Summer 2020





VB XXIII 2019 Stats

Total Teams - 440

Total Players - 2,776

4 Man Competitive - 79

6 Man Competitive - 187

6 Man Recreational - 174

Winners:

4 Man Comp - Old Paltz VC

6 Man Comp - VBLI O.G.

Best Team Name:

"Benny and the Sets"

To Donate

To Be a **Sponsor**

To Buy Merchandise (online store coming soon!)

Please email us at:

info@monfoundation.org



Dear Foundation Family,

As we go forward with the process of unpausing practices due to COVID-19 and learn what is best to ensure the health and safety of the community we serve, we will follow whatever guidelines are communicated regarding our annual fundraiser. Updates will be posted on our website, www.monfoundation.org, as well as our Facebook page and Constant Contact. Please send your current email address to us at info@monfoundation.org or join the mailing list through the website and only information concerning our fundraiser will be sent to you.

In the meantime, we have re-envisioned our <u>sponsorship</u> opportunities for the Michelle O'Neill 2020 Fundraiser: Premier - \$1,500 donation; Diamond - \$750 donation; and Foundation Friend - \$150. We will be offering the opportunity to purchase MON apparel on our online store (opening soon).

We will be honoring our Super Heroes this year.... first responders, medical personnel, essential and grocery workers, parents as "teachers" — and most especially — our "kids" who are fighting each and every day to overcome cancer, our true Super Heroes! Although our fundraiser may look different in 2020 than it has in the past, we realize that cancer doesn't follow the government's "pausing practices," and families whose children are affected with cancer and special needs may need assistance more than ever. If you want to help us help these families, you can help them through Michelle's Foundation.

Last year, Volleyball XXIII was our "best event ever." It was the largest, 440 teams - 2,776 players; weather was almost "perfect"; live music by Backroom Bypass; great media coverage - Channel 12 and Long Beach Herald; merchandise awesome; energy and enthusiasm at an all-time high.

As a result, the Michelle O'Neill Foundation was able to help, with your help, Super Heroes Zoey, Mary, Madison, Valeria, Siobhan, Ed, Olivia, Layla, Luke, Ciaran, Viviana, Alyssa, Brody, Peyton and Paige. Some of the organizations we helped during 2019 are Make-A-Wish Foundation, Big Sky Kids Camp, Ronald McDonald House of LI, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Frances Pope Memorial Foundation, SNACK & Friends, American Cancer Society, among others.

We thank you for your support and for being in our Foundation family, and look forward to continuing our partnership and helping the "kids," – our super heroes!!!

With gratitude.

Carol O'heill

Carol O'Neill, President

RMHLI - Lights of Love

The Michelle O'Neill Foundation was invited this year on 12/12 to light the Christmas Tree at RMHLI. The program included meeting the 2020 Board of Directors as they were inducted, tree lighting, cocktail reception and then Santa arrived with gifts for all the children.



Matt Campo, CEO & Caryl Ann O'Neill Niven

Pandemic Donation

Caryl Ann Niven and Rick O'Neill brought supplies to RMHLI, such as disposable plastic to-go containers, individually wrapped plastic cutlery, as well as breakfast bars and juices for breakfast to lend some assistance at the House and help them protect their at risk population against the spread of COVID 19.



MON Rooftop Dedication



On October 6, 2019 the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island dedicated their Rooftop Retreat in honor of the generosity of the Michelle O'Neill Foundation. The RMHLI is located in New Hyde Park and offers comfort and care to families, just steps from their child's bedside. Beyond a room to stay,

they provide nourishing meals, spaces for the families to relax and play and a community of caring volunteers to help while families are away from their homes, loved ones and friends. In addition to the Rooftop Retreat, Michelle is also honored with a Winnie-the-Pooh room, as well as a loving heart plaque bearing her name. The O'Neill family is very grateful to the Ronald McDonald House for providing comfort and respite when needed during Michelle's treatment and we understand first-hand the incredible work provided by the Ronald McDonald House.





