

## Eighteenth Annual Gala

Thursday, September 24, 2020

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Dear Friends and Families of the FCCF.

Welcome to the 18th Annual and 1st Virtual Gala of The Fighting Children's Cancer Foundation! As we all have made major adjustments in our lives in navigating COVID-19, so has the FCCF in revamping and tailoring events to ensure the good health and safety of our supporters, volunteers and families. However, we also need to raise the funds to help these families who are experiencing the added hardship of this pandemic on top of pediatric cancer.

Thank you so much for joining us this evening. Your support enables us to help more and more families dealing with pediatric cancer in need of our assistance. We are thrilled to continue our ongoing strategic partnership with "Tackle Kids' Cancer".

Our Mission – to provide needs-based financial assistance to families struggling with pediatric cancer is ongoing. Since the FCCF's inception, \$2 million has been provided in grant assistance to families. This amazing accomplishment could not have happened without the support and tireless efforts by the Board of Directors, Advisory Board, committee members and our Executive Director, Andrea Inauen.

As the FCCF continues to reach out to the community through various annual events, social media and the Marketing Committee, there are many different ways you can be involved. For more information, please reach out to Andrea (exdir@fccf.info) or one of the Board Members tonight.

Our heartfelt thanks from the Foundation and on behalf of the families for joining us tonight. You will get to see videos about the FCCF and hear from some of the families who have received our assistance. Your support and generosity are what make the FCCF grow and allows it to expand the efforts to provide assistance to our families.

A special thank you to all the members of the Gala Committee for your dedication and hard work, making this evening possible.

Have an extraordinary evening!

Jill Jacobs and Greg Porcino 2020 Gala Co-Chairs

### Our Mission

The Fighting Children Cancer Foundation provides needs-based financial assistance to families struggling with pediatric cancer. Committed to supporting these families in their efforts to improve their children's quality of life, the Foundation also strives to educate others about the challenges faced by families living with cancer to generate additional support for their benefit.

Our History

The Foundation was co-founded in 1998 by Greg Porcino and Steve Figurelli, since that time we have helped thousands of families fighting pediatric cancer. This relief has been provided through direct financial contributions to defray medical costs, assistance towards travel expenses for medical treatments, and support for family mortgages, rent, utility costs, and other expenses that become a hardship for families during a child's illness and treatment. In the saddest of cases, the Foundation has also provided financial support towards end-of-life and funeral expenses when a cure was not to be found. The Foundation has additionally provided Holiday Giving support, assistance with home care necessities, and quality of life experiences that have brightened an ill child's world.

The Foundation is run by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, Advisory Board, and a salaried executive director. The Foundation benefits from countless volunteers and committee members who donate their time, energy, and donation dollars towards the mission and function of all aspects of the Foundation.

The Foundation has a wonderful support base that includes over 4,000 individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations. We receive support in the form of cash donations, volunteerism, gifts in kind, sponsorships, and employers' matching fund contributions.



## Evening Highlights 2020 Gala Honoree



John Szczomak

Dear John,

You have been involved with the Fighting Children's Cancer Foundation for over 15 years. You serve as the Foundation's Board Treasurer, and your generosity and kind heart are felt in everything you do. Philanthropy is a way of life for you. John, you are quick to volunteer for activities for the Fighting Children's Cancer Foundation as well as other worthy charities in the community. We see you travel from one charitable event to another in the span of one evening, and you do so with a smile and peacefulness that we admire and appreciate. John, we honor you at this year's Gala for your endless compassion, steady vision, and genuine commitment to children and families who fight pediatric cancer.

With the health and hearts of these children in mind, thank you for your commitment to the Fighting Children's Cancer Foundation and for helping us as we begin a new decade of giving.

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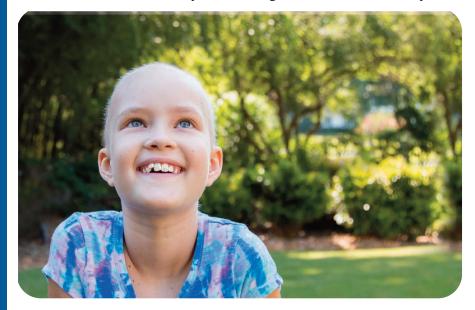


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The Steve Figurelli Family Grant began three years ago in honor and memory of Steve Figurelli, Foundation co-founder, who passed away in 2016. Steve's dedication to helping children and families continues to be a guiding force in the hearts of all who knew him. We continue to grieve his passing, but we celebrate his life and his incredible impact on so many.

