

# Friend to Friend

## Look How We've Grown!

Twenty years ago, Friends of Kids with Cancer started out as a toy closet. Today, the organization proudly provides over twenty different programs to further the mission of helping kids with cancer... be kids!



1992  
Toy Closets



1992  
Munchie Monday



1992  
Fashion Show



1994  
Tutoring



1995  
Hats on Day



1997  
Winter Wonderland



1998  
Art Therapy



1999  
Golf Tournament



1999  
Halloween Party



2002  
Magic House Party



2002  
Walk with a Friend



2003  
Trivia Night



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Support Groups



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Educational Testing



2008  
Play Therapy



2010  
Art from the Heart



2010  
Young Friends

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# OUR MISSION

Friends of Kids with Cancer is devoted to enriching the daily lives of children undergoing treatment for cancer and blood related diseases.

Our mission is to be an advocate for these special kids and provide them and their families with the recreational, educational, and emotional support needed throughout the long hours of chemotherapy, illness and isolation.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Wow...time really flies when you are having a great time!! It's hard for me to believe that it's our 20th year...look how far we've come! I first met Jill, Molly and Susie in 1992, and I helped them create the Friends of Kids with Cancer State of Missouri Articles of Incorporation and the IRS application for non profit 501(c)(3) status. A board of directors was selected, committees were created and the Big Shelf was the first project...it was awesome! We had our first Fashion Show and the models and audience loved it, the board and volunteers were excited, and we were off and running! By our fifth year, we had developed such programs as the Toy Closets, tutorial services, entertainment, Un-Blue Monday, individual assistance, family partners program, and parties...and we had only just begun...

With a blink of an eye, it's our 20th year...with the same mission...we remain devoted to enriching the daily lives of children undergoing treatment for cancer and blood-related diseases. Our organization has exploded through our Educational, Emotional, and Recreational Programs.

Friends of Kids with Cancer is a charity on the move...we remain dedicated to 'Helping kids with cancer...be kids!' As my term as President ends, I want to thank each of you for your generous financial support, your friendship and your dedication to children we serve. We are most appreciative and grateful for your continued support!!

With warm regards,

Allen Brockman



## Congrats, Jill!!!

How fitting that as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, one of our founders is recognized as a **Distinguished Alumnus** by her alma mater!

On September 21st, 2012, our very own **Jill Turec** was honored in a ceremony at Ladue Horton Watkins High School for her outstanding work with Friends of Kids with Cancer and with Mercy Children's Hospital St. Louis. This special award is only given out once every ten years!

Congratulations, Jill! We're very proud of you!!







## Dr. Bob and Jill

### Friends from the Very Beginning



Twenty years ago, **Jill Turec**, Developmental Specialist at Mercy Children’s Hospital St. Louis, **Susie Snowden**, and **Molly Henry**, parents of children in treatment came together with a simple idea. “Susie said we need to do something to enrich the lives of the kids outside of the medical treatments,” Jill recalls. It was this idea that was the birth of Friends of Kids with Cancer. Starting in the office of **Dr. Bob Bergamini**, *Friends’* first program, The Big Shelf (now known as the Toy Closet) was created to brighten those gloomy days spent in treatment.

From that point on, *Friends* has been driven to meet the ever-evolving needs of the families. “Everything we do is patient-driven. We expand to meet their needs. Kids would tell us about their rough days in treatment, so we created the toy closets to cheer them up. The families told us they got sick of eating the same cafeteria food on treatment days, so we started Unblue Mondays (now known as Munchie Mondays). Even our tutoring was born from the needs expressed by our families whose children were struggling academically,” Dr. Bob said.

After twenty years, *Friends* is doing much more than providing families with toys and snacks. As Dr. Bob says, “*Friends* restores the childhood of a sick child, no other charity does that.” Currently, *Friends* facilitates 20 different programs to meet the educational, emotional, and recreational needs of the children and families.

