other has on the track of survival for

cancer patients. In tandem with her paper, Danielle organized a board game, card game and book drive collecting over 300 items from throughout her local community.

"I wish I could have seen the faces on the children when I delivered all the items collected but already knew from past experience how this would brighten their lives," Danielle explained. "I'm so grateful for all that The Tomorrow Fund did for me and I knew I had to do something back. "



Danielle and her classmates, delivering over 300 donated books, board and card games to The Tomorrow Fund.

In Memoriam

We gratefully acknowledge the many friends of The Tomorrow Fund who have made generous gifts in memory of loved ones. These thoughtful tributes will have a lasting effect on the lives of children with cancer. This list reflects gifts made from June 1, 2009- December 31, 2009. We apologize in advance for any errors or omissions.

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Tomorrow Fund patient and newsest board

...Tucker continued

Family Matters continued

home. I continued to work, though depleted most of my sick and vacation time because I needed to take off so many days.

Family, friends, neighbors...everyone came forth to lend a hand. And in the midst of all the



chaos at the hospital there was a presence - a constant guiding light, if you will. It was The Tomorrow Fund staff. What struck me was that Donna, our Parent Consultant had a son who had survived leukemia after a very long haul. That was such a comfort because she knew exactly what we were going through. She helped us sort through our emotions and identify our needs, because when your heart is breaking, it's hard to think clearly. In a word, she was fantastic.



We were offered daily stipends to cover meals, gas and incidentals from The Tomorrow Fund. Because my husband is self-employed and had to stop his contracting work, we needed a little extra help financially. The Tomorrow Fund

paid our mortgage twice. They also taught us how to respond to our friends who wanted to help. These wonderful folks took us by the hand and led the way. And they still do!

Tucker is doing wonderfully. He achieved remission on September 22, 2009 and will continue to receive weekly chemotherapy at the Clinic until he is two years cancer free (fall of 2011). Doctors remain very hopeful that he will make a complete recovery.

Believe it or not, he looks forward to going to his chemo treatments, as do we! It's an experience that's hard to describe. We are welcomed like old friends, given anything we need to make our stay more comfortable. We are entertained and informed and above all...cared for.

We tell people that our journey has been filled with many silver linings and the staff in the Clinic and The Tomorrow Fund are our "tour guides" on this journey. So while it's nothing we would wish on anyone, in a way we feel lucky to be a part of it. These are people we will never forget and we hope to be aligned with this organization forever in an attempt to give back all they have given to us.

Jumping for a Personal Cause

Every year people all over the world resolve to do something in the New Year. for the Marcotte family it started with a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean, joining over 1,000 Rhode Islanders at the January 1st Narragansett Pier Plunge. Soon after that day, it became Mike Marcotte's New Year's resolution to raise money and awareness for The Tomorrow Fund by taking the plunge every Sunday after that first day, naming it the "Jump for Tomorrow."

The Marcottes' connection with The Tomorrow Fund goes back to 2004, when daughter Madeline, then four, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). Since that time, the Marcottes' have been avid supporters, volunteers, and Tomorrow Fund friends.

"We have a coffee can on our kitchen table that reads "Daddy's Jump Can." Each week, after Mike's jump, we add a few dollars," explains MaryBeth Marcotte. "Hopefully any amount we raise will help."

Mike's passion to give back to The Tomorrow Fund for all the support they provided during his families time of need has encouraged others to give.

The Marcottes' look at Mike's Sunday jumps as a reminder of how lucky they are to be on the beach as a family, no matter what time of year.





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Each year, schools and youth groups throughout the community make a difference in the lives of children with cancer by coordinating fundraising projects like bake sales, car washes, selling Tomorrew Fund Awareness cards and green bracelets. Younger kids help too by collecting pennies or donating band-aids and stickers. We salute all their efforts and praise them for having such big hearts!



Immaculate Conception Catholic Regional School was proud to host the 1st Annual Dance-A-Thon for The Tomorrow Fund on Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Since that week was Catholic Schools Week in Rhode Island, the goal was for the students to serve their community in some way which was meaningful to them. Because of the history of The Tomorrow Fund helping children with cancer, this cause was most important to our students, as many of them have known someone affected by this disease.

"The children had to learn 2 dances during their Phys. Ed. Class in order to be able to compete in the Dance-A-Thon; The Cupid Shuffle and Cotton-Eye Joe. The 4th grade class was the first to perform, and enjoyed showing off their skills to the middle school. Then, we had each class, 6-8, "strut their stuff" in front of the rest of the assembly, while they cheered each other on. This was by far, one of the most exciting events we have had at our new school! The students have all expressed their desire to hold a Disco-Ball for the next fundraiser, which we will plan on having in the Spring!"



