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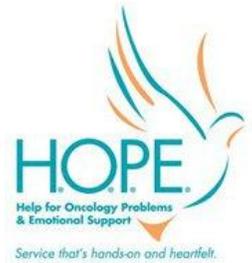
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Phone: (717) 227-2824

**Join Us For the 7th Annual
Better Father For It
Family Fun Walk**

In Honor of Keith Humphries

Sunday, June 3

**at the Hopewell Area
Recreation Complex**

Registration 8:30 AM

**Benefits H.O.P.E. Cancer
Patients and Patients**



**Take a Swing at Cancer!
10th Annual Golf Classic
Tournament**

Saturday, August 18

Hickory Heights Golf Course

Spring Grove, PA

**Continental Breakfast,
Lunch, Lots of Prizes**

**Hole-In-One on #17 Wins
\$5,000 for you/\$5,000 for
H.O.P.E.**

Call 717-227-2824 for information.

Support Group Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 13

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: H.O.P.E. Serenity Room

Speaker: Joan Groh

Topic: Making Your Wishes Known
(Advance Directive Advice)

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H.O.P.E.'s Office Hours are
Monday through Friday, 9:30—3.
Please call in advance to set up an
appointment for:

- Intake
- Wigs/hats/scarves
- Pantry

Please direct all calls to the
H.O.P.E. office at 717-227-2824.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy summer. Now if we can only get three consecutive days of sunshine. However, we have nothing but sunny news to report, and this time the editor is handing the writing reins to our illustrious leader Barb. With great excitement and gratitude Barb is happy to fill us in on some major happenings in April and May.

The annual Spring Bingo was held on Sunday, April 8. The sold-out crowd had a great time, playing bingo, enjoying fantastic food provided by Tasteful Occasions, and winning lots of prizes. I want to thank all the wonderful sponsors who made this bingo possible: Fabio Beltran, DDS, Daria Bernard, Chick-Fil-A, Gemmill Heating and Air Conditioning, Susan Holtzinger, Mae Liggitt, Main Street Beauty Works, Dale Miller, Marty Streett, and Barbara Zimmerman. Thank you also Chris Waltemyer and Sis Markel who are our Longenberger representatives and our wonderful volunteers who put the baskets together.

And while we're talking about bingo, we had an awesome time at the No Ordinary Joe's Basket Bingo hosted by (again) Chris Waltemyer, Sis Markel, and their wonderful team. This fundraiser was held in memory of Chris's brother, Joe, who lost his battle with cancer, and to benefit H.O.P.E. It was held at the Eureka Fire Hall and featured wonderful Longaberger baskets filled to the brim, a silent auction, and lots of raffles. Besides raising \$5,310, they brought in 538.7 pounds of canned goods for our food pantry. Way to go, Team!

Did you ever organize a wedding? It takes a whole year to plan, and right down to the last minute you are still working to make it just perfect for all those who attend. Well, that is what it's like to put on the Voices for Hope Banquet. Our wonderful committee of three worked month after month after month to make everything go off without a hitch. From selecting the recipient for the Scott Brown Seeds of HOPE Award, to selecting a speaker, to selecting a venue and menu, they did it all. (My favorite part is sampling all the scrumptious foods to be served.) Thank you Heather McAuliffe and Gwen Newman for a wonderful job! And let's not forget all the great office volunteers who organized the silent auction and of course Carol Nelson who put the final touches on the bid sheets and got the correspondence out. Thank you all for a fantastic evening.

"Some things just bring joy to your heart, and one of those things for me is seeing all the shining faces of the children and adults at the break-a-thon. Watching a child break a board for the first time, or an adult trying something harder than they've tried before and succeeding, is as rewarding for the spectator as the participant. Over Mother's Day weekend I had that opportunity when I attended the 11th Annual Break-a-Thon for H.O.P.E. by Ryu Pa Karate, formerly known as UTA Karate, under the direction of Chris and Nancy Webb. This wonderful group raised over \$4,000 to benefit H.O.P.E. This organization also provides Christmas for multiple families and makes countless other contributions.