“*Friends* is such an important and unique charity because we give back something that medicine can’t. Years ago, curing the sickness used to be the only thing that mattered. Now that so many children are survivors, we have to ensure that the patients and their families are prepared for life after the cancer is gone. Medicine doesn’t address these kinds of problems. *Friends’* programs build self-esteem and improve the quality of life to help kids grow as they should,” Dr. Bob stated.

As one of the founders of *Friends*, Jill looks back very fondly over the past twenty years, noting that one of the programs that means the most to her is Crisis Intervention. “The word ‘cancer’ evokes a sense of crisis in people, and it turns their whole worlds upside down. Anything we can do to help them is worth it.” Jill places special emphasis on taking care of the whole families, because of how important her family is to her. “Without the support of my husband, **Ben**, and my daughters, **Jennifer**, **Nikki**, and **Aly**, I never would have been able to play such a big role within Friends of Kids with Cancer.” Dr. Bob’s family is also very active within Friends. His wife, **Marianne**, sits on the Board of Directors, and his children, **Peter**, **James**, **Kate**, **Elizabeth**, and **Anna**, are regularly seen volunteering and participating in different events.

As *Friends* has grown over the years, Jill and Dr. Bob have had the pleasure of working closely with many different children and families. “Each day I meet a new kid who is a joy to work with. I’ve always worked with kids. I have an attachment to children and I live to make their lives happier,” Jill said.

Looking towards the future, both Jill and Dr. Bob share the hope that *Friends* continues to grow, that the programs flourish, and that we will always be able to meet the needs of the patients and their families.

## Third Party Events

We are so fortunate to have benefitted from the following third party events. These events, held between **March and July 2012** have raised over \$80,000!

Eureka High School Student Council's  
15th Annual Mr. EHS Beauty Pageant  
\$6,500

Ascension Parish Knights of Columbus Council 11139  
11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament  
\$16,500

Shop for Friends at Lisa Nixon's House  
\$1,100

Kirkwood Girls' Soccer Teams' "Kick for Cancer"  
\$1,800

2nd Annual Jake's Crew Annual Trivia Night  
Honoring Jake Franzel  
\$5,000

Westport Brewfest  
\$12,000

Mal-O-Rally Trivia Night honoring Malorie Klug  
\$18,000

The Koman Group Hats on Day City Place Tenant BBQ  
\$1,700

Donatelli's Bistro in Lake St. Louis' Adult Prom  
\$500

Behlman/Gateway GTO Car Show  
TBA

3rd Annual Aaron Hubbel Memorial Golf Tournament  
\$12,336

Seamus McDaniel's Charity Cook-Out  
\$15,000



Ascension Knights of Columbus Council  
11139 Golf Tournament



Aaron Hubbel  
Memorial Golf Tournament



Koman Group  
Hats On Day BBQ



Mal-O-Rally Trivia Night



Westport Brewfest



Cookout at Seamus McDaniel's

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gifts and encouragement to my family. My four-month-old daughter was diagnosed with leukemia last week, and as you can imagine, this has been very difficult to say the least. Support from our friends and kindness from people we don't even know, like you, has meant so much to our family. Thanks for all you do!

-Mother



# Walk with a Friend 2012 is an Enormous Success!

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Over 1,200 participants celebrated the 12th Annual Walk with a Friend on April 28th, 2012 at Maryville Centre, raising over \$45,000 for Friends!

This event has become a favorite for the families who benefit from the Friends programs. Live music, great food, face painters, balloon artists, and many other attractions are just some of the reasons our families keep coming back year after year. Many of the participants came from family teams, which give family and friends of kids battling cancer an opportunity to show their support.

**Duke Realty**, who also donates office space to the organization, provided the venue at Maryville Centre. **First Watch** served up a complimentary breakfast of fresh fruit, muffins, yogurt parfaits and even waffles fresh off the griddle. Both were major sponsors of the event. Kids enjoyed a visit from Louie of the St. Louis Blues amidst carnival games, a moon bounce and a vintage fire truck on display.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors who made this possible, and most of all to the family teams who came out in droves this year. That is what makes both this charity, and this event so special! Also, this would not have been possible without the hard work of our committee, including co-chairs **Chuck McDonnal** and **Deborah Patterson**, along with our volunteer man, **Mike Roberson**.

