





Michelle

Schedule of Events 2015 Stats Volleyball XX Saturday, 9/10/16* Volleyball XX Total Teams - 333 9/10/16 4 man competitive - 65 8:00am Check-in Begins 6 man competitive - 161 9:00am Tournament Begins 6 man recreational - 107 4 man competitive winner: Throughout the day Team Irie LAURELTON BOULEVARD BEACH, LONG BEACH *RAIN DATE 9/11/16 (2nd time winner) Raffles & 50/50 Sales 6 man competitive winner: Prize Announcements Tito's on the Rocks DJ, Kids' Tent, SmileyWear (3rd time winner) Sunset: Meet our Rasta Best Team Name -Awards Presentation to Smiley for There's Something About St. **1st Place Competitive Teams** Volleyball XX Mary's

A letter from Carol O'Neill, President

Dear Friends,

We are very excited to be celebrating our 20th annual fundraiser on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Please join us Laurelton Boulevard beach on for Volleyball XX, and help us help the families of children diagnosed with cancer.

We've come a long way since the 1st annual Michelle O'Neill Memorial volleyball tournament held in September 1997 on Kentucky Beach when we raised \$17,000 across 11 nets. Last year, Volleyball XIX had 333 registered teams playing across 55 nets, and donations after expenses exceeded all our prior years.

Although the skies opened up with torrential rain that blew sideways and every which way about 5 o'clock, we were able to accomplish much before that time. Father Frank Shannon blessed our players and spectators, Molly O'Neill, my 11 year old great niece, sang God Bless America so

beautifully and, John Barnes, good friend and MC introduced 4 of our "kids," Baby Allie, Dylan, GianPaul and Danny (who told us a little bit about what it's like to go through cancer treatment) at our opening ceremony, and continued with announcements with much enthusiasm and humor throughout the day.

Our dedicated volleyball players continued until the playoffs were completed and Team Irie was victorious in the 4-man competitive category and Tito's on the Rocks championed the 6man competitive category for the 3rd time. We completed the raffle and awarded \$5,200 to the 50/50 winner.

We are indebted to the City of Long Beach's Recreation, Police and Sanitation Departments who all performed their jobs seamlessly and allowed us to host our fundraiser in a positive, safe, loving and compassionate manner. To say "that was a herculean task" would be an understatement considering that several thousand players and spectators filled the beaches.

Heartfelt thanks to our T-shirt and corporate sponsors and raffle benefactors for donating and believing in our mission. Very Special thanks to our staff of dedicated and loyal volunteers without whom the event could not possibly happen. We lovingly refer to this group as our "Committee," most of whom knew and loved Michelle, but many who never met her and just want to help selling "smiley wear," hot dogs, raffle tickets and manning the kids' tent, spinning music and hanging hundreds of American flags. Thank you all for your continued devotion and friendship! As a result, we've been

able to pay it forward by helping many families as we were helped all those vears ago when Michelle was in treatment and to let these courageous children and their families know that people care.

We hope to see you in September to help us help the kids!!!

Love, Carol O'Neill



Danny & Carol

In Appreciation

Raffle Prize

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KIDS KORNER



<u>Grace Skuches</u> <u>By Jennifer Skuches</u>

"At 6 months old, our daughter Grace was diagnosed with Atypical Teratoid/Rhabdiod Tumor (ATRT), an extremely rare, very difficult to treat pediatric brain tumor. The tumor has been fully resected and there are no other tumors present in her brain or on her spine. We are very hopeful of a positive outcome. Grace has already completed 5 rounds of chemotherapy, 1 stem cell harvest, and 3 stem cell rescues. In December, it was determined that Grace was No Evidence of Disease. By the first week in January,the cancer was back. She started Proton

Beam Therapy on January 13. Grace has endured many setbacks, like a subdural hematoma; shunt revision, and a PICC reinsertion. She is a fighter! Grace has a long road ahead, but we have faith in God that she will survive and thrive. **X**O**X**O



Opening Ceremony



Cassie & Baby Allie



Brendan Prete Brendan was diagnosed at 18 months with retinoblastoma (pediatric eye cancer) and has been treated at MSKCC where he went through 4 aggressive rounds of chemo

and 25 rounds of radiation, 5 days a week for 5 weeks. He had lost his right eye due to the cancer, and went for many months without a prosthetic. After healing, fittings with temporary prosthetics and also getting the eye orbit used to the prosthetic, Brendan is pictured wearing his final prosthetic. Brendan loves playing his Nabi, music and preschool, and he will celebrate his 4th birthday in May. Brendan is a little superhero to his parents, Lisa and Tom, and older sister, Allison and brother, TJ.

