

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

8:00am Check-in Begins
 9:00am Opening Ceremony,
 Tournament Begins
 Throughout the Day:
 Raffles & 50/50 Sales
 Prize Announcements
 DJ, Kids' Tent, Smiley Wear
 Sunset:
 Awards Presentation to
 1st Place Competitive Teams

2017 STATS

Total Teams – 388 on 61 Nets
 4 Man Competitive – 84 Teams
 6 Man Competitive – 150 Teams
 6 Man Recreational – 154 Teams

Winners:

4 Man Comp – BBB
 6 Man Comp – Two Legit Two Hit

Best Team Name: Chewblocker

COMING SOON!

- New and improved registration process
- Peer to Peer Fundraising opportunities
- Prizes for highest fundraisers

In the interest of "going green," send your email address to - info@monfoundation.org for future newsletters and notifications re tournament.

**VOLLEYBALL XXII**

*Saturday, 9/8/18**

LAURELTON BOULEVARD BEACH, LONG BEACH

*RAIN DATE: 9/9/18

A Letter from Carol O'Neill, President

Dear Foundation Friends:

The Michelle O'Neill Foundation to benefit children with cancer will be hosting its 22nd annual volleyball tournament fundraiser on Saturday, September 8, 2018 on Laurelton Boulevard Beach, Long Beach, NY.

Having a child who has been diagnosed with a catastrophic disease is inconceivable, but it happens every day. It can be financially draining, emotionally devastating and affects the whole family. We know because we've been there. As you may know, insurance doesn't cover wigs, transportation to and from treatment, lost wages, extra school help, etc. We are again asking you to help us offer hope and financial support to the families of these children.

Aside from our sincere thanks, you have the gratitude of hundreds of other people we have helped through your generosity and support. With your help in 2017, we were able to assist the families of Jason, Brandon, Stephen, Dan, Oliver, Sulayman, Jefferson, Kylee, Devin, Allie, Grace, Viviana, Jaidan, Rachel, Peyton, Paige, Ciaran, David and many others through organizations such as Make-A-Wish Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Big Sky Kids, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, St. Jude's and American Cancer Society.

We raised over \$200,000 at last year's very successful tournament. What a testament to our donors, sponsors, volunteers and our community. Please help us continue with our mission by making Volleyball XXII the "best event ever!"

Information about sponsorship opportunities, registration and how you can donate can be located on www.monfoundation.org. Questions can be directed to info@monfoundation.org.

My family and I look forward to hearing from you, and we hope to see you on the beach on September 8th for Volleyball XXII.



Our Kids



VIVIANA MORTILLARO

Viviana was born in July 2016 to parents Elisabeth and Frank and is a beautiful little sister to Vittoria. Viviana was diagnosed in August 2017 with grade 3 ependymoma, a rare brain cancer. It was originally thought that Viviana had reflux because of difficulty drinking milk and being unable to lie in her crib without crying. In August 2017 she was taken to the ER because she was dehydrated due to excessive vomiting. After scans showed a mass the size of a ping pong ball, Viviana underwent surgery at Winthrop to resect the tumor, followed by specialized radiation treatment called Proton Beam Therapy in Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for 6 weeks.

We first met Viviana in September 2017 at Volleyball XXI when her parents brought her down to the beach so that we could meet her and to thank us. Her journey in recovery continues with early intervention therapy – occupational, physical and swallow/speech therapy and continued scans and post radiation treatment. We are grateful to Viviana and her parents for allowing us to share her story with all of you who have helped us help them.



KYLEE TYSON - Age 17 Big Sky Camper 2017

The Michelle O'Neill Foundation sponsored Kylee at Big Sky Kids Camp for children with cancer at their 10-day adventure camp located in Bozeman, MT where joy, hope, positivity and adventure are brought back into their lives. Thank you for helping us help these children have experiences which includes whitewater rafting, horseback riding and sitting around a campfire. “Seeing the joy, support, love, and compassion each camper, counselor, and parent experienced from countless volunteers, service groups, sponsors, and each other was simply and unforgettably magical,” said Kara Erickson, Big Sky Kids Director.



ZOEY GORMAN

Zoey was diagnosed with bilateral Wilms tumor shortly before her third birthday. After the doctor examined her belly, which was hard and tender to the touch, X-rays showed a mass on her kidneys. Zoey’s treatment plan at Cohen Children’s Hospital is to shrink the tumors with chemotherapy and follow with surgery. Her dad, Brian, describes Zoey as “strong, beautiful, full of personality and full of love and laughter.” Zoey plays with her big brother, Kalem, who - by example - helps Zoey take her medicine – only his is mouthwash!!! Brian and Zee, Zoey’s parents, are humbled, stunned and grateful to all the people who, within a short period of time, have learned of Zoey’s story, and have reached out to help and pray for their daughter on her journey to recovery.

PAIGE & PEYTON BERGIN



Peyton (4) and Paige (3) were both eager to begin life a bit earlier than anyone anticipated and have required much care at Cohen Children’s Medical Center in New York, as well as, The Children Hospital of Philadelphia. Marianne suffered from a condition known as preeclampsia. Because of this, Peyton was born at 26 weeks and only weighed 1lb 5oz. As first-time parents, hearing words like, “the first 48 hours are crucial, and we have to take it day by day” were frightening for these parents. Peyton was ventilator dependent and required tube feedings and had numerous medical obstacles to overcome. She underwent retinoplasty and survived without any infections. After 13 weeks’ admission, she went home. She continues to receive therapies to address developmental delays and is followed by numerous specialists. One year after Peyton was born, the Bergins welcomed their second daughter, Paige (at 24 weeks’ gestation), who struggled with respiratory issues requiring continuous ventilation because of a placental abruption. Her journey was met with more challenges, and required a hospital stay of 10 months due to her critical airway that required a trach and G-Tube placement. Paige was also diagnosed with cerebral palsy, but that has never stopped her from smiling. Marianne and Patrick have remained devoted and dedicated to their daughters’ care, and we are pleased to have been able to help them, most recently with a special chair for Paige so that she can sit up unaided to play with her big sister Peyton.