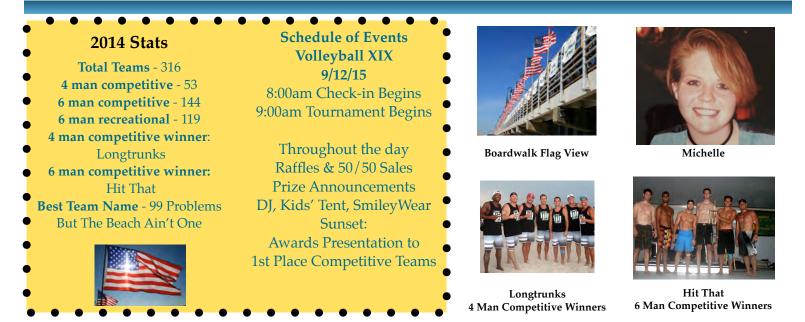


Volleyball XIX Saturday, 9/12/15*

LAURELTON BOULEVARD BEACH, LONG BEACH *Rain Date 9/13/15





A letter from Carol O'Neill, President

Dear Friends:

HOPE is the theme for our upcoming annual fundraiser to benefit

children with cancer, which, by definition, means an optimistic attitude of mind based on the expectation of a positive outcome. When Michelle was first diagnosed and I was searching for an oncologist and facility for her cancer treatment, I chose the doctor who answered my question "what is the percentage for her recovery" with "you should expect a 100% recovery." We at the Michelle O'Neill Foundation HOPE that the children we help, with your help, do expect and recover 100%. We also *hope* that you, as members of our Foundation family, continue to help us towards our goal of assisting the families of our "kids," and assuring them that there are people who do care.

Our upcoming fundraiser, Volleyball XIX, will *hopefully* distinguish the Michelle O'Neill Foundation as the Record-Holder for the "most participants in a single event volleyball tournament." We have applied to the Guinness Book of World Records, and as of this writing, our application is pending. We are very *hopeful* that it will be accepted. The greatest victory, of course, is helping the kids. We all know that success isn't always based on the "most" or the "highest," but also on inner victories and triumphs. The children we help face challenges every day with "sticks and spinals" and chemo and radiation. We want them to have *hope*, to **h**ang **on** – **p**ain **en**ds, and to make their lives more comfortable and fun by making financial distributions to their families for their benefit.

During 2014, the Foundation assisted the families of Dylan, Alexandra, Gavin, Cameron, Colin, Vincent, Robert, Maeve, Kaitlyn, Amanda, William, Natalie, Danny and Bogdan, among many others. We also supported Big Sky Kids Camp, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Frances Pope Memorial Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Camp Abilities, Young Life, SNACK, Make-A-Wish, American Cancer Society, Project Challenge, Long Beach Christmas Angels – all organizations dedicated to the care and wellbeing of children.

Our 18th annual fundraiser held our record for the most nets and teams – 55 nets and 319 competitive and recreational teams -- that translated into the most donations received. Although there was the threat of lightening towards day's end, we were very fortunate to be able to award all the raffles prizes, complete the volleyball games and award trophies to the winners. In most families jobs are assigned. Michelle's job has been to take care of the weather. However, every once in a while I believe she likes to play tricks -- as evidenced in years past by swarms of flying ants, threats of hurricanes, brief "sun" showers and thunderstorms in surrounding communities. Lightening was last year's highlight!

Special thanks to all who made Volleyball XVIII truly extraordinary through your sponsorships, raffle donations, merchandise purchases and participation in our games. Our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all our volley-teers who give tirelessly of themselves pre, day of and post tourney!!! THANK YOU!!!! We couldn't do it without all of you!!!

As always, we would like to perpetuate the statement "best event ever" and to continue helping children who need our help. We *hope* to see you on Saturday,

September 12th on Laurelton Boulevard beach in Long Beach, NY at Volleyball XIX.





Alexa Rae Boylan

Alexa Rae, known as the "little warrior" to her parents Chris and Dena and "LaLa" to big sister Brianna, was born at South Nassau Communities Hospital in Occasarida an

Hospital in Oceanside on October 14, 2014, and shortly thereafter the doctors noticed 3 small skin lesions that were ultimately diagnosed as Leukemia Cutis (leukemia of the skin), an extremely rare leukemia. A couple of months later, Alexa's cancer had spread from the skin into her bone marrow and spinal fluid. Her diagnosis changed from Leukemia Cutis to Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), and she is receiving intense chemotherapy treatments at MSKCC. Alexa also receives interthecal chemotherapy infused into her spine once a week, as well as several bone marrow aspirations, MRI's, Cat scans, a double lumen broviac placed in her chest, and now a feeding tube placed in her stomach. To date, Alexa has completed 6 rounds of intense chemotherapy. Chris and Dena have said that "We can't put into words how heavy our hearts are, but one thing we do know is we will never give up on Alexa, and she has proven to us with her infectious smile and giggles that she will not lose this battle."

