

# THE MYA LIN TERRY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



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## Great things are happening!

### Are you ready for Mya's Warrior Jam on April 12th?

We are! This will be an awesome evening at The Stone Pony in Asbury Park filled with entertainment and live performances from STRONG SOUL, Deal Casino, GNGR, This New Day and Keith Egan benefiting The Mya Lin Terry Foundation. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and includes food and dessert. Also available will be a cash bar, face painting, a photo booth and Silent Auction. TMLTF will also be accepting donations that night of new children's games, toys, crafts or other "prizes" for hospitalized children when completing difficult and/or upsetting treatments. This is an all ages, family friendly event with doors opening at 6PM! For tickets, please visit: [tinyurl.com/mya-warrior-jam](http://tinyurl.com/mya-warrior-jam)

*Budded on Earth,  
To Bloom in Heaven*

*The Mya Lin Terry  
Foundation is a  
charitable, non-profit  
organization created  
to honor Mya's  
memory and to  
continue the legacy of  
this amazing little girl.*

### Hundreds turn out for the Plunge on January 25, 2014!

The Rotary Polar Plunge is an annual event organized by the Rotary Club of Asbury Park. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" and the Rotary Polar Plunge raises funds for Rotary's international project, Rotary Eye Rescue, a program that restores sight to the corneally blind. This year's event, in partnership with TMLTF, took place on January 25 on the Asbury Park boardwalk at McLoone's Asbury Grill. 101 people plunged in to the Atlantic Ocean and about double this number were content to be spectators. Save the date for next year's Plunge - Saturday, January 31, 2015. [www.rotaryplunge.org](http://www.rotaryplunge.org)

### One Warrior Brother's Story - Jordan

Cancer Sucks! My brother Logan is seven years old and is currently in treatment for ALL, a form of leukemia. Logan has some pretty interesting things to say about his experience with cancer. Logan says he doesn't want cancer in him anymore and he doesn't like it. While I just think it sucks. He hates it when he has to get stuck by needles and when they give him his medicine. He is strong though and he has the courage to endure the pain. Logan also hates it when he gets admitted to the hospital for treatment because he doesn't get to be at home with his family. He also misses going outside, playing with other children, and going to the movies because of his poor immune system. Although there are many fun things Logan can't do outside, there is still plenty to do at home. At home, like most "normal" children, Logan enjoys playing xbox, watching videos on his Ipad, and playing with toys. Yet with all the activities Logan cannot participate in, he still finds something fun for himself to do. In my eyes, he seems like a normal seven year old boy. Along with my brother and millions of others, I hate cancer. One day I wish to help cancer patients that are around my brothers current age and make them happy to know that I am helping them. If I don't let my brothers current situation cloud my school work I'm sure to reach my goal of helping kids like him.

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Mya Lin Terry

## TMLTF EVENTS

**April 12, 2014**

Mya's Warrior Jam at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park, NJ

Cupcake Magician in Red Bank has chosen TMLTF as their sweet charity for the month of April! A portion of sales for Cookies & Cream cupcakes, in the month of April, will be donated to The Foundation. Get your yum on at 54 Monmouth Street, Red Bank 07701!

[www.cupcakemagicianonline.com](http://www.cupcakemagicianonline.com)

**June 21, 2014**

The Lakewood Blue Claws will be helping bring awareness to pediatric cancer and The Foundation at this home game. Tickets are \$10 per person. For tickets, please contact Kelly Terry at [KellyLTerry@themyalinterryfoundation.org](mailto:KellyLTerry@themyalinterryfoundation.org).

**August 2, 2014**

Warrior Dash to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital held in Morristown, NJ. Check it out at <http://wariordash.com/location/2014-warrior-dash-new-jersey/>

### The Foundation is always collecting:

- new or gently used DVDs to be donated to local hospitals
- aluminum can tabs to be donated to the Ronald McDonald

Pay it forward!



Wild participants at the Polar Bear Plunge in Asbury Park, NJ

### Meet our newest Warrior Grant Recipients:

**Bella, age 3  
APL, 2013**

**Chris, age 14  
NHL, 2014**

**Logan, age 7  
ALL, 2010**

**Happy 8th Birthday to Warrior Michael!  
Happy 6th Birthday to Warrior Jake!**

**Congratulations to Warrior Armando  
for completing treatment and  
receiving his NJ driver's license!**

### Pediatric Cancer Facts

- ◆ Children's cancer affects all ethnic, gender & socio-economic groups
- ◆ More than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year
- ◆ 3 out of 5 who survive childhood cancer suffer late-effects, such as infertility, heart failure and secondary cancers
- ◆ There are approximately 350,000 adult survivors of childhood cancer in the US. That equates to 1 in 640 adults ages 18-45

~Courtesy of [childrensoncologygroup.org](http://childrensoncologygroup.org)

## A special note from TMLTF President - Kelly Terry

As we approached Mya's first Angel Anniversary, I struggled with how I could share her legacy, continue to honor her memory, yet convey the sorrow I live with every moment of every day. I believe The Mya Lin Terry Foundation Newsletter delivers you a glimpse into the "voice" of her legacy. The Dash, a poem written by Linda Ellis, found at <http://www.linda-ellis.com/the-dash-the-dash-poem-by-linda-ellis-.html> conveys how I choose to remember my beautiful Mya and how she spent Her Dash. For my expression of grief, "I Scream In Silence." I Thank You for Sharing, For Caring, and For Being a Part of Our Fight Against Pediatric Cancer.....Feel Her Wings, For She Is With Us Always.....

## Junior Advisory Board Shout Outs

Shouting McKayla Conti for her verbal commitment to the University of Louisville, Kentucky for Lacrosse

Shouting Michelle Kochenash who was accepted into the University of Alabama and Coastal Carolina

Shouting Jenna Loeser for receiving her NJ driver's license

Shouting Kenny Pickett for selection to the 2017 Top Prospects for Team USA

Giant Shout to The Frances Foundation and its President Bob Heugle who accepted the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of The Frances Foundation from the Dean Michael Clarizio Cancer Foundation on March 8, 2014. Bob serves as a current Board Member of TMLTF and has been instrumental in getting our Foundation up and running.

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