H.O.P.E.'S ANGEL CORNER

BY BARB TITANISH, PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER H.O.P.E.

Congratulations and thank you to New Park farmer Travis Moore, who was chosen by the Monsanto Fund as a 2018 winning farmer for an America's Farmers Grow Communities donation.



In its eighth year of helping others, the program has given over 19 million dollars to more than 7,000 community nonprofits across rural America. The fund selects one farmer from each eligible county and this farmer in turn selects the nonprofit that will be awarded the \$2,500 donation. (In order to qualify, the county must have a total of 30,000 acres of corn, soybeans, cotton and/or vegetables.)

H.O.P.E. is so blessed to have friends all over the place. It is especially heart-warming when someone turns up out of the blue, as did Travis, and jumps through all the requisite hoops to obtain a donation for a cause he strongly believes in. Thank you Mr. Moore for your wonderful support.



*"The little
unremembered
acts of kindness
and love are the
best parts of a
person's life."*

- William Wordsworth

If you would prefer to receive our newsletter by email (and help us save postage), please send a note to our Assistant Director Carol Nelson, at asstant@hopeforcancerfamilies.org, and she'll put you on our list. (And it will have color!)
Thanks!

Investing In Society's Future—H.O.P.E. Scholarship Winners

Eighty one scholarships and over \$60,000. This is yet another way H.O.P.E. helps its cancer community. Since we began giving scholarship money to high school seniors who have someone with cancer in their immediate families (including some of the students themselves) we have had the honor of meeting and assisting 81 phenomenal kids. And this year's winners may even have set the bar a little bit higher.

Northern High School, South Western High School, and Hanover High School, take a bow for your outstanding students. Two young ladies and one young man, all of whom have chosen careers that will help people. All of whom are active in their schools and communities. All of whom have been changed by cancer in their family.

Jenna Bittinger

Jenna Bittinger has already completed six college courses despite not yet being enrolled in one. This drive is indicative of the outstanding young woman this Northern High School student is. Her love for Spanish and her goal to become a bilingual teacher and work in disadvantaged Hispanic/Latino communities has been her motivation since she was young. During her senior year at Northern she not only took Advanced Placement classes but volunteered three times a week as a teaching assistant for 7th grade middle school students. She has also tutored her high school peers in Spanish. Jenna has been teaching since she was 13, when she was asked by her church's youth ministry leader to be responsible for lesson preparation and implementation for 30 elementary-school-aged Sunday school students. Her volleyball coaches asked her to teach skills at various camps and clinics the four years she was in high school. On her church's mission trip to Belize she led the evening devotions with the children at an orphanage. Jenna is happiest when she is helping others.

Her honors and awards are too many to enumerate. Her high G.P.A. puts her in the top 5% of her graduating class. She is a member of both the National Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society. She is a high school all-star volleyball player, having been selected for the Mid Penn All-Star Team her junior and senior years and chosen as the MVP for the Mid Penn Division out of 390 players. She has been a leader in her school, and her extra-curricular endeavors always involve helping others. She has also managed to work year-round in such various locations as Ski Round Top, a pre-school, and Pheasant View Farms where she groomed and took care of horses.

When Jenna's grandmother, "Grammy," was first diagnosed with breast cancer, her mother reassured her teen-age daughter that the cancer was 'beatable.' What no one could predict was Grammy's reaction to the chemotherapy drugs that caused her severe neuropathy pain and hospitalized her three times. When her oncologist finally recommended they stop the treatment the family was discouraged, but Grammy rallied and not only was able to return to her old life but moved to Virginia where she could enjoy warmer weather and proximity to the beach. Unfortunately this good health lasted only three years. The cancer spread to her bones, and treatment is not working. The family is now trying to make every minute count with Grammy.