Big Sky Kids Adventure Camp

Big Sky Kids Adventure Camp located in Bozeman, MT, is a 10-day camping program dedicated to children with cancer. Michelle and I were campers in 1990 shortly after Michelle was diagnosed with brain cancer, and we both lived through life-changing experiences. Following is an excerpt from a thank you letter from Kara Erikson, former Director of Eagle Mount's Big Sky Kids program:

"To say we are incredibly touched and honored to receive such a huge contribution to our Big Sky Kids program is a big understatement!!! Words cannot express our gratitude for this gift, and for what a difference you are making in these children's lives. You have impacted so many children and parents over the years! We want to thank you, your family, and everyone involved in the Michelle O'Neill Foundation for your continued support for Eagle Mount, and for believing in what we do here at Big Sky Adventure camp." To donate to Eagle Mount directly, please visit their website at: https://eaglemount.org/camp/big-sky-kids

Our Campers for Summer 2019:

Stellablue Woods (12) & Mom Andrea

Baylie Hankins, (18)





NCL Philanthropic Fair

MON participated in the Garden City Chapter of the National Charity League philanthropic fair. The NCL, Inc., Garden City is a group of mothers and daughters who have come together in a commitment to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. They have been volunteering at our volleyball tournaments for the past several years and have become invaluable to our event. To read more about the organization visit their website: https://www.nationalcharityleague.org/



Swim Across America

Swim Across America Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to raising money and awareness for cancer research, prevention, and treatment. We have been supporting Mark Heingartner for the past few years who swims for TEAM STACEY. This year the Sound to the Cove open swim has been changed to a personal challenge due to COVID-19 and Mark has set a personal goal of swimming 25 miles (open water Atlantic ocean) between now and labor day weekend. If you would like to support Mark click here-to-donate.



You Don't Have to Wear a Cape to be a Hero

SANTA & His Helpers visit Our Town - Santa Claus Pub Crawl 2019

Over 125 Santas, elves, reindeer and other holiday characters gathered in Long Beach for the 17th Annual Santa Claus Pub Crawl on December 7, 2019 to celebrate the holiday season and help the Michelle O'Neill Foundation help the kids." The Pub Crawl started in 2003 in memory of Drew Eidel, a long time popular West End resident, who passed at age 40 from brain cancer. Drew served his country as a Marine and was a registered nurse at North Shore Hospital. This year the Pub Crawl raised \$2,575 with 6 stops at Shine's Bar, The Jetty, Lilly's, The Inn, The Knight's Pub and The Saloon. The AOH Division 17 contributed \$250 to offset cost of the Santa pins that were distributed to participants of the event. Owners of The Inn, The Saloon and The Jetty increased that sum for a total of \$3,150.



Special thanks to Bill Holtmeyer and friends who organize this successful fundraiser, to all the establishment owners for their loyalty and generosity, and to the colorful holiday characters who make the Santa Claus Pub Crawl so festive each year.



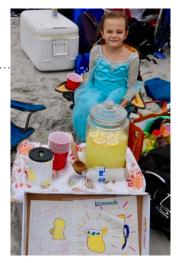
Volley-Teer Thank You Brunch 9/15/19

The Michelle O'Neill Foundation hosted a brunch at the Jetty on September 15, 2019 for its loyal and dedicated committee of volley-teers. Gratitude, love, great food and conversation abounded in celebration of a very successful Volleyball XXIII. We revisited the blessings of the day -- good weather, the absence of negative incidents, the "kids" at the opening ceremony, the live music, great set up and space at the beach and community of spirit among the volleyball players and spectators. Indeed the "best event ever."

Some of our amazing Volley-teers of the day

MON's Littlest Fundraisers

Katrina and Colin Casey, Michaela (Micky) Murphy & Friends, and Girl Scouts of Nassau County Troop 2182 did some fundraising to help us help the "kids" by selling lemonade - raising an aggregate total of \$310 for their individual efforts. We thank and applaud them for their generosity and entrepreneurial skills!





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