Six year old

or Children wi MORROWFUL Sabrina Randall

was helping trim the Christmas tree when the idea came to her to sell candy canes and donate the money to sick children. She began selling the candy canes at home, but soon expanded her market collecting \$176.00.

Sabrina was very excited to visit The Tomorrow Fund and present her check to Barbara Ducharme, Executive Director and declare that her candy cane sale will be an annual tradition.





More front row- Max Derderian, Briana Castro, Caterina Girardi, Alexa Tribelli

A check presentation from St. Luke's School in Barrington. The Panarello family asked the school to include The Tomorrow Fund as one of their dress down days, given the fact that their son Nick, was once a patient in The Tomorrow Fund Clinic and is a St. Luke's graduate. His brother Will currently attends the school.

Pictured at right: Kathy Connolly, Development Director, with Will Panarello and mom Melanie Panarello.





The girls in Troop 88: Grace, Sophie, Lydia, Jayda, Kimberly, Emily C., Emily F., Tabatha, Mahogany, Maddie, Indira, Marta

Grace thought the pillows, like the Ugly Dolls, could be slept on, or hugged, or punched, or, even, thrown across the room, depending on how the recipient happened to feel. The Brownies felt great helping others and hope to brightened a few days for our patients in the process.

Girl Scouts promise to

"help others at all times."

Providence Brownie Troop 88 decided to help our friends in

The Tomorrow Fund Clinic by

Why pillows? Grace Carey,

a proud member of Troop

88 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ years from her

medulloblastoma diagnosis,

appreciated the pillow-like Ugly Dolls she would add to her collection after each of

her inpatient stays and MRIs.

Family Matters



Alayna submitted by Alyna's mother, Jennifer

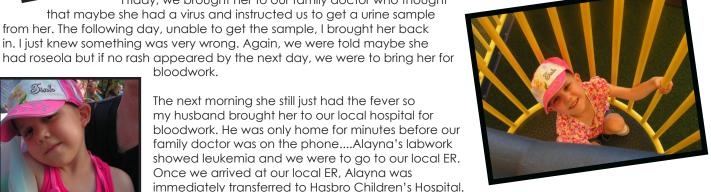
"One day in January, 2009, our daycare called me at work to let me know that our then 5-year old daughter, Alayna, was running a fever. The low-grade fever continued over the next several days. That

Friday, we brought her to our family doctor who thought that maybe she had a virus and instructed us to get a urine sample from her. The following day, unable to get the sample, I brought her back in. I just knew something was very wrong. Again, we were told maybe she

bloodwork.



The next morning she still just had the fever so my husband brought her to our local hospital for bloodwork. He was only home for minutes before our family doctor was on the phone....Alayna's labwork showed leukemia and we were to go to our local ER. Once we arrived at our local ER, Alayna was immediately transferred to Hasbro Children's Hospital. A soon as we met Dr. Doug Harrison in the Hasbro ER, I knew Alayna was in the right place.



We were admitted and Dr. Harrison confirmed that Alayna had Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She remained in-patient for the first month for intensive chemotherapy, bone marrow biopsies and numerous spinal taps. It was on the second day of this hospitalization that we were introduced to the wonderful people at The Tomorrow Fund. They have supported us in numerous ways and for that we will forever be thankful. We are currently one year into Alayna's two-year chemotherapy protocol and she is doing well. She is not as strong or as fast as her classmates and she misses a lot of school, but she is ALIVE and that is the most important thing.



Tucker submitted by Tucker's mother, Patricia

On August 10, 2009 our pediatrician referred us to Hasbro when our 9 year old son, Tucker, developed an infection from a scraped knee. That summer he had been showing subtle signs of fatigue, paleness and appetite loss, but all of it was so slight that we didn't think anything was truly wrong. He had never been sick in his life aside from an occasional cold.

After examination and several tests, we were called into a small room to meet with the a pediatric hematologist/oncologist who told us that our son had Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia - a mouthful of words that hit us

like a runaway train. The news rocked us to the core, shook our faith and left us feeling alone and terrified.





He was promptly admitted to the 5th floor in Hasbro where he remained for 37 days to undergo the Induction Phase of chemotherapy in hopes that he would achieve remission. How we survived those long weeks I'll never know. It was surreal, like we were going through the motions and looking in from the outside. My husband and I had no choice but to divide and conquer. We took turns at Tucker's bedside and caring for our younger son at