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CONGRATULATIONS!!

John Troxell
LFG Board Member
And
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Finalist

LFG Football Camp Goes WEST to Ohio



Football Camps.

The football camp is a one-day, non-contact camp for student athletes entering grades 9-12. Participants receive instruction in a variety of offensive and defensive skills from volunteer coaches from around the country.

LFG Football Camp will go west this year finding its home at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio. The camp will be held on June 27, 2010.

The huge success of LFG Football Camps in Easton, Pennsylvania and Tampa, Florida have prompted the opening of yet another LFG Football Camp location. In 2009, more than 2,100 student-athletes and 340 volunteer coaches participated in LFG

Otterbein College is a private, church-related, coeducational college that sponsors traditional and continuing education programs of liberal arts and professional education at Baccalaureate and Master's levels. The OC Cardinal's football program is a member of the NCAA Division III Ohio Athletic Conference.

New York's 7 on 7 Championship



Lauren's First and Goal Foundation is proud to announce that St. Anthony's High School in Huntington, New York will host the first LFG 7 on 7 Championship. The camp will be held on July 17, 2010.

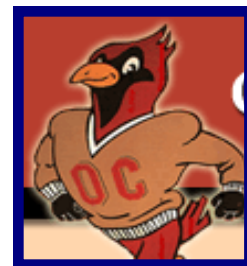
Like LFG Football Camp, the New York's 7 on 7 Championship is a fundraising event that enables high school football players to showcase their talents for college coaches.

The day will include team skills and kicking competitions. Also featured at the 7 on 7 Championship will be offensive and defensive line clinics. The format allows players to display individual skills as well as interaction with teammates.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!

NEW THIS YEAR...

Register *online* for LFG Football Camps beginning in January 2010 at
laurensfirstandgoal.org.



Lauren's

String of Strength

Lauren's String of Strength was started about five years into her diagnosis at a visit to clinic. The string is filled with beads that represent her experiences during the journey through life with cancer. Some beads symbolize the most unpleasant of experiences such as pokes, surgery, hair loss, chemo and hospital stays. Some beads signify the most beautiful moments, friendships and memories made during the journey. Every bead added to the strand is a tangible and growing testament of the strength, courage and perseverance of the child who earns it.

The String of Strength is the inspiration behind the concept of Lauren's Circle of Strength. This figurative circle includes the real life people; players, coaches, volunteers, community fundraisers, etc., who ban together and join the fight to find a cure for pediatric brain tumors. Lauren's Circle of Strength is always growing. To learn about the newest members of The Circle, see page 3.





Grants for 2009 Announced



Lauren's First and Goal Foundation has proudly raised \$823,745.50 since 2004 toward its mission to provide financial support for brain tumor research and cancer services, to offer financial and emotional support to families living with pediatric cancer, and to increase awareness of the disease.

This year the greatest percentage of funds raised, \$120,000, has been donated to support pediatric brain tumor research. Services for children and families facing a cancer diagnosis received grants totaling \$43,500 from LFG Foundation in 2009. Family support funding for 2009 was just over \$9,000. Finally, the awareness campaign was supported with \$500 of funding. In total, \$173,275.25 was granted to support the mission of LFG Foundation.

These grants are possible because of the generosity of the thousands of players, coaches and volunteers who have supported LFG Foundation.

Please see the research, services and family support grants for 2009 outlined here. Full descriptions and explanations of the grants can be found on our new website at www.laurensfirstandgoal.org.

RESEARCH: \$120,000

DANA FARBER PEDIATRIC LOW GRADE ASTROCYTOMA RESEARCH - \$35,000

JOHNS HOPKINS - POLYMYXOID RESEARCH FUND - \$25,000

PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOR TISSUE CONSORTIUM AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PHILADELPHIA - \$60,000

SERVICES: \$43,500

PEDIATRIC CANCER FOUNDATION OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY - \$10,000

CAMP SUNSHINE – BRAIN TUMOR WEEK – \$30,000

SPLASHES OF HOPE – \$1,500

PENN VET PETS – \$2,000

FAMILY SUPPORT: \$9,275.25

AWARENESS: \$500 60 copies of *Hope is Here to Stay* have been donated to pediatric neuron-oncology and cancer service facilities.

Hope Is Here To Stay Book Tour

Lauren's inspirational story spreads as the *Hope Is Here To Stay* book tour continues in schools this year. The outpouring of support from compassionate school children and their communities has enabled the awareness campaign to flourish.

Author Patrice Domozych has visited a number of schools in New York and plans on

additional visits this winter and spring in both New York and Pennsylvania.

"When I listen to the questions and comments children have during a visit, I realize that they've made real personal connections to the story and have become inspired. Knowing this has made each visit a treasure," Domozych explains.

