#### **The Sophia Sunshine Foundation**

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# Sprinkles!

# May -DIPG Awareness

May is Brain Tumor Awareness Month and Wednesday, May 17th is National DIPG Awareness Day.

Rather than focus on just one designated day, we make the month of May - DIPG Awareness Month.

All donations and proceeds raised from events in May go to the Sophia Sunshine Research Towards A Cure For DIPG fund.

EVERY dollar makes a difference. Crowdfunding works and is needed! Students please know - there's power in numbers- a \$2, \$5 or \$10 donation IS powerful!

It does make a DIFFERENCE!

#### 😾 Start a GoFundMe TODAY!

#### TRY IT:

Go to GoFundMe.com Select "For A Charity" Enter "The Sophia Sunshine Foundation" Enter your zip code Fundraising for Medical **Confirm - Sophia Sunshine Foundation** Enter your goal amount. Post it. Share it. Spread the word. Help to raise money for Sophia Sunshine Research Towards A Cure for DIPG Fund!

#### **Use Social Media for GOOD!** Inspire others! "Help. Love. Shine."

## Save the Dates!

- May 1st thru 31st Launch Your **Go Fund Me** For The Sophia Sunshine Foundation! Winner Gets a SSF Gear Item of Choice!
- May 1st thru 31st Support DIPG Awareness Month and SHOP! Sophia Sunshine Gear
- Tuesday, May 9th ~ Panera at The Fairway in Jenkintown or Online All Day!
- Thursday, May 18th ~ Shop For A Cause! At Elizabeth Maar Boutique in Haverford!

# SHOP! Sophia Sunshine Gear

Spring is here! Finally! Sport your Sophia Sunshine gear! Gear With Goodness!™

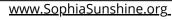
Make a purchase (\$10+) during the Month of May, use code SOPHIA10 and receive 10% off! There's something for everyone! Makes for great gifts! T-shirts, Hats, Quarter Zips, Aprons and more!

Visit Sophia's Shop online store https://sophiasunshine.org/shop-sophia-sunshine

#### THE Sophia Sunshine Paddle Skills **Competition & Play Event**

**DID YOU KNOW?** The purpose and meaning behind the creation of this unique, and original annual event is to honor our daughter Sophia, her love for racquet sports and to celebrate her January birthday (1/14/13)!

Thank you to all that participated in our sold out, 2nd Annual Sophia Sunshine Paddle Skills Competition & Play event! Together we raised nearly \$12,000! Thank you!





### The Sophia Sunshine Foundation

### Announcements

### Save the Date Details!

->> Panera <<-FUNDRAISING

JOIN US IN THE CAFE OR ORDER ONLINE.

## May 9th

20% OF TOTAL NET SALES WILL BE DONATED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION.\* Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.

WHERE: 1641 The Fairway, Jenkintown, PA 19046

this code during checkout

#### WHEN: Tues, May 9th

FROM: 4:00pm - 8:00pm In-store at Register Ordering

USE OUR PROMO CODE AT ONLINE CHECKOUT ALL DAY

✓ Online at Panerabread.com
✓ In the Panera App
✓ At the kiosk in cafe

#### ~ USE CODE ALL DAY ~ ORDER ONLINE FOR PICK-UP & USE IN-STORE KIOSK with code FUND4U

## May 18th



### SERVICE DOG SPONSORSHIP!



#### Talon Spends His Working Days:

Visiting Pediatric Patients In Office Helping To Ease Anxiety Accompanying Child to Exam Room Sometimes Helps Keep Siblings Occupied During Longer Visits Helps Children To Open-Up During Appointments Does Rounds At The Hospital Visiting Pediatric Inpatients Brightens The Mood For Staff Too!



Service Dog Sponsorship through our partnership with Canine Partners For Life!

Sophia Sunshine's latest



#### Do You Like What Sophia Sunshine Is Doing?

Are you interested in deepening your relationship with The Sophia Sunshine Foundation?

Or maybe you're ready to learn more and get started!

Well, we'd LOVE to! There are so many ways to make that happen!

Please email Love@SophiaSunshine.org



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### Announcements

#### SUPPORTING SOPHIA'S LITERACY OUTREACH PROGRAM



In February, **Ancillae Assumpta Academy** held their second new children's book collection to support Sophia's Literacy Outreach Program in conjunction with their annual book fair week!

With Love and For Love, the

Ancillae Community collected and generously donated 157 new childrens books!

**Ernst & Young Studio**, Manayunk location, also held a book collection earlier this year! Together, this dynamic Manayunk team collected 46 fantastic, new children's books!

Thank you SO much for your support!

### SOPHIA'S LITERACY OUTREACH PROGRAM IN-ACTION

Through your generosity and support over the past 18 months, the Sophia Sunshine Foundation has been able to donate a total of 1,283 children's books. These books go directly into



the little hands of children; children that feel forgotten in the throes of trauma, children that are sick, children fleeing a violent home, children visiting a loved one in a treatment facility, children yearning for connection and something to call their own.

### SOPHIA'S WALL OF INSPIRATION

On May 5th at the Mount St. Joseph Academy, Sophomores Eva Getty and Charlotte McDaid are helping to raise awareness and donations for Sophia's Research Towards A Cure For DIPG fund with an organized, school-wide dress-down day!

FaceBook Birthday Fundraisers -**Our GOAL** - At least 1 a month. January - Donna Arnold \$567.00 April - Andrea Sullivan \$380.00+ and counting!



We need your help! Will you be our May event? June?



A special thank you to Leila Rosala! She chose to hold Sophia in her heart and on her hand while she participated in PennState's THON weekend in February!

> IROTHILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT

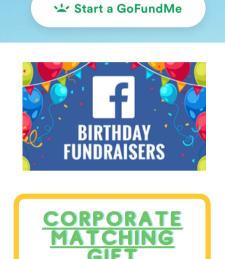
Thank you to all that dined-in or orderedout from Iron Hill Brewery in Huntingdon Valley on February 21st! Together we raised \$218.14 just by having a meal!

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## Extra

## MORE WAYS TO HELP





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### Planned Gifts -A Gift In Your Will

Would you consider including a gift to The Sophia Sunshine Foundation in your Will, Trust or by Beneficiary Designation?

Sophia Sunshine supporters have included gifts in wills or trusts, through beneficiary designations, or other types of planned gifts to help ensure Sophia's Mission and Areas of Focus remain a light for children. Would this be of interest to you?

Please visit https://sophiasunshine.org/a-gift-in-your-will for more information.



In Honor Of... In Memory Of... In Celebration Of...

Have a "No Gifts Please" party coming up? Consider a gift donation in their Honor to The Sophia Sunshine Foundation!

- 1.Select "Donate" on SophiaSunshine.org or add one of the monetary donation items to your cart
- 2. Enter your customer information and billing info.
- 3.Be sure to type in the "Special Instructions" section:

The name of the individual you are donating In Honor Of and their address.

A "Gift Has Been Given In Your Honor" card will be mailed to the individual acknowledging your thoughtfulness!

"In Memory Of" donations are one of the many beautiful ways to acknowledge a passing or "In Celebration Of" someone special to you.



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