



## The Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund Newsletter

### 10th Annual Rock the 80's Concert



On April 22, the Bob Perks Fund celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its signature event “**Rock the 80’s**” at The State Theatre. This spectacular event continues its successful run because so many local musicians donate their time, talent, and energy under the leadership and dedication of concert organizers JR Mangan and James Miller. We also celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> year of Jeff Brown joyfully shepherding us through the event as emcee. Over 10 years, Rock the 80’s has raised more than \$100,000 to support local cancer patients who are undergoing treatment and cannot pay their basic expenses.

**THANK YOU ROCK THE 80’s BANDS, SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS!**

### BPF GIFTS INFUSION CHAIRS TO UPMC ALTOONA

In March, we were delighted to gift two bariatric infusion chairs to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at UPMC Altoona, made possible through income earned on a bequest established by Ms. Donna Litke shortly before her passing. Ms. Litke was a longtime staunch supporter of cancer-related causes and entrusted our organization to use these funds to purchase equipment that would improve the cancer patient experience as they receive treatment in local hospitals. In response, UPMC Altoona Foundation matched our gift and purchased two additional bariatric infusion chairs. Our strategic partnership with UPMC Altoona strengthens our ability to serve patients struggling with cancer.

The Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund is pleased to donate two bariatric treatment chairs in memory of Donna L. Litke, who devoted much of her time and resources to support those battling cancer.

## Current Happenings

### 40 for 40 Campaign - BPF Founders Fund

To celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **Centre Foundation** is offering one million dollars in matching funds for the establishment of 40 new Centre County non-profit endowments. We are honored to participate in this initiative by establishing the “BPF Founder’s Fund” to honor and celebrate the heartfelt work of our Founder Doreen Perks. Less than six months after the loss of Bob at age 42 from melanoma, Doreen and Bob’s family, friends, and colleagues established our organization to support cancer patients who were unable to pay for their basic expenses such as rent, utilities, food, gas and more. In its 16 years, the Bob Perks Fund has raised and allocated 2.2 million dollars in its six county service area.

### 13th Annual Girls Night Out Altoona—October 26



We are thrilled to announce we will be a new recipient of funds raised at this amazing event held annually at the Jaffa Shrine in Altoona. All proceeds benefit the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center (Windber Medical Center), the Breast Cancer & Women’s Health Institute (Tyrone, PA),

the Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute (Dr. Craig Meyers, Research), MaGee Women’s Specialty Services at UPMC Altoona Breast Care Center, **and now** the Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund. The extremely dedicated group of Girls Night Out volunteers has raised over one million dollars, and we are delighted to help breast cancer patients pay for their basic expenses through the impact of this event!

## EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE



BPF leaders gathered at the Brew Coffee and Tap in Tyrone to recognize the ongoing work of **Linda Cruz** and **Teresa Beisel** who have held many events in recent years to raise money to pay for the basic expenses of Tyrone cancer patients. Checks from their most recent fundraising efforts were presented to Founder Doreen Perks.

**Photo #1** Doreen Perks, Norma Keller, Teresa Beisel & Marjann Young, **Photo #2** Doreen Perks, Linda Cruz, Norma Keller

## Thank You!

We are thankful to **UPMC Altoona** and the **UPMC Altoona Foundation** for their recent grant of \$25,000 to support our work with Blair County cancer patients and to **Sheetz, Inc.** for once again granting us \$15,000 in gas gift cards to ensure that cancer patients can travel to their treatment appointments.

Thank you 11th Annual **Centre Gives donors** and to **Centre Foundation** for hosting this important 36-hour fundraiser for Centre County nonprofits!

**We are thankful for the enduring support of our Strategic Partners**

