

First Lady Mary Pat Christie Honors 13-Year Old for His Commitment to Pediatric Cancer Awareness

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Florham Park Resident Malcolm Sutherland-Foggio Named a New Jersey Hero

Trenton, NJ - As a ten-year old confronting the challenges of Ewing's Sarcoma, Malcolm Sutherland-Foggio was determined to raise awareness of pediatric cancer and encourage private research funding to find a cure to help other children with the disease. The Florham Park resident began his crusade by selling blue wristbands that brought in \$13,000 in just a few months. Malcolm, now 13, has broadened his quest by creating the non-profit Make Some Noise 4 Kids Pediatric Research Foundation. Since 2009, the foundation has raised more than \$600,000 for pediatric cancer research. For his work to improve the lives of other children with cancer and their families, First Lady Mary Pat Christie today named Malcolm her first New Jersey Hero of 2012.

"Malcolm is an incredibly inspiring young man," said First Lady Mary Pat Christie. "His compassion to help other children with cancer through his charity Make Some Noise was driven by the courage and determination he has used in his own fight against the disease. For recognizing the unique needs of pediatric cancer patients and the desire to make a difference in their lives, I am proud to make Malcolm a New Jersey Hero."

Cancer is the leading cause of death in terms of children's diseases. In the U.S., 1 in 320 children is diagnosed with cancer before their 21st birthday. Nearly 3,000 children are lost to cancer every year. Worldwide that number grows to 100,000. Yet pediatric cancer research receives less than 3% of all cancer research funding.

"During my treatments, I was bombarded by awareness for other cancers, but I didn't see any awareness for pediatric cancer," Malcolm said. "Then I learned that the government gives us less than 3% of federal cancer research dollars to research for pediatric cancer. I realized that someone really needed to make some noise about it. Someone needed to let the country know how many children are diagnosed with cancer and that money for research needs to come from private sources. So, I decided to make some noise and incorporated a non-profit corporation for pediatric research."

Malcolm is currently an eighth-grader at The Peck School in Morristown. While his cancer is in a 10-year remission period, he travels to Philadelphia every three months for regular follow-up exams.

According to the National Cancer Institute, there are twelve types of childhood cancers, including the leukemias and cancers of the brain and central nervous system, which account for more than half of all new cases of pediatric cancer. One-third of childhood cancers are the leukemias.

The Make Some Noise Foundation raises funds for all childhood cancers and distributes the funding to support the most promising research being done across the country.

For more information on Make Some Noise 4 Kids, visit www.makenoise4kids.org

New Jersey Heroes is an initiative of First Lady Mary Pat Christie that showcases the positive ways people and organizations are impacting New Jersey in their own unique ways. To nominate a hero, go to <http://newjerseyheroes.org> and follow the application instructions and submit the person you believe is a true New Jersey Hero.

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