School districts that have participated in visits during the first half of this school year include: Connetquot, Half Hollow Hills, Smithtown, Tuckahoe and West Islip.

To see photos from school visits and for information about booking an author visit please contact the author at docdomo@optonline.net.



BUY A BOOK! SHARE HOPE!!

You can get your copy online at www.amazon.com or at the new LFG website.

PA, OH and NY Football Camp Dates

Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp PA

Sunday, June 6, 2010

at Lafayette College, Easton, PA

Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp OH

Sunday, June 27, 2010

at Otterbein College, Westerville, OH

New York's 7 on 7 Football Camp NY

Saturday, July 17, 2010

St. Anthony's High School, Huntington, NY



LFG Launches New Website

The Lauren's First and Goal Foundation website has undergone major reconstruction and now provides the best way to access information about all things LFG.

With tabs for pages About Us, How To Help, Football Camp, Lauren's Corner, Pediatric Brain Tumor Resources, Media Room, Grants and Contact Us, the web-

site provides an all-inclusive, comprehensive source of information about the foundation. Special thanks to Chad Harnish of M Street Associates and Ali Wenger for their many hours of work in redesigning the site.

Check it out at www.laurensfirstandgoal.org.



Lauren's Circle of Strength Growing

The number of the many generous and giving people who have been inspired to join Lauren's Circle of Strength has soared in 2009. These are the thoughtful individuals, groups and organizations who have embraced the spirit of hope and have taken action to help spread the mission of LFG Foundation. The creativity of Circle of Strength members also continues to grow, showing the innovative ideas that have been inspired by Lauren's spirit. Each act of giving makes a

significant impact on children and families living with a brain tumor diagnosis. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to making a difference.

A special young woman, Sarah Holloman, planned her sweet sixteen as a benefit for LFG Foundation. In lieu of gifts, this very creative young lady asked her guests to bid on gift baskets that were raffled to partygoers. Sarah donated the earnings of the evening to LFG Foundation.



Lauren and Sarah

2009

Circle of Strength Members

Brian's Birthday Treasure Hunt
Cindy Miles and Associates Dress Down Day
Connetquot High School
Danbury High School Football Car Wash
Dawn and Brett Comp's Wedding
Dublin-Jerome Girls Lacrosse
Easton High School Almost Anything Goes
Ed Adamko's Ninth Annual Golf Outing
Gregg Henry's Marathon Run
Idle Hour Beach Club Golf Outing
Jaclyn and Becca's Yard Sale Snacks
Jason Hilber's Ziploc bag
Lafayette College player volunteers
MLSLI - Mr. Joseph Mottola
Nesconset Elementary School
Northampton High School
Notre Dame High School
One Meaning Couture
Paul J. Bellew Elementary School
Paumanok Elementary School & Third Graders Refreshment Stand
Sarah Holloman's Sweet Sixteen
St. Anthony's High School
Tracy Elementary Run for a Cure
Tuckahoe Common School
Wade and Gwen's Hot Dog Cart
WASI NY
Yogilates at the IHTA Beach Club



Thanks to

One Meaning Couture

Special thanks go to Ingrid and Karen, the amazing ladies at One Meaning Couture, who designated LFG as the beneficiary of the 8.13% of their proceeds for the month of December 2009. The 8.13% signifies eight letters, three words, one meaning - I love you. Check out their beautiful urban jewelry, pets, couture pieces and apparel at www.onemeaning.com - couture with a conscience, and see which charity benefits this month!



Owen makes the race look like a walk in the park!



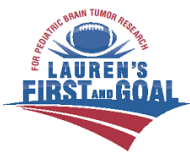
Lauren, Alene and Grace at the finish line!

Marathoners Run In Lauren's Honor

Gregg Henry ran the VIA Marathon in the Lehigh Valley on September 13 in support of LFG and surpassed his fundraising goal of \$1,000. Although Gregg has been a distance runner for several years, this was the first time he had run for a specific cause.

Cousins Owen Panettieri and Alene Meehan ran the ING New York City Marathon on November 1 in honor of Lauren. Owen competed for the second year as a member of the Children's Tumor Foundation team and significantly bettered his finish time from last year! He was joined by his cousin and Lauren's aunt Alene Meehan, who ran the race for the first time. Both runners raised more than \$5,000 in Lauren's honor for the Children's Tumor Foundation.

Thanks go to each runner for displaying hope in action.



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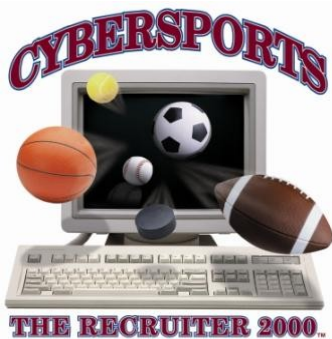
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