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## **Dedicated To Finding a Cure for Pediatric Cancers**

Milan's Miracle Run was once again a great success. Without your support and dedication, we could not continue our fight to find a cure for pediatric cancers. While these cancers are the #1 killer of children in the United States, less than 4% of the National Cancer Institute's annual budget goes towards pediatric cancer research. The proceeds we raise are given directly to support our clinical trials and Pediatric Oncology research for pontine gliomas, led by Dr. Giselle Sholler at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

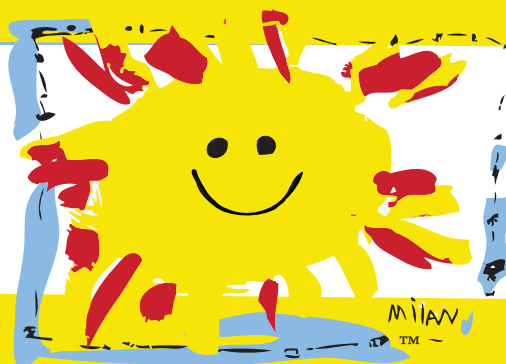
Last year Milan's Miracle Fund donated \$50,812.00 to our pediatric cancer team! With the support of people like you we feel confident that in 2017 we can double this donation.

Milan's Miracle Run will take place on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10:00am at Millennium Park in Grand Rapids. Please visit [www.milansmiraclefund.org](http://www.milansmiraclefund.org) to see upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and photos of our 2016 events.

Thank you again and we look forward to your continued support.

Hugs,

Sharyn Capobianco  
President and Milan's Mom



# MILAN'S MIRACLE FUND

BENEFITING PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH

## A Message from Milan's Mom

**I can't do this alone!**

I am proud to announce that 2016 was another successful year for Milan's Miracle Fund. We presented a \$50,812 check to our pediatric cancer research team at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital on December 8, Milan's birthday.

It is incredibly hard to believe that February 12th marked eight years since Milan took her last breath. I thought that I would not survive this gigantic hole in my heart! Because of a pinky promise to Milan that I would **NEVER GIVE UP**, along with the love and strength from my son Delano, family and friends, I continue Milan's fight by bringing much needed awareness and funds to pediatric cancer research!

Unfortunately, this form of brain cancer is no longer rare and we still struggle to find a cure. Thanks to your support we now have a DIPG study, along with individual treatments that provide encouragement, strength and much-needed hope for positive outcomes for families affected by this vicious disease!

I am truly overwhelmed by and appreciative of all the time, love and support from so many people. Every one of you has helped me get through the most difficult time in my life and I look forward to seeing you in 2017!

Hugs!!

Sharyn Capobianco  
President and Milan's Mom



## Milan's Miracle Fund Impacts West Michigan!

Milan's Miracle Fund uses donations and money raised through events to directly support pediatric cancer research and clinical trials through Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and their pediatric cancer researchers. Read what local researchers and physicians in West Michigan are doing and saying about the role Milan's Miracle Fund is playing in the community.



Deanna Mitchell, MD  
Pediatric Hematology-Oncology  
Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

"Milan's Miracle Fund has a direct impact on the care and molecular profiling for children with extremely challenging tumors. Learning from these tumors and giving medications that are directed by gene expressions, mutations and pathways are a truly promising pathway for children who previously had no curative options. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude to the Capobianco's and their incredible, sustaining efforts to pay it forward, despite the heartache of losing Milan. I also believe they have created an opportunity for many of us to participate in giving in our own community to children with brain tumors and cancer at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. I feel privileged to participate on their team!!"

"Those of us privileged to care for children with cancer in this current era are grateful for such incredible improvements in treatment, and for continuing increases in cure rates for nearly all forms of childhood cancer. Sadly, there are still many children, with especially difficult diagnoses like brain tumors, for whom treatments are limited and cures are uncertain. So much work remains to be done to bring strength and healing to these precious children and brave families. We are so blessed by community treasures like Milan's Miracle Fund, bringing together an amazing group of generous, dedicated volunteers to champion the research that will bring cures within the reach of every child! We are so deeply grateful for the work of all of the supporters of MMF, and know this is a special tribute to Milan, and a powerful legacy of hope!"

Jim Fahner  
Division Chief, Pediatric  
Oncology  
Helen DeVos Children's  
Hospital



## Emma Benefits Directly from the Clinical Trials Milan's Miracle Fund Sponsors



Meet Emma! What a beautiful young lady! Her family, as too many others, were shocked with their child's diagnosis of Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG).

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital presented some clinical trial options for Emma that Milan's Miracle Fund helped fund.

