



Thursday, May 31
Dine to Donate
 Dine at Twisted Rooster
 & 10% of sales benefits
 pediatric cancer research.
 5pm to Close

Sunday, June 3
Milan's Miracle Run
 5K Run/3K Walk/Kids' Fun Run
 Superhero/Princess Themed Run
 Mutt Strut, Silent Auction,
 Police Academy Heroes
 10 am
 Millennium Park
 Walker, MI



Saturday, May 12
Strike Out Cancer
 Baseball Tourney
 9:30 a.m.
 3835 Baldwin St.
 Hudsonville



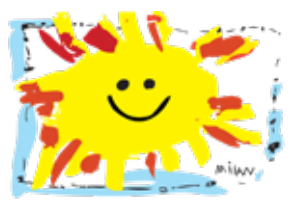
Friday, June 8
Black Cat 33
 Annual Golf Classic
 4-Cat Scramble
 9:00 am Shotgun Start
 Deer Run Golf Club

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MILAN'S MIRACLE FUND



When Philip and I started Milan's Miracle Fund and hosted our first Run/Walk in 2011 our goal was to bring DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma) awareness, research and clinical trials to West Michigan.

I am so happy to say....**WE FINALLY DID IT!**

HDVCH is now fully equipped and has families coming from across the country with children diagnosed with this not so rare form of brain cancer. We have a long road ahead of us...there is still no cure. But we can now provide a tremendous amount of hope with a personalized treatment plan.

At Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, they are driving forward personalized medicine and giving kids with cancer the best opportunity for treatment. Biopsies identify genomic sequences, mutated pathways and predicted disease behavior in patients. Through this testing, new agents that have been found to be active in laboratory models of patients are now being developed into Phase I clinical trials.

This would not have been possible without donors and supporters like you. Now we need to find a much needed cure for this vicious disease. I'm dedicated to finding that cure not only because of the pinky promise I made with Milan but also for all the kids currently fighting DIPG and for future kids that will be given this life-changing diagnosis.

I'm truly appreciative of all your donations and hoping that 2018 will be our best year yet for raising funds.

Let's find a cure together.

BIG HUGS!

Sharyn Capobianco
 Milan's Mom





How can we ever adequately thank the generous, energetic and passionate supporters of Milan's

Miracle Fund? I am so incredibly proud, and grateful, that thanks to your vital support, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital's Pediatric Research Team will have a renewed focus and a remarkable opportunity to positively impact the diagnosis and treatment of this most dreaded childhood cancer. A better understanding of this terrible tumor, and new, truly hopeful treatment options have been our goal for so long, goals that might now be within reach with your loyal and compassionate support! Thank you for ALL that your gifts mean to this vital, life-saving work! With much admiration and appreciation,

Jim Fahner, MD

Alia participated in every Milan's Miracle run. She loved knowing she was helping other sick kids. We continue to support Milan's Miracle Fund because we want to give every child a fighting chance against cancer.



DIPG may have taken her away, but her spirit is with us every day! We will never stop loving you Emma Rae. Forever 6.



Fund Stats

\$70,128 raised by Milan's Miracle Fund in 2017

4,000 runners/walkers in our 7 years

Over \$460,128 raised to fight pediatric cancer over the life of the fund!

Our Charity Partner

Milan's Miracle Fund's donations go directly to supporting Pediatric Pontine Glioma (brain cancer) research and clinical trials at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was created in 1993 to fill a critical gap in West Michigan health care-the need for a hospital devoted to infants, children and adolescents. Today, they are a regional referral center dedicated to improving the health and lives of children and families.

Their clinical teams of pediatric specialists, dedicated nurses and caring support staff members also include the pediatricians of tomorrow-medical students and residents in their physician training program.

To the communities and their region, they are a vital resource, providing exceptional care to every child who comes to them, regardless of ability to pay.

A super spicy, spirited powerful independent little girl that would never ever give up!!! An inspiration to us all! We love you Milan!



Consistently, the pathway to understanding better treatment for cancer has been to understand the biology and molecular biology of the tumor. Milan's Miracle Fund has significantly contributed to Dr. Sholler's effort to profile DIPGs and other very rare brain tumors. This has contributed to identifying pathways which have been targeted with therapy. Pediatric neurosurgery, Dr. Asadi and Dr. Madura have been remarkably helpful and skilled at obtaining biopsies of DIPG. The tumors are being profiled to evaluate gene expression and mutations and potential pathways to target with medications. The tumors are also being grown in Dr. Sholler's lab and screened by a high throughput drug screen at MSU. I believe improving our understanding of diffuse intrinsic pontine gliomas, which may have variations will be the most hopeful way forward towards effective treatment options. I am incredibly grateful to the supporters of Milan's Miracle Fund for their support of this work! I am also grateful to the families and patients who participate in these Biology and clinical trials to contribute to discoveries. The clinical and laboratory researchers are working tirelessly for these patients.

Gratefully,
Deanna Mitchell, MD



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