XOXO

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GianPaul Conti



GianPaul is a happy go lucky 12-year-old active kid who loves playing sports and spending

time with his friends and family. On January 6, 2015 he was diagnosed with AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia), and is receiving aggressive chemotherapy treatments at Winthrop Cancer Center for Kids. GianPaul completed his final round of chemo, and is in early remission. His Mom, Talin, said "His bravery is an inspiration to all that know him as well as those that don't. With the love and support of family, friends. teachers, coaches and teammates he will beat this horrible disease and be back on the baseball field before we know it."

xoxo Logan Kaplan



Logan is a 19month-old boy who has been battling kidney failure since birth. He was born about 2 1/2 weeks

before his due date in critical condition due to what was later revealed to be a fetal-maternal hemorrhage, a rare but serious pregnancy complication. He was born in multi-organ failure with a limited chance of survival. He slowly but surely improved although his kidneys never recovered from the trauma. In his first year, he has been through seven surgeries, multiple invasive procedures and testing, blood transfusions and hundreds of dialysis sessions at Cohen's Children's. Logan's Dad, Joshua, will be donating his kidney to Logan at Mount Sinai Hospital, and Logan will be monitored at Mount Sinai until the transplant doctors feel he is stable to return to Cohen's Children's Hospital. Six months after transplant is the most critical time where he will be carefully managed. We wish Logan and Dad

Joshua a full and speedy recovery and send good wishes to Mom Tara and Noah!

xOxO Big Sky Kids Camper 2014



Bogdan Rezai Far

In 2014, the Michelle O'Neill Foundation sponsored Bogdan Rezai Far, 17, and his mom, Oksana Kompaneyets, for Big Sky 10day Adventure Camp in Bozeman, MT. Bogdan was referred to Eagle Mount (eaglemount.org) and the Big Sky Kids Program by NYU LMC Hassenfeld Center, joining the BSA family all the way from Brooklyn! Bogdan was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2012, and even spent 40 days in a coma at one point as a result of his tumor. However, Bogdan recovered, and has been able to offer laughter and hope to hundreds.

Big Sky Kids Camper 2006 Amanda Janowczyk-Buckley



Amanda Janowczyk, our Big Sky Kids camper from 2006, wed Jon Buckley on October 4, 2014 - now that's something to smile about!





Long Beach Christmas Angels honors Caryl Ann O'Neill-Niven

Caryl Ann O'Neill-Niven received the Long Beach Christmas Angels' Community Service Award at their 15th Annual Holiday Fundraiser on Friday,

December 5, 2014 at Bridgeview Yacht Club for her extraordinary work and dedication to helping children with cancer and special needs in her capacity as Vice President of the Michelle O'Neill Foundation. Caryl Ann has consistently reached out to the LBCA, initiating coordinated efforts to maximize the amount of help local families in need receive. She also volunteers for a number of other local organizations including the Long Beach Lacrosse Club, and recently completed the NYC Marathon as a member of the Team in Training for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The O'Neill Girls Run the NYC Marathon

"3 sisters, 3 cousins, 5 runners -- one will be the 'Wind Beneath Their Wings', stated George O'Neill, brother and cousin to the 5 runners of



Team Michelle who participated in the NYC Marathon held on Sunday, November 2, 2014. The 5 runners were George's sisters, Tracy Murphy, Jennifer Sarro and

Mary Beth Leetch, and cousins Caryl Ann O'Neill-Niven and Jackie O'Neill-Walsh. Michelle was the "wind beneath their wings," their inspiration for training with TNT and raising funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. There were 50,530 finishers and their average running time for this 26 mile run was 4:34:45. The O'Neill girls waited for one another and crossed the finish line holding hands....winners all!!!!

Organizations We Supported 2014–2015

Francis Pope Foundation, Make-A-Wish – Long Beach Polar Bears, Relay for Life, Big Sky Kids, MSKCC, Young Life, Dorothy Finn Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphoma, American Cancer Society, Jaime Whelan Foundation, Breast Cancer Research at Columbia, Ronald McDonald House of LI, Mustaches for Kids, Christmas Angels, Jimi Gubelli Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis, SNACK & Friends, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Habitat for Humanities, Surf for All, Project Challenge



KC Glennon Clips for the Kids

The MON Foundation applauds KC Glennon who shaved his head on May 9th in the interest of raising funds to help children with cancer through St. Baldrick's Foundation. By working closely with leading pediatric oncologists, St. Baldrick's determine the most promising research to fund and create funding

priorities to make the greatest impact for children with cancer. Over \$70,000 was raised that day through the efforts of some very caring and compassionate people who found a way to help those children who need our help.

HOLIDAY GIFT FROM: Friends of Drew Eidel TO: Michelle O'Neill Foundation

175 Santas and other holiday characters participated in the 12th Annual Drew Eidel Santa Claus Pub on December 13th, 2014. The pub crawl raised \$3,900 that evening with stops at Shines, Jetty, The Beach House, Trainor's, Swingbelly's, The Inn, Lilly's, Minnesota's and The Saloon. The owners of The Inn, The Saloon and Minnesota's have also contributed \$150 each to this event, bringing the grand total to \$4,350. This event is in memory of Drew Eidel, who passed away from brain cancer in Dec. 2003 at the age of 40. Drew served his country in the Marines and was a registered nurse at North Shore Hospital. He was a long time popular resident of the west end of Long Beach.

Since the Santa Crawl started back in 2003, almost \$40,000 has been donated to the MON Foundation. A special thanks to the owners of The Inn and The Saloon, Eamon Donahoe, Pete Jacoutot, JP Kavanaugh & Kenny Jacoutot. As well as the owners of Minnesota's, John Gallagher, Darren Siff, Tom Corning & Jim Malone from Minnesota's for their generous contributions this year and in years past.

The 13th annual Drew Eidel Santa Claus Pub Crawl will be held on Saturday Dec. 12th, 2015. Once again, all the money collected will be donated to the MON Foundation to help children and families affected by cancer.



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