



“Enabling Children with Cancer to LIVE”

Pediatric Cancer Awareness Kickoff is a Circus

Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley kicked off September, pediatric cancer awareness month, with a full day Chemo Circus on the grounds of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. Over 120 children and families enjoyed a circus under the big-top, complete with a make your own sundae bar, DJ, popcorn, face painting, crafts, therapy dogs and Winnie the Pooh & Tigger.

A special thanks to the LVH Pediatric Specialty Care Center for their help in preparing for the circus, and their Maintenance & Operations Department who helped transform a nearby conference room into a clinic for treatments.

Our partners in creating the circus include: Kuss Brothers, ACS Parties, Jolly Holly the Clown, All About Fun, and the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs and Paws with Patience.

For more info on our Chemo Circus or to volunteer, please contact PCFLV @ 610-393-9215



Chemo Circus
Days



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Did you know September is
Pediatric Cancer Awareness
month and the symbol is a gold ribbon?



Walking for Dollars



Many times we hear of heroes in our lives. Sometimes those heroes live in our neighborhoods and go to our schools. This is true of Taylor Hill and Jenny Zawada of Orefield Middle School who coordinated with teacher Ms. Tedesco and put on a walk-a-thon in honor of Ryan Zawada who was diagnosed with desmoplastic round cell tumors, a rare cancer.

In response to the walk, Ryan's family decided immediately to donate all proceeds raised to the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley to support programs and support for all children who face battles similar to Ryan. We are so very honored and blessed to be the recipients of such an outstanding donation of over \$9,000 and to be reminded of the amazing hearts and love of even the youngest of us.

Way to go Taylor & Jenny !!



Meeting the Needs of the Caregiver

So often along the journey as the focus on the treating child continues to grow, parents and other caregivers begin to feel some of the taxing effects on themselves. Keeping recharged and taking care of oneself is often overlooked. Time and resources many times are limited. What to do?

PCFLV aims to help caregivers recharge by providing some special events designed just for them throughout the year. We host 3-4 date nights with a special program for the children and siblings at The Little Gym. Sagra Cooking of Easton has been host to many of the date nights where every parent can recharge with other parents and adults facing similar issues.

PCFLV also hosts an annual Spa Day at Meera Salon in Whitehall to help pamper caregivers and remind them they are appreciated beyond words!!