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Cole's Crew  
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Young Friends of Kids with Cancer



## Consider the Possibility of a Planned Gift



Planned Giving is the ultimate in Stewardship. Please consider Friends of Kids with Cancer in your estate planning and leave a legacy gift that will continue your support of our mission and vision- forever!

There are several ways to leave your legacy with Friends of Kids with Cancer.

- Outright gift
- Gift In Memory or In Honor
- Bequest in your Will or Trust
- Gift of insurance/ retirement accounts
- Life income gift

For more information on Planned Giving, call the Friends office at 314.275.7440

# 6 14th Annual Golf Tournament has More Fun than Ever!

The Friends of Kids with Cancer Golf Tournament sponsored by Waste Management continued its tradition of combining big-time tournament style and class with the family feel of a local charity, raising an incredible amount of money! Despite so many golf tournaments being conducted around St. Louis, Friends has managed to stand out each and every year.

"Even after 14 years, the atmosphere permeates with a warm, family feeling," said co-chair **Rick Lommel**, who organized the event with fellow co-chair **Bob Nuelle**.

With rain threatening in the forecast, golfers were worried about a repeat of last year's rain-out, but the sun shone brightly and a nice breeze kept everyone from getting too warm. It was the perfect day.

Everyone listened and smiled as **Shana Woebing-Abrams**, mother of patient **MacKenzie Woebing**, spoke to the crowd at lunch, and later as the family of patient **Arianna Dougan**, spoke during the dinner program about their experience, and how Friends helped them through it.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful sponsors who you see listed here, including a new diamond sponsor, Information Technologies, Inc. **Dave Lommel**, brother of co-chair Rick, has supported the tournament and the office with his IT services. Also, our title sponsor Waste Management provided many of the finer touches of the tournament out on the course, with recycling cans at the holes, and a grill providing hot dogs and brats!

"Waste Management is proud to be the title sponsor benefitting such a worthy cause," said Board Member and Waste Management VP **Kent Harrell**. "We sincerely appreciate the professional manner in which this tournament is run. Most importantly, we are glad that we are helping the kids."



Also, thanks to our wonderful committee who made this day possible. Thank you especially to our co-chairs **Rick Lommel** and **Bob Nuelle**; **Kelly Buchanan** and her awesome auction committee; and all of our volunteers.

## Many, many thanks to our 2012 Tournament Sponsors!!

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## KIDS HELPING KIDS

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We could dedicate an entire newsletter to our Kids Helping Kids Club. These young entrepreneurs continue to amaze us with their generous and inventive ways of helping kids with cancer...be kids.

### Scouting Troops Giving Back

- Ridge Meadows Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 604, Pack 3 made and sold "Survival Bracelets," raising \$820.
- Crestview Middle School Girl Scout Leaders planned She-Me Pottery Painting event for Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, District 12, Neighborhood 4. Each participant brought a toy for Friends of Kids with Cancer. \$1,200 worth of toys were collected.
- Forder Elementary Daisy Scout Troop 714 (sister of patient Rainee Arnold's troop) visited the Friends office and assembled 13 Buckets of Love with Goodies they had purchased with profit from Girl Scout Cookie sales, and also donated 23 boxes of cookies.
- St. Alban Roe Junior Girl Scout Troop 184 held a Mother/Daughter Girls' Night Out Spa and Runway on April 27th and raised \$433.



