

Colin's Crew News



About Colin's Crew



Colin's Crew was inspired by friends and family of a brave 6 year old 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 has been able to create programs and plan fundraisers that assist other families affected by childhood cancer.

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

Meet the Crew

Mary Keany, Board Member:



Mary graduated from Villanova University in 1999 with a dual major in Management and Management Information Systems. After years of consulting for big firms, she joined her family's insurance business in 2005 where she is a licensed agent as well as the IT director. In addition to insurance, she graduated from the Connecticut Culinary Institute in 2006 and started her own catering company that she managed from 2006-2012. Most recently, she has added fashion to her list of careers as she has become an independent fashion consultant for CAbi. In November of 2010, her 15 month daughter, Reagan, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She underwent five grueling rounds of chemotherapy at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center that spanned over a seven month period. Due to the intense nature of her treatment, Reagan spent 170 of 200 consecutive nights in the hospital. Reagan, now four, has been in remission for nearly three years. Mary and her family have resolved to pay their good fortunes forward and continuously strive to help those who are on the path they once traveled.

Night of Hope

Please join Colin's Crew for our 1st Annual Superhero Themed "Night of Hope" Fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit Colin's Crew programs including Meals4Kids, Snacks4Kids and Fun4Kids. This adult evening will be full of surprises!

**"SUPERHERO" THEME • FOOD STATIONS • PRIZE DRAWING • SILENT AUCTION
COMPLIMENTARY BEER & WINE • ENTERTAINMENT • FUN PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES & MORE**

DATE: Saturday May 17, 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
TICKETS: \$50 Per Person by mail to PO Box 4097 Wallingford CT, 06492. Paypal or Crew Member
PLACE: Savin Rock Conf. Center 6 Rock St. West Haven, CT



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2013 Program Snapshot



Meals4Kids:

17 meal Deliveries serving 229 families

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.

Snacks4Kids:

2 Snack Drives

19 snack deliverers serving 357 families

Fun4Kids:

Films4Kids: 36 families enjoyed the movie Monsters U

Games4Kids: 7 families enjoyed a Rock Cats Game

Fun4Kids: 5 families attended Elmo Live

Adopt-A-Family:

Two Wallingford families enjoyed the holidays with gifts and meals

Program Updates/News

Snacks4Kids:

Our Snack4Kids program calls on kids of all ages to donate snacks and help make snack bags for children spending the day in the hospital. Last year, Colin's Crew delivered over 350 bags serving 357 families. With the help of our supporters, we are on target to deliver 200 bags this quarter alone.



Freddie celebrated his birthday and asked his guests to bring their favorite snacks in lieu of presents so he could "help kids with cancer."



Kayla Wickham: "This year instead of getting gifts for my birthday, I decided to help out Colin's Crew by making snack bags for the kids in the hospital. I asked each of my friends to bring snacks instead of presents and we made

25 bags to donate. It made me feel good to know that the kids would be very happy to receive these snack bags."

For details on upcoming drives, please visit our website or like us on Facebook.

Meals4Kids:

In 2013, our Meals4kids program partnered with local restaurants to deliver meals to children and their families while inpatient at Yale and CCMC. In total, 17 holiday meal deliveries were made serving 229 families, including Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter.

Volunteer Hours:

In 2013, fifty volunteers worked tirelessly during events, delivering meals or snack bags and logged 386 hours.

Colin's Crew Polar Dip:

With a record number of 160 plungers, the 2014 polar plunge raised over \$16,000. This will enable 8 CT families to experience the love, support and friendship that Camp Sunshine has to offer. To date, Colin's crew has been able to send 30 families to Camp Sunshine over the past four years

Events

Night of Hope Fundraiser:

Join us for the 1st Annual Night of Hope Fundraiser to benefit Colin's Crew Programs. Enjoy "Superhero" Theme, Food Stations, Prize Drawing, Silent Auction, Drinks, Entertainment, Fun Photo Opportunities & Much More

Date: Saturday May 17, 2014

Time: 7-11pm

Ticket: \$50 per person

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

Rock Cats Game

Date: Sunday June 1, 2014

Time: 1:30 game time

Location: New Britain Rock Cats Stadium, New Britain

Proceeds will benefit Colin's Crew Programs