Jenna will be attending Houghton College in the fall. This is a small Christian college near Rochester, New York, where her older sister just finished her sophomore year. Jenna was accepted as one of 25 students out of 1,000 applicants into the Honors Program to study abroad in London for a semester. She is excited to be joining her sister and experiencing college life with her. Jenna also plans to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree.

Caleb Keller

Another leader, both academically and beyond the classroom, is Caleb Keller, a senior at South Western High School. Caleb was accepted at the six colleges to which he applied but decided to pursue his education at York after he was accepted into the Presidential Research Fellowship Program that will help finance his tuition. He plans to major in biology and then attend medical school for anesthesiology. His tentative topic for research while he attends York is consciousness which ties in perfectly with his career plans.

Caleb's academic achievements have also landed him in the top 5% of his graduating class. He, too, is a member of the National Honor Society and carries a G.P.A. above 4.0 which has kept him on the Distinguished Honor Roll all four years. Like other previous H.O.P.E. scholarship winners Caleb is actively involved with his school's Link Crew, a program in which juniors and seniors serve as mentors to incoming freshmen. He is responsible for a small group of freshmen and meets with them regularly as a group and one-on-one. They even participate in extra-curricular activities together. All of Caleb's teachers have the utmost respect for this tall, quiet, young man, and one teacher even admitted in a recommendation letter that Caleb had taught him something related to inferential statistics. This year in addition to Caleb's three AP-level courses he also was a dual enrollment student at HAAC so that he could get a head start on college.

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“Don’t be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps.”

- David Lloyd George

The Hanover Valley Presbyterian Church has also benefited from Caleb’s leadership skills as an organizer of Kid’s Fest, a yearly summer Bible camp for hundreds of kids in the area. Caleb served as a “head kid mover,” in which he moved kids from activity to activity and trained other campers to do the same. Caleb is also a regular participant in his church’s youth group and in some of his spare time helps stocks the shelves of multiple food pantries.

A year ago Caleb’s mother was involved in a car accident, and a follow-up scan revealed a mass in her lung. She had never smoked a day in her life. After months of appointments, scans, biopsies, and surgeries, she was diagnosed in April with lung cancer. After undergoing a right upper lobectomy in July she was admitted to Hopkins the following February with pneumonia and influenza, and she is currently undergoing treatment for an infection in her lungs. Caleb has had to shoulder much of the responsibility for his younger sisters and his family is greatly relieved that he will be commuting to York for his first year of college.

Rylee Smith

Hanover High School senior Rylee Smith will graduate third in her class of 106, with a G.P.A. over 4.0 and seven Advanced Placement classes under her belt. A good foundation for this young lady who will be attending Penn State main campus in the fall where she plans to major in biomedical engineering, with medical school on the horizon. Then she hopes to become a neurosurgeon as well as study the relationship between genetics and cancer.

Unless they attended the same high schools, H.O.P.E. scholarship winners don’t usually know one another. However, Rylee and Jenna recognized each other from volleyball competitions. (Rylee said Jenna’s team usually won.) Like Jenna, Rylee played volleyball for four years and was her varsity team’s captain senior year. Rylee also shares a common activity with Caleb. She, too, is a member of her school’s Link Crew. And like our other two winners, Rylee is a member of the National Honor Society. Additionally Rylee is a member of the National Art Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

This young lady seems to be one of those rare people who can function without sleep. How else to account for her academic achievements, the many musical groups she participates in, her community service contributions, and employment. Rylee played in the school orchestra her freshman year and performed in the four annual spring musical productions. She was a member of the Show Choir for two years, and she performed with the Madrigals, Victorian Singers, Treble Makers, Women’s Chorus, and Chamber Choir all four years. In addition she worked with the school’s student council and helped with four mini-thons. Community service activities have taken her as far as Detroit where she worked with her youth group to help clean up poor neighborhoods, as well as closer to home where she has worked with children in various capacities. Work has included such diverse areas as a jewelry store, an ice cream shop, and counselor at a summer camp.

