

Volleyball XV Saturday, 9/10/11*

GRAND AVENUE BEACH, LONG BEACH *Rain Date 9/11/11



A letter from Carol O'Neill, President

On behalf of the O'Neill family and the Michelle O'Neill Foundation, I invite you to attend our 15th volleyball tournament



anniversary celebration on 9-10-11 when we hope to inspire you, entertain you and maintain our claim of being "the best event ever!" In addition to the customary Long Beach calendar of events scheduled for the weekend after Labor Day, the community is anticipating even more visitors for the pro surf tournament during the week surrounding our charity event. We at the Foundation are embracing what promises to be a very exciting end to the summer and continue to fulfill our mission to benefit children with cancer and special needs.

The Foundation family would like to thank the City of Long Beach, Joe Brand, our Commissioner of Recreation, and the members of our community, visitors, sponsors and businesses for their love and support. Your generous contributions enabled the Michelle O'Neill Foundation to assist the families of special children and oncology organizations that serve them. Thanks to you, some of the financial burdens associated with dealing with a catastrophic illness were alleviated by paying for expenses not covered by insurance - such as transportation, parking, gas, wigs, special tutoring and housing for families away from home for treatment. Thanks to you, Jonathan, Kyle, Luke, Alyssa, Evan, Lucy, Nate, John, Ty, Sam, Philip, Danny and their families will know that they were not alone, that there were many people who cared and that they have benefitted by your generosity and kindness. On behalf of these children, among others, and the oncology organizations that serve them, we would like to thank you for making their journey through a devastating disease less lonely and more tolerable.

Last year at Volleyball XIV, we accomplished our mission by raising approximately \$130,000 after expenses to benefit the kids. The tone of day was set at our opening ceremony with a blessing from Deacon Tom Evrard, Carpenters Local #608 Bagpipe Band and a thank you and a song from 14 year old Danny Mulvey, a great kid and cancer survivor who we sponsored to Big Sky Kids camp in Bozeman, MT last June.

Outback Steakhouse and Glaceau provided the food and beverages; EJ Weston DJ'd; John Barnes MC'd; hot dogs were expertly grilled to benefit 2 special kids; Cans for Cancer volunteers recycled 3,000 cans; Kiwanis provided information & sold raffles on boardwalk; and Kids' Tent volunteers face painted. Hundreds of American flags donated by Jimmy Tolfree were hung with care by a host of volunteers and lined the boardwalk reminding us of our freedom to help others and gratitude to live where we do. Special thanks and undying love go to our "Committee" who were stationed under the big tent registering players and assigning courts, selling merchandise and raffle tickets for an array of impressive prizes....a herculean effort made and appreciated by all.

The atmosphere was charged with the positive energy of thousands of people gathered on our beaches who came to help us help the kids while having fun playing volleyball or just watching the games while listening to the music and enjoying one another...a magic formula that has been working for our charity event, and one which I hope will continue for years to come. Please help us make it happen again -- I invite you to VOLLEY FOR THE KIDS on 9-10-11 and make Volleyball XV "our best event ever!"

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Alyssa Ramos

Alyssa was diagnosed with Stage III high risk neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer, at 26 months old in November 2005. It is a cancer of the nervous system which starts in the adrenal gland. Alyssa's tumor was as big as an NFL football growing in her belly. After numerous surgeries, blood and platelet transfusions, radiation and a regimen of high dose chemotherapy, Alyssa was pronounced cancer free in May 2006. However, her cancer returned in May 2007, and she received further chemotherapy treatment and radiation. The good news is that Alyssa has been cancer free for three years. Alyssa is now in second grade and adores being a big sister to brother Michael. She spends her off treatment time watching the Disney Channel and Dancing with the Stars, going to tap, *jazz and ballet classes, loves to play dress up* and loves spending time with her friends and family, eating bagels or pizza. Alyssa, Michael and her parents, Laura and Michael, are loyal visitors to the Michelle O'Neill volleyball tournament, and we hope to see them again at Volleyball XV.

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Ty Campbell

Ty Louis Campbell is 3 1/2 years old and has been fighting cancer since his diagnosis on August 11, 2010. After a series of sleepless nights and headaches, a brain tumor was discovered at the base of his skull. He was treated with a radical surgery in late August followed by an extremely aggressive chemotherapy regimen at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. On December 5, 2010 his parents were informed that although his tumor was responding well to treatment, the cancer had metastasized and is spreading throughout his central nervous system, affecting his spinal cord and brain. The loving support of Michelle's Foundation and the Long Beach community have helped the Campbell's to be by their son's side every step of the way. It is now Spring 2011 and Super *Ty* - "the little fighter" - is defying all odds! *Ty is an amazing boy who keeps his entire* family strong through all of these hardships.

Big Sky Kids Camper 2010



Danny Mulvey



Danny Marquino

by: Larry Marquino

My son Danny was diagnosed with brain cancer a week after his 3^{*rd*} *birthday. Danny* has endured 2 tumor resection surgeries in his spinal cord and is currently going through his second round of chemotherapy. The O'Neill family has been at Danny's side since the very beginning. Mrs. O'Neill is a beautiful, caring, supportive person who has helped my family on many occasions over the years. When I moved to Long Beach years ago I would never miss the Michelle O'Neill volley ball tournament. I now see first hand how the tournament helps those in need. Mrs. O'Neill has helped keep my family in balance. She has always had a kind word or the time to listen to me talk. Danny is 7 years old now and will attend the 1st grade next year at St. Anne's School courtesy of the O'Neill's. I would like to thank the O'Neill's for their unwavering support.

> Ride the wave to Volleyball XV

























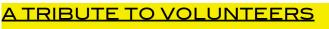


The Clauses Crawled for the Kids Again.

Santas, elves, reindeer and a Grinch "crawled for the kids" on December 11, 2010 when 250 participants raised \$5,000 for the Michelle O'Neill Foundation in memory of Drew Eidel, a Marine, registered nurse and long-time resident of the West End. Drew passed away from brain cancer at age 40 in December 2003, and since then the Santas and other holiday characters have contributed just under \$26,000 to Michelle O'Neill Foundation to benefit children with cancer.

Bill Holtmeyer coordinates the event with Frank Schiele, Kenny Leahy and Janice Phillips, with help from Ed Phillips and Cindy Duso. The local bar/restaurant establishments, such as The Beach House, JW Trainor's, The Inn, Minnesota's and the Saloon have embraced and supported this event during the Christmas season. Our thanks to all of them for their support.

Please save the date of 12/10/11 when the 9th Annual Drew Eidel Santa Claus Pub Crawl will take place, and when donations will again be contributed to the Michelle O'Neill Foundation.



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