### Local Schools Give Back

- Ballwin Elementary 3rd Graders celebrated Valentine's Day by making 75 Valentine activity bags valued at \$5 each and inspirational cards, and did chores to earn money to purchase gift cards and toys.
- Northwest High School collected \$500 worth of toys in conjunction with their Hats on Day.
- Robinson Elementary School's 2nd Grade raised \$30 from their penny jar and made activity books filled with letters, stories, poems, pictures, etc.
- Festus Middle School raised \$215 on the last day of school in honor of two of their 8th graders, Ethan Koch and Madison Akers.
- St. Francis Borgia's 1st grade once again collected snacks, toys and cash.
- Green Trails Elementary School donated \$110 from their school project/fundraiser.
- The O'Fallon Township High School girls' soccer teams assembled and donated 41 Easter baskets for their annual service project.
- Jack Dannegger, patient at Mercy organized a snack/toy drive at his school
- Craig School's 5th Grade class worked hard organizing a bake sale in honor of their classmate, Jack Nimock, and proudly donated \$275 in his honor!
- Parkway North High School donated a box of books and videos, valued at \$350.
- Sacred Heart Academy collected \$670 worth of books at their book drive.
- North Kirkwood Middle School's 7th Graders participated in Community Health Service Day and prepared "Cardinal Goodie Bags" for children at the treatment centers and hospitals to celebrate the season's home opener.



### Kids Celebrate their Special Days Giving Back

The following kids celebrated their special days by requesting toys, gift cards, craft supplies and donations for children in treatment for cancer.

We thank you all and congratulate you on your unselfish ways of helping kids with cancer...be kids. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



Alex Dubinsky's Bar Mitzvah  
Isaiah Valdeabella's 5th birthday  
Maison McLean's 8th birthday  
Kyndal Vick's 9th birthday  
Jessie Goldberg's Bat Mitzvah



### Just Wanted to Help

- Ethan Koch made a personal donation of \$250 from proceeds presented to him by the Festus Basketball teams for Coaches vs Cancer.
- Kaitlyn Pluff, made and sold bracelets and necklaces out of yarn and donated the proceeds of \$122.50
- Ellie Bagby had a lemonade stand and donated \$21 in memory of her baby brother, Benjamin Schrieber.
- Corinne Tullis, previous patient, and Corinne's Care Bears organized a "Girls' Night Out" Bingo Bash and donated the proceeds of \$2,211 in honor of Dr. Bob Bergamini's office and staff. Corinne was treated when she was only three months old and is now a healthy, happy nine year old.
- Former patient Hannah Schooley sold stuffed animals at a garage sale, and donated the \$100 she raised to Friends!
- Liam Dougan, brother of patient Arianna Dougan, raised \$3,100 by selling Hot Wheels Cars at a car auction.

### Special Thanks

Living Lord Lutheran Church Preschool in Lake St. Louis has been supporting Friends for years. They just appear with all kinds of incredible donations. They organized a "Teddy Bear Drive" and ladies in the congregation knitted and sewed darling outfits for 60 bears and gave them a distinct personality all of their own by naming and tagging every one. Their next delivery included over \$800 worth of toys and gift cards. Thank you to the school's director, Terry Christell for your amazing efforts helping kids with cancer...be kids.

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## Family Parties at the Magic House are Twice as Nice!

This year, Friends of Kids with Cancer was lucky enough to get to host two family parties at The Magic House. The first party was held in June, and over 200 families were treated to a night of food, fun, and activities. The second party, held in August, featured a special "Back to School" gift from Friends; a backpack filled with school supplies for each of the kids in attendance.

The night at The Magic House is one of the favorite parties of the entire year for our families, and continues to thrive throughout the years.

Recently, the Young Friends of Kids with Cancer volunteered to take this party on as a special service project, and they provided the volunteers for the night.



### Boeing's Annual Toy Drive

The F/A-18 Employee Management Team organized their annual toy drive for Friends of Kids with Cancer, and filled five of our barrels with toys. Thanks, Boeing!

### Trip To Build-A-Bear



On August 19th, Friends of Kids with Cancer treated 40 Cardinal Glennon patients and their siblings to a trip to the St. Louis Galleria. The kids visited Build-A-Bear Workshop, where they each got to make their own bear, and then they all enjoyed lunch at Johnny Rocket's.

