

Spring 2023  
March, April, May

# BPF NEWSFLASH



The Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund Newsletter

## Night at the Races



Excitement was in the air on May 20, 2023, as BPF held its annual Night at the Races! The event, held at Good Shepherd Parish Hall, in Port Matilda, PA raised an overwhelming \$31,500 for area cancer patients. This fast-paced evening of virtual horse racing had guests cheering for their favorite horses as the races were called by a professional emcee. Attendees had the opportunity to "purchase" their own racehorse, name it, and receive a winner's share of the betting if their horse won. Guests enthusiastically watched as 10 horse races crossed the finish line. This evening included dinner, drinks, a derby hat contest, silent auction items, grab n' go gift cards, and much more! Thank you to all the sponsors, attendees, and volunteers that made our Night at the Races such an incredible success!

## Spitzer Subaru's Share the Love Campaign

On May 22, 2023, Spitzer Subaru presented BPF staff members with a check for \$15,000 from proceeds from their December 2022 Subaru Share the Love campaign. During the Share the Love campaign, Subaru of America donated \$250 from each new car to the charity of the customer's choice. In addition, Spitzer Subaru donated \$50 from the sale of each new car to Bob Perks Fund. Spitzer Subaru is one of BPF's cherished Strategic Partners and has donated over \$97,000 over the years to support Clearfield County cancer patients.



## Centre Gives



On May 10 & 11, 2023, the Centre Foundation held Centre Gives, its annual online fundraising event. This year, thanks to an incredibly generous group of donors, Bob Perks Fund raised \$17,072.78 through Centre Gives. Thanks to Blake and Linda Gall's "Match the Match" donation pledge, each donated dollar stretched even further. THANK YOU to Centre Foundation, Blake & Linda Gall, and everyone who donated during this year's Centre Gives!

## Night at the Races Tyrone

This year's Blair County Night at the Races was held by BPF champion Linda Cruz and her committee on April 1, 2023, at the Tyrone Elks BPOE 212. It was a spectacular event featuring a delicious buffet dinner, followed by an exciting night of horse racing, called by a professional race caller, a derby hat contest, raffle items, and much more. This extraordinary event raised an impressive \$9,562.00 to help ease the financial burden of Blair County cancer patients. THANK YOU to Linda and her committee!



## A.B.A.T.E. of PA Patriot Riders Basket Raffle



On April 15, 2023, A.B.A.T.E. of PA Patriot Riders held a Basket Raffle to benefit BPF at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Burnham. In addition to the basket raffle, 50/50 tickets and rip tickets were available for purchase. This awesome event raised \$3,443.63, which will help cancer patients in Mifflin County pay their bills while going through treatments. Thank you, Patriot Riders, for excitedly claiming the mantle of "champions" of BPF in Mifflin County!

## Bowling Tournament

On April 30, 2023, the Huntingdon Holiday Bowl hosted a Bowling Tournament to benefit Bob Perks Fund. A Sunday afternoon of bowling fun was accompanied by a delicious bake sale. An amazing \$1,240.00 was raised to help cancer patients in Huntingdon County pay their bills, so they can focus on their treatment and recovery. Thank you to the Holiday Bowl, Steve Rusk, and Rickey Himes and her dedicated Huntingdon County "Core Group"!



## Coaches vs Cancer PSU Donation



Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Coaches vs Cancer of Penn State, Bob Perks Fund recently received a very generous grant of \$50,275.00 from the American Cancer Society. Since 2006, this partnership has raised over \$600,000 to benefit BPF's mission. We sincerely thank the American Cancer Society and Coaches vs Cancer's devoted staff and volunteer committee members for the great impact they have made in the lives of local cancer patients.

## Kish Bank Celebrates Community Reception

On April 27, 2023, BPF representatives attended Kish Bank's 6th annual Kish Celebrates Community reception at Beaver Stadium, where nearly 300 attendees gathered in celebration of the communities of Central PA and the extraordinary efforts of the dedicated nonprofits and volunteers of the region. Bob Perks Fund is incredibly grateful for the Kish Bank family's support through Kish for the Cure. Kish Bank's Strategic Partnership with BPF is paramount to the sustainability of our mission.



## Hole in One at HCUW Golf Tournament

Congratulations are in order for BPF supporter Tom Taricani, who hit a hole-in-one on a money hole to win a cash prize at this year's Huntingdon County United Way Golf Tournament! According to John Cook, the Country Club Manager, this has never happened before on the money hole during tournament play. Well done, Tom!

## State College Downtown Rotary

BPF is incredibly thankful for receiving a grant award from the State College Downtown Rotary Club in the amount of \$2,000. This award was presented to BPF Executive Director, Cindy Brown, at a meeting on June 22, 2023.



## Save the Date

### Sing for the Fight: Goose Day Karaoke

Come celebrate Goose Day with a fun night of karaoke at BPF's Sing for the Fight event! September 29th from 7 pm to 10 pm at Shy Bear Brewing in Lewistown. There will be Goose Day-themed menu items and fun contests. We hope to see you there!

### OUR GRATITUDE

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Mifflintown for their generous donation of \$1,000.00, presented at a meeting on April 29, 2023. These funds will directly impact Juniata County cancer patients, ensuring that they can focus on their treatment and recovery, without worrying about paying their bills.



### BPF CALENDAR

#### August

- 19 - Party in the Park Cove Cause for Cancer

#### September

- 4 - Comfort Inn Raffle Ticket Drawing
- 14 - Reverse Car Drawing CvC of Penn State
- 16 - Clay Shoot Shenecoy Sportsmens Club
- 29 - "Sing for the Fight" Karaoke Night Shy Bear Brewing, Lewistown

#### October

- 25 - Girls Night Out Blair County Convention Center

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