When she was in seventh grade Rylee’s mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was a scary time for her and her two younger siblings for whom Rylee had to be strong. Fortunately for the family the cancer was caught in the early stages, and following surgery and treatment her mom has been in remission. Nevertheless this was the major factor in Rylee’s choice to pursue medicine, this and the fact that since elementary school she has always wanted a career that will allow her to help other people.

Impressive winners? Without question. These young people are also warm, articulate, and humble. What an inspiration they are to their teachers and peers and all who have the privilege of knowing them, and what an asset they are all going to be to society.



Raising HOPE Through Art and Music

Sunday, August 19, from 1—5 PM
Agriculture & Industrial Museum
217 W. Princess Street, York

Live music and fine art and silent auction donations from local artists supports H.O.P.E.

*Face painting; Food available for purchase
\$10 tickets will be available soon online*

Save the Date!

Ride for H.O.P.E. With the Twin Rose Lady Riders

Charity Ride With AMA Points
(2, 3, or 4 Wheels!)

Sunday, October 7
10—1:30



York Motorcycle Club
2333 Whiteford Road (next to the Galleria Mall)

For Information, contact Dawn, 717-471-7026,
dmhtrlr@comcast.net

A Day Camp for Baltimore Area Kids With Cancer (and Their Siblings!)

Begun just two years ago, **Horizon Day Camp** (affiliated with Sunrise Day Camp) is a full-summer day camp for children with cancer and their siblings, ages 3 1/2–16, who are in active or follow-up treatment for cancer. Unlike most oncology sleep-away camps that are offered for only 1-2 weeks each summer, Horizon Day Camp allows children to attend camp for as little as one day or the entire summer. Activities take place on the beautiful 88-acre campus of Maryvale Preparatory School in Baltimore County, Maryland.

The camp offers four sessions:

- June 25—July 6
- July 9—July 20
- July 23—August 3
- August 6—August 14



The core camp day is from 9:30 am to 3:45 pm.

Eligible campers are children ages 3 1/2 to 16, who are within the first 5 years of either being diagnosed or most recent treatment for cancer, can have the best summer ever...provided your doctor clears them to participate.

Campers may enroll for one, two, three or four sessions. Determine what days of the summer work best for your family schedule.

There are several **open houses** scheduled in the spring. You and your family will have a chance to meet staff, speak with other camper parents and tour the facilities. If you cannot attend one of our scheduled open houses, you are welcome to call the office to arrange a personal tour at 410-991-0460.

For more information go online to <http://horizondaycamp.org/>

H.O.P.E. Has Partnered With Community Aid (Neighbors Helping Neighbors) to Collect Clothing.

We Need Your Clothing, Shoes, Bedding,
Curtains, and Drapes.

These Items Will Benefit H.O.P.E. With
Every Pound You Donate!

(No Small Appliances or Furniture, Please.)

The Container Is In the H.O.P.E. Parking Lot. Other containers are located in the following locations:



- Stewartstown Presbyterian Church
- Old Mill Shopping Center in Fawn Grove
- Hametown Park
- The “Coop” in New Freedom

Escape to the Beach From Cancer!

Justin's Beach House is a respite home in beautiful Bethany Beach for families with cancer. Justin Jennings lost his life to cancer at age 19, and his family built this beach house in his memory.



Families (and extended families—it sleeps up to 10) can stay there at no cost for 3, 4, or 7 days.

For more information and an application, go online to www.justinjennings.org.

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<http://www.hopeforcancerfamilies.org>
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Upcoming Events

H.O.P.E.'s Support Group Meeting
2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm
H.O.P.E.'s Serenity Room in the New Freedom Community Center
150 East Main Street, 2nd Floor (Elevator Available)

Everyone is Welcome!
(Cancer patients, care givers, families and friends)
For more information
Call 717-227-2824



"Of all the forces that make for a better world, none is so powerful as hope. With hope, one can think, one can work, one can dream. If you have hope, you have everything."

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