Read her full story at our website [milansmiracle-fund.org](http://milansmiracle-fund.org)



# Take Action

Give to Milan's Miracle Fund when shopping on Amazon — Join Amazon Smile at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and choose MMF as your charity of choice

Register for Milan's Miracle Run — June 4, 2017

Milan's Sunshine Shop — [www.milansmiraclefund.org](http://www.milansmiraclefund.org)

Buy Sunshine Magnets — \$1



Shop Forest Hills Foods 2% Give back



Every December 8th, on Milan's birthday, the fund presents a check to the research team. In 2016, MMF presented a check for

**\$50,812.00!**



## 2017 Events for Milan's Miracle Fund



### Strike Out Cancer

Baseball/Softball Tourney  
May 13, 2017 — Hudsonville

### Milan's Miracle Run

5K Run/3K Walk/Kids Fun Run  
Superhero/Princess Themed Run  
Mutt Strut, Silent Auction  
Sno-Cones  
Sunday, June 4  
Millennium Park, Grand Rapids

### Grand Rapids FC Game

GRFC vs Lansing United  
Saturday, June 10  
Houseman Field — Grand Rapids

### Twisted Rooster Event

Dine to Donate — May 18, 2017  
From 5pm to Close



"Mitchell & I have known each other since we were 16 years old and reconnected in 2011. We have been dating for almost 6 years and are getting married on Saturday April 22nd, 2017!

The Capobianco's have been near and dear to me & family for all of my life. They are the most wonderful, loving and exceptional individuals we have ever grown to love. Milan, especially, has always had a special place in our hearts, so when we were deciding on a thank you gift for our guests, we asked ourselves; what's more important than a donation to Milan's Miracle Fund in honour on our beautiful, most sweetest little girl?

In that, we have made a donation to Milan's Miracle Fund in lieu of a thank you gift, as we feel the finest gift is one that helps others live longer and healthier lives."

With love, always - xoxo

The future – Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell & Cristina

## Lifetime Fund Stats

# \$390,000

RAISED BY MILAN'S  
MIRACLE FUND TO FIGHT  
PEDIATRIC CANCER!

\* Includes matching \$100,000 from  
Boston donor

Milan's Sunshine has been  
trademarked as a global  
symbol for Pediatric Cancer  
Research



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# Sponsorship Levels for Milan's Miracle Fund

## Mega-Hero Sponsor: \$5,000.00

1. Recognition of sponsor as title sponsor on all printed materials and race promotions.
2. Dominant corporate logo on the top of the back of the race shirt
3. Opportunity to speak at the awards ceremony
4. Your company logo on [www.milansmiraclerun.org](http://www.milansmiraclerun.org) web page with a link to your corporate web site
5. First option to be the title sponsor of next year's event or multi-year sponsorship
6. Opportunity to display a banner at the race site
7. Opportunity to provide a take away at all Milan's Miracle Fund events
8. 6 complimentary race entries
9. Formal recognition at the awards ceremony
10. Logo on a Kilometer marker

## Superhero Sponsor: \$2,500.00

1. Recognition of sponsor as gold sponsor on all printed materials and race promotions
2. Corporate logo on the back of the race shirt
3. Your company logo on [www.milansmiraclerun.org](http://www.milansmiraclerun.org) web page with link to your web site
4. Opportunity to provide a take away at all Milan's Miracle Fund events
5. Opportunity to display a banner at the race site
6. 4 complimentary race entries
7. Formal recognition at the awards ceremony
8. Logo on Kilometer Marker

## Hero Sponsor: \$1,000.00

1. Name and logo on Kilometer Marker
2. Corporate name on the back of the race shirt
3. Your company name on [www.milansmiraclerun.org](http://www.milansmiraclerun.org) web page
4. 2 complimentary race entries
6. Formal recognition at the awards ceremony

## Milan's Partner: \$500.00

1. Recognition at race awards ceremony
2. Your name or company name on [www.milansmiraclerun.org](http://www.milansmiraclerun.org)
3. 1 complementary entry

We are also happy to accept in-kind donations for our events!



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Please check the sponsorship box that matches your level of commitment to this year's event. Keep in mind that we can customize any sponsorship package to your needs.

- Mega-Hero Sponsorship ----\$5000 \_\_\_\_\_
- Superhero Sponsorship -----\$2500 \_\_\_\_\_
- Hero Sponsorship ----- \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_
- Milan's Partner ----- \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions, contact Sharyn Capobianco at [sharyncapobianco@gmail.com](mailto:sharyncapobianco@gmail.com)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Invoice Us:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

**Check Enclosed (Payable to Milan's Miracle Fund):** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

**Send Completed form to:** **Milan's Miracle Fund Inc.,**  
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