

Colin's Crew News



About Colin's Crew



Colin's Crew was inspired by friends and family of a 6 year old brave boy, Colin Westbrook. Colin was your typically two-year-old when he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, ("ALL") in October 2009, just days after his second birthday.

Colin's Crew was originally formed to provide financial and emotional support to the Westbrook family. As Colin continues to do well, Colin's Crew is planning fundraisers and programs to assist families affected by childhood cancer.

Bringing moments of comfort and joy to families affected by childhood cancer

Fact

Source, CureSearch:

Today, tomorrow and everyday 36 children are diagnosed with cancer.

Meet the Crew

Kate Xeller, Board Member:



Kate earned a Bachelors of Art in Psychology in 2007 before completing her Masters of Science in School Counseling at Southern Connecticut State University in 2010. Kate serves as a Guidance Counselor at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, CT and is the head Girls Cross Country and Outdoor Track and Field coach. She is also the Freshmen Girls Basketball Coach for Branford High School. Kate is an active volunteer for the Greater Waterbury Special Olympics Basketball Tournament. Kate lost her cousin Lauren to childhood Cancer 8 years ago and has vowed to make a difference any way she can to raise awareness. Colin is like a nephew to Kate and offers her inspiration to continue everyday. Kate heads up the Colin's Crew Jr. Committee and their activities such as Snacks4Kids.

Program Updates/News

Meals4Kids:

Colin's Crew coordinated 7 meal distributions thus far this year to Yale New Haven Children's Oncology patients and another three are currently planned by year end.

2013 Meal Sponsors:

Bar, New Haven	Olive Garden, Orange
Dad's Restaurant, Wallingford	Perk On Main, Durham
Café George, New Haven	Subway, North Haven
Xeller Family, Branford	Amore Pizza, Wallingford

Doody's Restaurant, North Branford

Interested restaurants please contact us for sponsorship opportunities.



Program Updates/News

Snacks4Kids:

Our Junior Committee of college students hosted their first two Snacks4Kids drive in August and October where over 150 bags were made by children in the community. The children brought their favorite snack to donate and hand decorated each bag.

Over 300 snack bags have been delivered to Yale (New Haven & Guilford) and CCMC this year.

Ice Cream: An ice cream sundae bar was organized for the Yale teen group session and both the New Haven and Guilford Yale Freezers were stocked with ice cream sandwiches on National Ice Cream Sandwich day in August.



For details on upcoming drives see our website or Facebook page.

Picnic in the Park:

Colin's Crew participated in the Yale Picnic In The Park festivities for Yale Oncology families by hosting a caricature table.

Little Heroes:

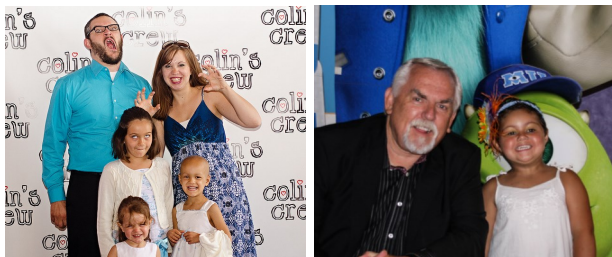
In January, we announced the launch of a teaser video in our fight to spread pediatric cancer awareness. This is only the beginning of a film project that is very near and dear to our hearts.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7k5nEIOIOU>

Filmed by Jessica Pierce

Films4Kids:

In June, over fifty hero families enjoyed a private screening of the Monsters University movie at the Holiday Cinemas in Wallingford. The families enjoyed finding their personal star by Jennifer Lynn Events, red carpet photos from Bella Grace Photography and met John Ratzenberger, the voice of the Snowman.



Cure Search Walk:

In support of childhood cancer research efforts, Colin's Crew hosted a snack table, handing out snacks and drinks to all at the September Hartford Cure Search walk. The walk raised over \$18,000 for childhood cancer research!



Celebrate Wallingford:

To help spread awareness the Crew hosted a tent at the two day Celebrate Wallingford event.

Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards:

You can now order your holiday Texas Roadhouse gift cards in increments of \$15, 25 & \$50. Simply send us a check or click on the donation link on colins-crew.org noting TXRH and we'll send your card in time for the holiday's. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Colin's Crew Programs.

Events

Cookies and Hope Bake Sale:

Date: Sunday December 8, 2013

Time: 12:00-4:00

Location: Co. 3 Firehouse, 1958 Middletown Ave, Northford, CT
Proceeds will benefit Colin's Crew Programs

Colin's Crew Polar Dip

Date: Saturday February 22, 2014

Time: 1:00-4:00

Location: Savin Rock Conf. Center, 6 Rock St. West Haven, CT
Proceeds will benefit Camp Sunshine

Night of Hope Fundraiser:

Date: Saturday May 17, 2014

Time: Evening

Locations: Savin Rock Conf. Center, 6 Rock St. West Haven, CT
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