Liam Maguire



Liam just celebrated his 11th birthday in January 2016. He was first diagnosed with ALL Leukemia in 2011, but relapsed last year. Mom, Sara, stated: "After relapse, we have had another long journey with complications, but soon it will get even more difficult as Liam heads to transplant." Kerrin, Liam's 8 year old sister, is a perfect match, and will be Liam's donor -- personifying the meaning of courage, bravery and love. We thank parents, Matt & Sara, for allowing us to share Liam with our readers, and offer Liam our prayers and heartfelt wishes on his journey towards a 100% recovery.

XOXO

Big Sky Kids Camper 2015



Dylan and Dad, Tommy, experienced the 10-Day Big Sky Kids Adventure Camp located in Bozeman, MT in June 2015. Dylan was diagnosed in 2013 with Osteosarcoma. a

Dylan McCormack

form of bone cancer, and is being treated at Cohen's Children's Medical Center. He has come a long way since then having had many chemotherapy treatments, surgery to remove the bone tumor, followed by reconstructive leg surgeries. Dylan's courage and bravery are an inspiration to all. While in Bozeman, Dylan and Tommy participated in all the activities offered, including white water rafting, visiting Yellowstone National Park, and formed wonderful friendships that Dylan continues to enjoy today. Dylan's parents, Susan and Tommy, were classmates of Michelle, my son Rick and my niece, Jennifer, all those years ago in high school. Who knew that our paths would cross again years later, and that we would be able to continue Michelle's legacy in this very personal and meaningful way XOXO



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Volley-Teers



Team Irie 4 Man Competitive Winners



Tito's on the Rocks 6 Man Competitive Winners





Kids Helping Kids

Pictured below are twenty-one 3rd graders with their teacher, Tara Pilewski, at Connolly Elementary School located in Glen Cove. Jennifer O'Neill and I traveled to their class on



January 21 to meet Tara and the children and to accept the \$250 donation check that they raised by having a bake sale. We were rewarded with bright, inquisitive, balightful

animated and adorable children.... absolutely delightful. They were full of questions and very vocal about how they researched and chose Michelle's Foundation as their charity.

We received another donation of \$250.11 from the first grade class at Guggenheim Elementary School in Port Washington. Kim Grennan, their teacher, introduced the Michelle O'Neill Foundation to the Connolly School where her son Chase is a student. Chase Grennan is pictured in the bottom row center, next to Isabel Basil, whose Dad Brian plays in our tournament. The children also constructed handmade holiday cards that were then distributed to the Pediatric Clinic at MSKCC, the Ronald McDonald House of LI, and to the "kids" at the Michelle O'Neill Foundation.

Friends of Drew Eidel

The Friends of Drew Eidel raised \$4,800 at their 13th Annual Santa Claus Pub Crawl on December 12, 2015.
Almost 300 Santas, elves, reindeer and other holiday
characters navigated the route along Shine's, Trainor's, The Inn, Lilly's, Minnesota's, The Knights and the
Saloon. Bill Holtmeyer, the Crawl's founder, said, "The mild weather and growing Electric light parade definitely had a positive impact for this year's fundraiser. A special
thanks to the owners of The Inn & Saloon (Eamon
Donahoe, Kenny Jacoutot, Pete Jacoutot & PJ Kavanagh and Minnesota's (Tom Corning, John Gallagher, Jim
Malone & Darren Siff) for their continued support of this event."

Since the Pub Crawl started in 2003, the Friends of Drew Eidel have contributed \$45,000 to the Michelle O'Neill Foundation, and on behalf of the children we help, we thank them and look forward to #14 on 12/10/16.

