

The Get Well Gabby Foundation
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2012 CureSearch Walk

The CureSearch Walk celebrates and honors children whose lives have been affected by childhood cancer, while raising funds for lifesaving research. You can help us by encouraging your friends, family, co-workers and community to champion our cause. The CureSearch Walk is a unique event, not only because dollars raised fund ongoing clinical trials at local hospitals, but also because the patients enrolled in these trials - past and present - are an integral part of the event.

Team Gabby's Angels walked in memory of Gabby and friends we have made along the way! In this first annual walk, we were able to help raise \$3,490.00 towards childhood cancer research. *The 2012 Philadelphia CureSearch Walk Fundraising total is..... \$65,136*

Thank you to all Gabby's Angels who donated and walked!



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Get Well Gabby Day With The
Wilmington Blue Rocks

Sunday, July 29, 2012
10:35 am to 1:35 pm
Frawley Stadium

[Event Flier](#)

Croppin' Out Childhood
Cancer

Saturday, August 4, 2012
9:00 am to 9:00 pm
National Christian Conference
Center

2012 Delaware's "Fight For
The Gold Night" With The
Wilmington Blue Rocks

Thursday, August 30, 2012
3:35 pm to 6:35 pm
Frawley Stadium

[Event Flier](#)

Gabby's 5K Run

Saturday, Sep 22, 2012
8:00 am to 11:00 am
Phoenixville, PA

Get Well Gabby Night With
The Camden Riversharks

Saturday, Sep 22, 2012
2:35 pm to 5:35 pm
Camden Riversharks

[Event Flier](#)

Get Well Gabby Day at the Reading Phillies



It was a scorcher of a day, but we braved through it to spread awareness for childhood cancer and the Get Well Gabby Foundation. Katie & Madison both through the first pitch, and 40 kids/parents from the Foundation family held the American Flag on the field. We enjoyed the company of 200 of our amazing supporters.

Phillies came back to win it in the ninth to win 5-4 over the Harrisburg Senators. Thank you to all of The Get Well Gabby supporters who came out and braved the heat at The Reading Phillies Game!!! It was a beautiful day that Gabby granted us for this game day. If you were not able to make it out to this game, we have several more events that you might be able to attend. Please check our event page to see if there is another event you can come out and help us fight for a cure for Childhood Cancer!!!



FAMILY IN FOCUS

At 3 years old Gavin was diagnosed with Leukemia. He was admitted to CHOP, where he stayed for a month to begin treatment. Gavin has been such a fighter, keeping his spirits up and being so brave throughout his treatment. December 2011 Gavin and family started "maintenance". To quote his mother's words "maintenance means life!" Today, Gavin is enjoying his summer with his family, and getting ready to begin Kindergarten in the fall!






<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/gavingretzula/mystory>

What Causes Leukemia?

- ❖ Both pre-natal and post-natal exposure to **ionizing radiation** (particularly X rays) can cause leukemia in children. Pre-natal exposure to X rays has been greatly reduced with the adoption of ultrasound for screening in pregnant women.
- ❖ Several studies link **pesticide** exposure by both parents and children to leukemia. The pattern of disease suggests that some damage to chromosomes may occur before the child is born. Children born to parents employed in certain **occupations** that have chemical exposures are more likely to have leukemia. **Chemicals**, specifically including benzene, have been shown to cause leukemia in adults.
 - A recent review of 48 epidemiological studies concluded that the strongest evidence for a relationship between a parent's exposure to chemicals other than pesticides and childhood leukemia was for **solvents, paints, and employment in motor vehicle-related occupations**.
 - These studies tend to look at the occupation of fathers more often than those of mothers, despite the fact that exposures of mothers are likely to be at least as important. For occupations of the **mothers**, the review concluded that the most significant were employment in **personal services industries, in metal processing, and in textiles**. All three categories had significantly elevated risks. For occupations of **fathers**, employment in **painting** led to increased risk of leukemia in a child.
- ❖ Some studies show that exposure to **electric and magnetic fields** (EMFs) is associated with increased risk of leukemia.

Source: Environhealthpolicy.net

Leukemia Facts

-  Leukemia is a type of cancer that affects the blood and bone marrow, the spongy center of bones where our blood cells are formed. The disease develops when blood cells produced in the bone marrow grow out of control.
-  1 in 330 children will have the disease by age 20. Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) accounts for approximately 74% of the leukemia cases among children 0- 19 years.
-  Children with Down syndrome have an increased risk of developing leukemia.
-  The four most common types of leukemia are:
 - Acute myeloid leukemia (AML)
 - Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL)
 - Chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)
 - Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)
-  Other types of leukemia and related disorders include:
 - Hairy cell leukemia
 - Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML)
 - Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML)

Source: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

KEEP BELIEVING

Please keep these Leukemia Warriors and their families in your thoughts and prayers:

Jacob aka The Leukemia Slayer ~ Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) ~ <http://www.facebook.com/TheLeukemiaSlayer?sk=wall>

Cole ~ Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia ~ <http://www.facebook.com/FightBackForCole?sk=wall> ;
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/coltons>

Isabella ~ Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia ~ <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Isabellas-Fight/153191028082496?sk=wall>

Reef Carneson ~ Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia ~ <http://www.facebook.com/pages/REEF-Carneson/172567056160762?sk=info>