

# THE MYA LIN TERRY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



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## Great things are happening!

Still in the first 8 months since forming, TMLTF has been busy with many local events like Mya's Forever Birthday party on September 6 (postponed from August 1 due to rain) and Mya's Run For Gold held on September 14. September 21 was a full day with pumpkin painting at Ocean Township's Fall Festival in addition to the 2nd Annual Mya's Cup hosted by Ocean's Girls Varsity Soccer Team that evening. These events not only help the foundation's charitable grants to NJ families struggling with pediatric cancer, but also raise awareness for much needed funding for kids cancer research. Future Foundation events can be found on our website or in this issue.

## Take the Plunge! January 25, 2014

Join the Rotary Club of Asbury Park for their 6th Annual Polar Plunge to benefit The Mya Lin Terry Foundation and the Rotary Eye Rescue. The event registration (\$25 fee adults, \$10 under 21) begins at 9:30 am on the Asbury Park Boardwalk at McLoone's. Then, Polar Plunge into the Atlantic at 11:00 am. TMLTF will be on-site with promotional materials and will be there to cheer on all the brave participants. For more information please go to [www.rotarypolarplunge.org](http://www.rotarypolarplunge.org). It is sure to be a memorable day! If you can't make it there, or just prefer to stay warm inside McLoone's, you can sponsor our very own Kelly Terry who will be going in for a dip. To pledge an amount to her plunge, please visit the event's website at [www.rotarypolarplunge.org](http://www.rotarypolarplunge.org) and fill in name: Kelly Terry, of TMLTF.

## One Warrior's Story - Justin

I was first diagnosed with cancer in 2007 when I was 7 years old. I met Mya at the Valerie Center the following year. She beat cancer, then relapsed. I beat cancer, then relapsed. She went through 3 bone marrow transplants and earned her wings in April 2013. I spoke at her funeral. Six weeks later, I relapsed again. I too underwent a bone marrow transplant this past September. I am 100+ days out and slowly recovering. More than once I have told my Mom that I can't believe Mya did this 3 times. Transplant is so hard. I'm lucky, my sister was my donor, a perfect match so we've never sponsored a marrow drive, but I think it's awesome that Mya's family got so many people to join the registry and even though none were a match for Mya several of them have gone on to donate marrow and save so many lives. I miss Mya but I am so proud of her mom and dad and all the people who loved her so much who have started this foundation. Mya was so funny and very upbeat every time I saw her. She was a warrior princess and though she may have lost her fight, she is helping me to fight every day.

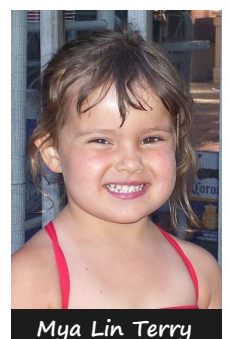
*Budded on Earth,  
To Bloom in Heaven*

*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.*



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Mya Lin Terry

## TMLTF EVENTS

### January 25, 2014

The Rotary Club of Asbury Park Polar Plunge to benefit the foundation. Registration 9:30 am on the Asbury Boardwalk at McLoone's next to Convention Hall.

### April 12, 2014

Mya's Warrior Jam at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park, NJ. Update from Holden Glazer: My band, **Strong Soul** and I will be jamming at the Pony in honor of TMLTF! We have already lined up 3 other amazing bands to rock the night away as we raise money to benefit other warriors and their families. There is a lot of buzz being created and we are working on securing food, prizes and activities. It will be a great and fulfilling evening!!

### August 2, 2014

Warrior Dash to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital held in Morristown, NJ. Check it out at <http://warriordash.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 House

Pay it forward!



Children participating in Mya's Run For Gold September 14, 2013

### Meet our current Warriors! 2013 Grant Recipients:

**Dylan, age 11**  
Ewings Sarcoma, 2012  
**Justin, age 16**  
Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, 2007  
**Anna, age 9**  
Hodgkin's Lymphoma, 2010  
**Michael, age 7**  
T Cell Acute Lymphoblastic  
Leukemia, 2011  
**Jake, age 5**  
Pre B Cell Acute Lymphoblastic  
Leukemia, 2010  
**Gia, age 7**  
Neuroblastoma, 2007  
**Armando, age 18**  
Hodgkin's Lymphoma, 2013

## Pediatric Cancer Facts

- ◆ more children die of cancer every year than adults who died in 9/11
- ◆ cancer kills more children than AIDS, asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and congenital anomalies combined
- ◆ the average age of death for a child is 8, causing a child to lose 69 years of expected life

~Courtesy of Kids V Cancer.org

## Junior Advisory Board Shout Outs

Shouting Rebekka Wagner, Junior at Marlboro High School, for acceptance into The National Honor Society.

Shouting Gabriella Hagerman, Senior at Ocean Township High School, for receiving the Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce Collegiate Scholarship Grant with offers from Towson University and Eastern Carolina University.

Shouting Kenny Pickett, Freshman at Ocean Township High School, for his third offer and acceptance to represent the United States as quarterback for Team USA U16. Team USA is up against Canada on February 7, 2014.



Happy Double Digits to Michael Terry!

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