

EVENTS

Brother Honors Brother, a Giant Cell Myocarditis Survivor



When Jackson DeBusschere was 13, he suffered a shocking, unexpected medical crisis. In just a week, he went from being an active student athlete participating in a soccer tournament to needing life support. It was the result of an

extremely rare and life-threatening disorder known as giant cell myocarditis. After a long journey, Jackson is now a typical 19-year-old who enjoys sports and is planning for his future.

Jackson is currently a freshman at Cornell University and on the golf team there!

Jackson's battle to overcome Giant Cell Myocarditis was his brother Tyler's inspiration for creating this fundraiser, ultimately supporting the two organizations that were critical in helping our family and Jackson with his road to recovery. Tyler is also an aspiring cardiologist as a result of Jackson's experience and wants

to be able to help others in healing their hearts.

With the golf season upon us, Tyler DeBusschere is planning on a second year of Hope Fore! Hearts. Tyler, currently a junior at Strath Haven High School in Wallingford, PA. and a competitive golfer, will be playing in various junior tournaments from March through November all across the Mid-Atlantic region. Giving back to the community and those that have helped his family, is a passion of his, so once again, he wants his golf game to go toward a greater cause - and he needs your help.

Hopefully Tyler will be able to match his birdie (or better) count from last year.

The updated 2022 flyer with fundraiser information and the link to his website can be found here

hope-fore-hearts.jimdosite.com

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Sarah Knight 10th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser

On September 26, 2011, one word – Myocarditis – changed their lives forever. At the time, they did not know the disease or how it steals the lives of children and young adults without symptoms or

warning. Now the word strikes fear and sadness in their hearts.

Establishing the Sarah Knight Memorial Foundation in Sarah's honor has helped her family heal

and find a way to continue Sarah's legacy. Each year they host a benefit golf tournament to raise funds to further Myocarditis research and fund a scholarship at Sarah's alma mater, Western Illinois University. In nine years they have funded two \$40,000 Myocarditis Foundation research grants and are well on their way to funding a third. This year, Sarah's last kindergarten students from Hillcrest Elementary, will be High School Seniors, and perhaps one of them will be directly impacted by "Miss Knight" again.

Dr. Leslie Cooper will be in attendance and speaking to the attendees. If you are in the area, or can be, think about joining the Knight Family at Hunters Ridge Golf Course in Marion, Iowa on June 10th!

To find out more information on the event or to make a donation, go to: sarahelizabethknight.com

EXCITING NEWS!

The Myocarditis Foundation has moved to a larger office!

After 8 years in our previous office, we felt ourselves bulging at the seams. We are now located in the front of Kingwood and more convenient to get to from all the highways.

**Our new address is:
The Myocarditis Foundation
800 Rockmead Drive, Suite 155
Kingwood, Texas 77339**

Please make a note of our new address and stop in to say hi if you are in the area!

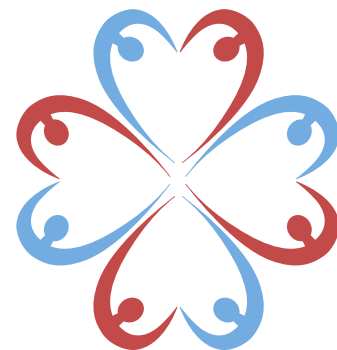
Myocarditis Foundation 15th Annual Golf Outing



Joseph Rumore, wanting to give back and raise awareness for the disease that took his own heart in 2006, started this golf outing in 2008, as a way to educate others and raise funds for myocarditis research.

Many supporters of the Foundation, friends of Joe's, have attended annually and have brought in many of their own friends who are now supporters of this "looked forward to" event. It has grown annually and has maxed out players the past two years. We recommend that if you are looking to participate in this popular event, you let us know as soon as possible.

Dr. Leslie Cooper will be present at this golf event as well. Maybe we can get him to even "play a few holes" with the participants!



Kingwood, Texas Education/Awareness Event



On Sunday, February 20th, the Myocarditis Foundation held an Educational Event to raise awareness for Myocarditis. Local businesses and philanthropists supported the event at Kingwood Country Club for 75 local community members.

Gary Kubera, Chairman of the Houston Chapter, spoke on where the Foundation has been, where we are now, and where we are looking to be so that we can put a halt to this dreaded disease that often insidiously attacks people of all ages, but mainly children and young adults.

Genevieve Rumore, a RN and Executive Director of the Foundation, spoke on the

Foundation's Mission of Education, Funding Research specific to Myocarditis, and Emotionally Supporting those affected by the disease, with the Goal of "saving lives". The Foundation office in Kingwood, which is a suburb of Houston, receives and answers emails and calls from around the world 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. She reported that over 100,000 people visit the website www.myocarditisfoundation.org a month, with most being new visitors seeking information on the disease. She encouraged the attendees to pay attention to all chest pain, palpitations, and shortness of breath, and have them medically evaluated. Ask,

"Could this be Myocarditis?" of your doctors if you have continued or worsening of "viral type symptoms". Advocating for yourself and your loved ones is extremely important in the early diagnosis of the disease.

Dr. Leslie Cooper, Adult Medical Director and Co-founder of the Myocarditis Foundation, along with Dr. Jack Price, our Pediatric Medical Director, spoke on Myocarditis and COVID Myocarditis.

A 21-year-old survivor, De'Aveun Bonds, and his mom Shane Bonds-Banks, told his amazing story of how he collapsed on the football field, was defibrillated, given CPR, and had a 1% chance of survival, when initially diagnosed in 2016 with Giant Cell Myocarditis. Because of the school staff's immediate reaction and care, and the knowledge and treatment by the doctors once hospitalized, he was here today to share his amazing story.

The afternoon ended with many happy winners going home with the 18 Silent Auction baskets,



De'Aveun Bonds with Gen and Joe Rumore

that helped raise funds to support the Foundation, thanks to the generosity of local businesses.

The Myocarditis Foundation sincerely thanks all those who help support this event and allowed us the ability to raise awareness and educate people and Emergency Room nurses on Myocarditis. A special thank you to the Kingwood Country Club and its workers who did a stellar job and even donated their tips to help the Myocarditis Foundation.

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