### Lohse's Little Leaguers

On Thursday, July 5th, 2012, 25 kids were invited to participate in "Lohse's Little Leaguers" on behalf of Kyle Lohse. As part of their visit to Busch Stadium, the group was escorted to the field to witness batting practice, sit in the dugout, meet Kyle, and receive memorable pictures and autographs. In addition to their ticket to the game, each participant received \$10 in Cardinal Bucks to spend at concessions. Thanks, Kyle! That's definitely a winner!

### Liberty Mutual Surprises Friends with \$ 10,000

On Thursday, June 14th, 2012, Friends Executive Director Judy Ciapciak thought she was just visiting Liberty Mutual to give a presentation on the organization, and was overjoyed to learn that she was instead being handed a check for \$10,000!

In addition to this very generous donation, we were very lucky to have a group of workers from Liberty Mutual devote an entire day to volunteering. Thanks for all you do!







# Hats On Day

## Thanks for a Great 2011-2012 School Year!!

Please accept our sincere THANK YOU for being part of Hats on Day this past school year.

Administrators, teachers, students, parents, and companies have put forth amazing results.

Everyone has been so kind and dedicated in making this endeavor a wonderful gift for children fighting cancer daily.

Please know you have truly touched the lives of children with cancer and your genuine kindness is greatly appreciated.

We would especially like to thank **Dave Fanning** at Image Labels for donating our stickers and **Cindy** and **Alan Woods**, who make Hats on Day possible!

Advance R-IV School  
 Archie High School  
 Avery Elementary School  
 Babler Elementary School  
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 Barretts Elementary School  
 Bellerive Elementary School  
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 Kirkwood High School  
 Kingston K-14  
 Lafayette High School  
 Lakeview Elementary School  
 LaSalle Springs Middle School  
 Learning and Support Services/  
 Gifted Program  
 Lewis and Clark Elementary School  
 Liberty CUSD #2  
 Lindbergh High School DECA  
 Madison Elementary School  
 Marquette Senior High School  
 Marion Elementary School  
 Mason Ridge Elementary School  
 Mayuri Restaurant  
 McKelvey Elementary School  
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Mesnier Primary School  
 McGrath Elementary School  
 Mid Rivers Elementary School PTO  
 Murphy Elementary School  
 Nipher Middle School  
 North County Middle School  
 North Glendale Elementary  
 North Kirkwood Middle School  
 Northwest R-1 High School  
 Oakville Senior High School  
 Parkway Administration Office  
 Parkway Central High School  
 Parkway Central Middle School  
 Parkway Central High School  
 Project Help  
 Parkway Early Childhood  
 Parkway North High School  
 Parkway Northeast Middle School  
 Parkway South Middle School  
 Parkway Southwest Middle School  
 Parkway West High School  
 Parkway West Middle School  
 Pattonville Heights Middle School  
 Progress South Elementary School  
 Pierremont  
 Pleasant Hill Primary School  
 Pond Elementary  
 Pond Elementary PTO  
 River Bend  
 Robinson Elementary School  
 Rockwood Early Childhood  
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Department  
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 Rockwood Valley Middle School  
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 Shenandoah  
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 St. Paul Catholic School  
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 St. Simon  
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 Tillman Elementary School  
 Trenton Elementary  
 Union Middle  
 Uthoff Elementary School  
 VISTA  
 Westridge Elementary School  
 Westchester Elementary School  
 Windsor High School  
 Wren Hollow Elementary School  
 Wyland Elementary School  
 Zalma R-5 District



*If you are interested in organizing a Hats On Day at your school or business, please call the Friends office at 314.275.7440 for more information!*

# 10 Friends of Kids with Cancer Recognized by Ladue News

Friends of Kids with Cancer was recognized as a finalist for the Ladue News Charity Awards. The awards ceremony and reception was held at the Missouri History Museum on June 14. We were excited to be joined by many of our board members and volunteers for the night. Although we were not named in the top three, we were honored to be nominated in the top eight area organizations!



