# THE MYA LIN TERRY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



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### Great things are happening!

#### Mya's Run For Gold

WOW! Over 500 runners and walkers turned out on September 7 to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mya's Run For Gold held at Palaia Park in Ocean Twp. Many thanks to all the participants, volunteers and community partners for making this our biggest Run yet. We were thrilled to have many Pediatric Cancer Warriors in attendance, reminding us all of their strength, courage and determination. In addition to the 5K run/walk, the 1- mile course was a "Color Run" where participants were doused with brightly colored powder. A vibrantly multi-colored Rusty Todd and Elise Warner were the first male and female to cross the Color Run finish line. John O'Dowd was our 5K first place men's runner with a time of 16:48 followed by Pat Ford (17:48) and Ben Williams (19:22). With a time of 21:14, Nikki Delpizzo lead the women's group followed closely by Michela Cholak (21:25) and Madelyn Kopec (21-43). Can't wait for next year!

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

#### 2014 Mya's Cup

Ocean Township High School Girls Varsity Soccer team wins third straight *Mya's Cup* - a benefit organized by the team to help pediatric cancer warriors and their families.

On September 11, the Spartans did it again, winning 3-0 against Red Bank Catholic High School. This year's Honorary MVP Justin Condoluci and his family were there for the excitement. Mya may have had

a hand in holding off the predicted storms for that evening - it turned out to be a perfect night to pay it forward with peace, love and happiness. Alex Pickett, Mya's cousin, scored 2 goals for Ocean during her final Cup game before graduating this Spring. The night could not have happened without the players, coaches, volunteers and fans. Special thanks to Rich Champranis and Sports Zone for their amazing coverage of the game. It takes a dedicated and brave group to carry on this tradition in Mya's memory and the team really lives up to its name - GO SPARTANS!





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#### **EVENTS**

October 7 - 11, 2014
Haircuts For Mya at
The Wave - Cuts 4 Kids in
Cobblestone Village, Ocean
20% of each new client
haircut will be donated to
TMLTF. 732-695-WAVE (9283)

www.thewavecuts4kids.com

#### October 18, 2014

Frances Foundation's Dinner Dance Gala at the Ocean Place in Long Branch www.francesfoundation.net

#### November 22, 2014

St. Jude Give Thanks Walk on the Asbury Park Boardwalk 8am - noon This family friendly event helps raise funds to support the life saving mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. http://givethankswalk.org

#### January 31, 2015

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Asbury Park Rotary Polar Plunge to benefit TMLTF and the Rotary Eye Rescue 8:00 am - noon www.rotaryplunge.org

## 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!













Attending Mya's Run For Gold were several Warriors from our Foundation, The Frances Foundation and Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer. Here are Anna, Armando, Grayson, Justin, Tori and Rachel

## Warrior's Corner

Meet our newest Warriors
Angelo, 2, Burkitts Lymphoma
Avery, 4, Neuroblastoma
Nia, 16, Acute Myeloid Leukemia
Max, 7, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

Congratulations to Warrior Jake who entered Kindergarten this year!

In memoriam: Warrior Joseph earned his wings on September 1, 2014

## Pediatric Cancer Facts

- More than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year.
- Three out of five who survive children's cancer suffer late-effects, such as infertility, heart failure and secondary cancers.
- There are approximately 350,000 adult survivors of children's cancer in the United States. That equates to 1 in 640 adults ages 18-45.
- ~~Courtesy of:

www.childrensoncologygroup.org

#### Mya's Spirit of Giving Scholarship 2014/2015

Scholarship opportunity open to high school Seniors that are Ocean Township residents and attend any community high school, who are in good academic standing, and have demonstrated the Foundation's mission, vision and purpose. Interested applicants may download an application from www.TheMyaLinTerryFoundation.org/pay-it-forward. Deadline for applications is February 20, 2015.

#### Junior Board Shout Outs

Congratulations to Kenny Pickett and Connor Daly for each receiving their Driving Permit.

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