



Lenny's Friends with Wings Foundation

Annual Newsletter



About Us:

Lenny's Friends with Wings Foundation was established on September 20, 2010 as a New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation organized under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1996. The Foundation was recognized as a Public Charity on January 12, 2011. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with applicable Federal tax law.

The Foundation was formed to honor Lenny Valente's memory by helping children with Pediatric brain cancer. Lenny was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma in 2007. He endured brain surgery, radiation and high dose chemo at 11 years old. He was cancer free in 2008 and relapsed in 2009. Lenny earned his wings on 12/17/09.

We work with the social workers at Children's Hospital of Phila ("CHOP") and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children to identify the families that need our help. The Foundation's main goals are to provide a gift to the child to keep them smiling during their hospital stay and long hours of outpatient treatment; and provide their families with financial support by paying monthly bills during this hardship. The maximum benefit per family is currently limited to \$2,000.

Lenny's Friends Make a Difference

So far, the Foundation has raised approximately \$55,000 and helped 24 families (3 more in process). In 2011, we were able to assist 13 families and in 2012, we raised funds to assist 14 more families. That will be 27 families that we helped in 2 years!

Our family fun packed fundraising events are the major source of income. In 2012, we raised \$11,600 from the Bowling Bash event and \$4,730 from the Summer Splash event. Lockheed Martin's Newtown Manufacturing Team has hosted an annual Kickball event to benefit Lenny's Friends with Wings Foundation and raised \$3,000 in 2011 and \$2,535 in 2012.

Upcoming Fundraiser:

Join us on February 23, 2013 for Bowling Bash 2013. The event will be held at Laurel Lanes in Maple Shade, New Jersey. Last year, approximately 300 people bowled on 55 lanes. This year we booked all 64 lanes! Admission price will be \$20 per person. The price includes 3 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, soda, hoagies and more! We will also be selling tickets for the basket raffles.



We're looking for sponsors to donate \$100 per lane. In return, we will include the sponsor's name in the event brochure and display their ad on the sponsored lane(s). We had 20 companies and/or individuals sponsor 25 lanes last year and look forward to the continued support.

We're also looking for individuals to donate items that can be used for raffle baskets. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a sponsor or donating a basket or item(s) for a basket; please visit Lenny's Friends with Wings website at www.lennysfriends.org (tab for Fundraising Events) for forms and mailing address.

Spread the word to family and friends. It's a great event for a good cause! Invitations will be mailed in January. If you're not on our mailing list, email lenny@lennysfriends.org. Tickets can also be purchased on the website.



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Thank You !

Thank you for supporting Lenny's Friends with Wings Foundation. You are making a difference in the lives of the children and their families. See below for some words of gratitude from a few of the families:

"Thanks for all your support. When life's really difficult, it helps to have people like you to lean on. Thank you for making a hard time easier. Lenny's Friends with Wings Foundation gave me Hope to carry on. Thank you so much."

"God Bless you. Our thanks to you for helping our family. May God multiply this blessing in health and everything you want. Thank you from the heart. Kisses & Hugs."

"A million thanks for the people who don't know us and give us financial help. Thank you so much Lenny's Friends with Wings."

Donation Boxes

Donation boxes supporting Lenny's Friends with Wings Foundation were set up last year as another source of donations. The boxes were prominently displayed at the following locations: Academy Auctions, City Pizza, Gaeta's Italian Bakery, Hair's What We Do, Juice Plus (Oxford Valley LA Fitness), Potito's Bakery, Smart Cig and the Stepp Family.

Thank you to the patrons at these locations who deposited their change and raised over \$1,500. No donation is too small and they add up to make a difference!



How Other's Help:

As the Foundation's mission spreads, many people want to help Lenny's Friends Make a Difference! We want to thank all the individuals and companies that provide sponsorships, donate items for basket raffles and/or provide food or discounted items for our fundraising events.

Lockheed Martin's Newtown Manufacturing Team supports Lenny's Friends with Wings by hosting an annual Kickball event with all proceeds donated to the Foundation.

The patrons of Academy Auctions and Five Star Auctions hold annual toy collection drives to deliver toys to the children at Children's Hospital of Phila (CHOP).

LaSalle's American Marketing Association ("AMA") held a fundraiser to support Lenny's Friends with Wings by sponsoring a lane for Bowling Bash 2012.

Family and friends of the Macrae and Valente families spread holiday joy by adopting two children and their families for the Holiday Season. Gifts were purchased to fulfill their wish list.

Special thanks to the Fundraising Committee for volunteering their time, obtaining donations and sponsorships, and donating items for basket raffles.

Worldwide Candle Lighting Ceremony December 9, 2012

"The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age from any cause. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon." Visit www.compassionatefriends.org for more information and sign the WCL Remembrance Book for a special child who earned their wings.

Year End Donations

Lenny's Friends with Wings accepts donations all year long. Families are assisted as funds are accumulated. Visit www.lennysfriends.org to donate via PayPal or mail donations to: P.O. Box 5383, Woodbury, NJ 08096. Donations are tax deductible according to federal tax laws. Remember to use employer matching programs, if available!