## Dream Day for Michael

Michael, a patient at St. Louis Children's Hospital, had been in the hospital from the beginning of July until September 28th. When he was released, he was treated to a very special day out his first ever Cardinals game!

From the moment he was greeted upon arrival until he left, Michael was in complete awe. He got to visit the field during batting practice, tour the press box, and witness his favorite player, Yadier Molina, batting a great game from the Cardinals Club, where he also dined like a king!



As if all of that wasn't enough, the night was topped off by an incredibly generous act from the heart of Cardinals employee **Donta Wade**. While Michael was eating dinner, Donta stopped by the table to say hello, and Michael mentioned that he liked Donta's watch. About 20 minutes later, Donta returned to the table, took off his watch, and gave it to Michael. This simple act of kindness brought tears to the eyes of Michael's grandma.

Many, many thanks to **Donta**, **Cullen Speckhals**, **Dan Farrell**, and the entire Cardinals organization for making this day possible!!

## A Reason to Celebrate!!

*Nothing makes us happier at Friends of Kids with Cancer than celebrating the milestones of the families we have gotten to know over the years. If you are celebrating an important date soon, please let us know!*

This note below is from the family of Matt Cartmell. They are thrilled to be celebrating in honor of Matt being cancer free for five years!! Congrats to Matt, and the Cartmell family!!



Dear Friends,

Last week we celebrated Matt's five year anniversary of being cancer free! He is now officially a SURVIVOR!! We remember and are thankful every day for all the support you've given him over the last five years. There really are no words big enough to properly express our love and gratitude to all of you. We know we've made lifelong friends in all of you, and plan to remain part of your organization for life!

Love Always,

The Cartmell Family





# OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP 11

We're young professionals and with the joys of childhood still fresh in our minds, we support Friends of Kids with Cancer in exciting and unique ways.

Our mission is to provide an enthusiastic and energetic base of young professional supporters and future leaders for Friends of Kids with Cancer.



## RECENT NEWS

Family Fun Night at the Magic House is our group's annual service project. Patient families come from all over the bi-state area to enjoy a good meal and great times. We have the privilege of hosting and providing volunteers for this private event that brings wonderful memories and camaraderie to the families we serve.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Toys for Toddlies

Save the Date, the annual holiday toy drive will be held on December 6th at Maggie O'Brien's. Come on out for a fun evening filled with live music, food and drink and networking opportunities for all. So pick up a toy, grab your friends, and join us!

Be sure to check [www.friendsofkids.com/young-friends-of-kids](http://www.friendsofkids.com/young-friends-of-kids) for more details as the event gets closer!



## FUNDRAISER RECAP

### Mouse Races – A Night at the Races

The Mouse Races were a huge success. Nearly 200 people attended the event and every one had an unforgettable time. Not only did we surpass our goal by almost \$5,000, with the help of an amazing team of people, we were able to reach half of the Young Friends goal for the year! It is an event that we plan on growing each year!

### Open Board Meeting – Happy Hour at Hacienda

In July, The Young Friends of Kids with Cancer held an open board meeting for anyone interested in our organization. The event included guest speakers and a presentation from various board members to give prospective members and volunteers a more complete understanding of Young Friend's mission. We look forward to our new members getting involved!

### Constellation Classic - Glow Ball & Mini-Golf

Young Friends just hosted the 2nd Annual Constellation Classic tournament in August at Tower Tee. We had an outstanding turnout, groups of four played both mini-golf and glow ball. The evening was filled with food, drinks and live entertainment. We cannot wait for next year!



## GOOD LUCK, MIKE! THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!

**Mike DeBerge**, President of the Young Friends organization will be moving to his home town of Chicago to continue work with Waste Management. We are sad to see him go, but wish him all the best of luck and a special thank you from us all!

To learn more about The Young Friends of Kids with Cancer, visit [www.friendsofkids.com](http://www.friendsofkids.com)

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Friday, February 1, 2013

CBC High School

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Saturday, April 28th, 2013

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Monday, May 20, 2013

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