



# The Purple Pulse

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

"Be IZpired"

March 2018

## ... Happenings in The Izzy Family Room ...



The Izzy Foundation heard the voices of families when they shared the need for continued support after their child has passed away. Therefore, the "Angel" Family Giving program was established to provide holiday gifts for grieving families. This year, in partnership with our community supporters, we provided holiday gifts for over 14 families which included 18 children. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us fill this important part of our mission.

If you would like to get involved this upcoming year, please contact our office at ...

[admin@theizzyfoundation.org](mailto:admin@theizzyfoundation.org) or call 401-331-4999.



Miss Glover's 5th grade class at Halliwell Memorial School of North Smithfield, collected 8,200 snacks for the families who use The Izzy Family Room. We love it when the community gets involved and especially when kids help kids!

If you are interested in starting a snack drive for The Izzy Family Room, please email [erin@theizzyfoundation.org](mailto:erin@theizzyfoundation.org) for more information.

## THANKS TO OUR 1ST QUARTER IZZY FAMILY ROOM PARTNERS!

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The Wheeler Family  
Uncle Tony's Pizza and Pasta  
Wrights Dairy Farm and Bakery

## ... Upcoming Events ...

**Izzy Golf Tournament**  
July 2, 2018  
Wannamoisett Country Club

**Izzy Gala**  
September 29, 2018  
The Biltmore Hotel



## ... Thank you to our Sponsors ...



## Cheers for Izzy!

Thank you to Michelle McCormick and Steve Barbato for organizing and hosting their first annual "Cheers for Izzy" event at Valley Country Club in Warwick, Rhode Island. The evening included wine and beer tasting, appetizers and raffle items raising over \$6,000. The Izzy Foundation would like to thank all the organizers, sponsors, donors and volunteers who made this event a success. It is because of the community that The Izzy Foundation continues to grow and provide more resources and programs to families during and after pediatric cancer treatments.

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## IZZY SPOTLIGHT!

### HERO!

Emerson "Emma" is a 2-year old who was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) at just 14 months old. After completing a full round of chemotherapy, she went into remission. Unfortunately, her cancer returned six months later. Nonetheless she is a thriving, stunning, sassy, one-of-a-kind, intelligent, young girl. Emma loves to paint, dance and "Rawr" like a lion to "scare" people. Even through all of her tough days, Emma has always seen the brighter side of life, being a sole inspiration to her parents, family and friends. Emma is currently going through her second round of chemotherapy at Hasbro Children's Hospital and will soon be going to Boston Children's Hospital for her bone marrow transplant. Emma and her family have become such a part of the Izzy Family Room and we are honored to support this special "Hero"!

### VOLUNTEER!



Michelle Prioia, of Coastway Community Bank often spends her time volunteering in the Izzy Family Room. Every month Michelle, along with her friends and co-workers bring a meal for inpatient caregivers and patients to enjoy. Michelle says "The only real commodity we have as human beings is time and the best gift you can give somebody is your time".

Thank you Michelle for not only offering your time but also for the resources you bring to the Izzy Family Room.

*If you, your company or group would like to offer a meal to The Izzy Family Room, please contact [erin@theizzyfoundation.org](mailto:erin@theizzyfoundation.org).*

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS



The Izzy Foundation offers academic scholarships to ALL children nationwide with cancer (or survivors of childhood cancer) and their siblings. In 2017, The Izzy Foundation awarded over \$39,000 in scholarships to 38 young people who have been affected by cancer. The Izzy Foundation offers scholarships in two categories: (1) K-12 grades and (2) College and higher education.

*Applications will OPEN on our website March 1, 2018 and accepted until May 1, 2018. If you have any questions please e-mail us at [scholarships@theizzyfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@theizzyfoundation.org) or call us at 401-331-4999.*

## CARE PEER GROUP!

(Caregivers, Alliance, Resource, Encouragement)



Our vision is to share resources, encouragement, compassion and warmth. The Izzy Foundation sponsors this unique group of Caregivers which gives an opportunity to come together to offer peer support to our fellow pediatric cancer families.

**Date:** 3rd Tuesday of the month

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

This group is available to all adult caregivers of pediatric cancer patients currently on-treatment, off-treatment or those who have experienced the loss of a child.

## A TIME TO HEAL!



Our vision is to provide support to parents and adult family members who have suffered the loss of a child due to pediatric cancer.

This group is meant to give you support, understanding, compassion, warmth and hope. The Izzy Foundation in partnership with The Tomorrow Fund, sponsor this unique group of caregivers which allows you the opportunity to grieve and cope in a safe space while being surrounded by other peers who have experienced the same loss.

**Date:** 2nd Tuesday of the month

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:00pm



*Visit our community calendar to RSVP to either group at [www.theizzyfoundation.org/calendar](http://www.theizzyfoundation.org/calendar)*



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The Izzy Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) in Providence, Rhode Island whose mission is to design, fund and IZspire creative projects and programs that will help families **LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH and PLAY** during and after cancer.

## Save the Date

The Izzy Golf Tournament - July 2, 2018

The 7th Annual Izzy Gala - September 29, 2018

*(You may also visit our community calendar on our website listed below for more event information)*

*Details and tickets are available  
on our website at  
[www.theizzyfoundation.org](http://www.theizzyfoundation.org)*