In March 2020, two grants, each in the amount of \$5,000, were given to extraordinary families fighting cancer. Julia is a now 9-year-old girl who just completed her bone marrow transplant with her sister as the donor, and Douglas is a 20-year-old warrior battling a brain tumor. They each faced unique circumstances and challenges, and we were honored to be part of their healing journey.

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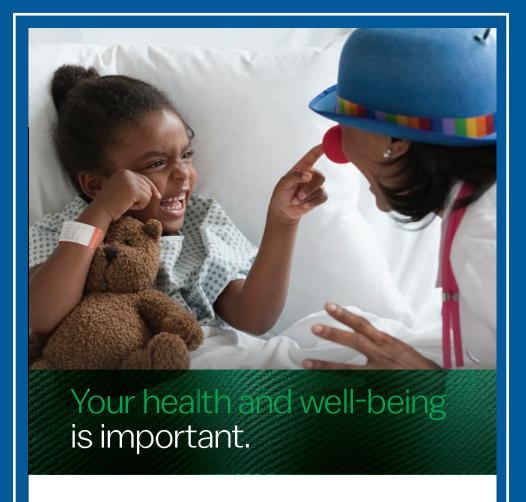
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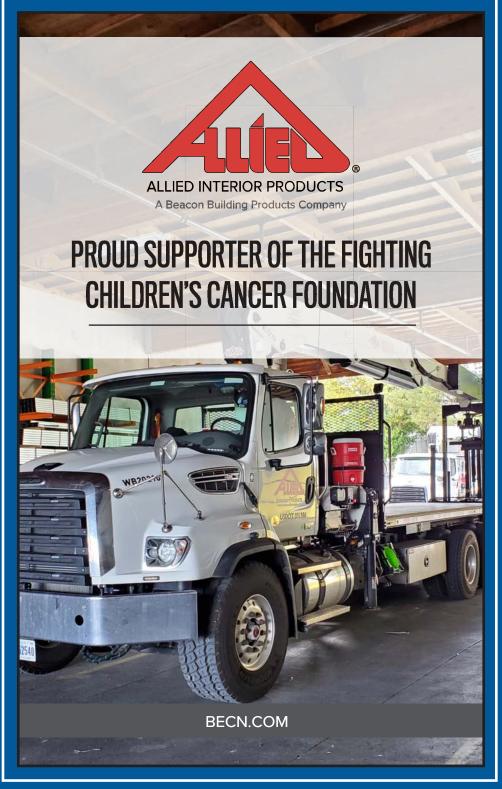
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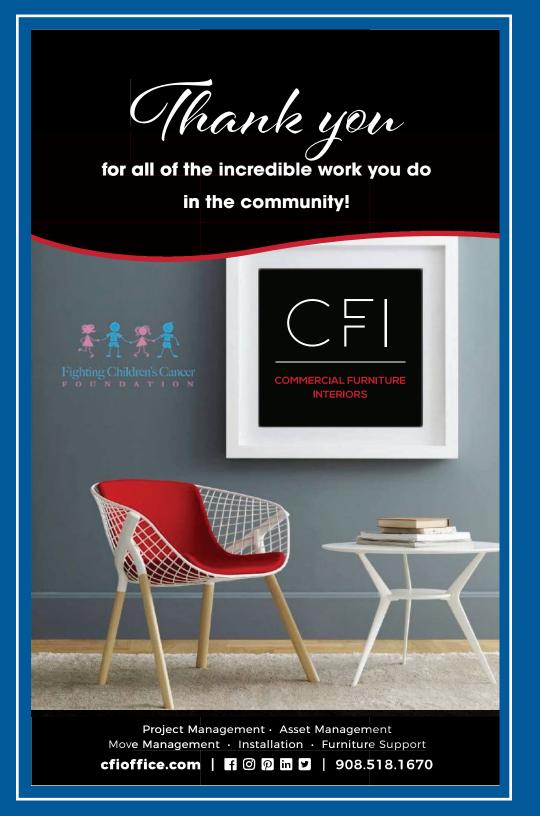
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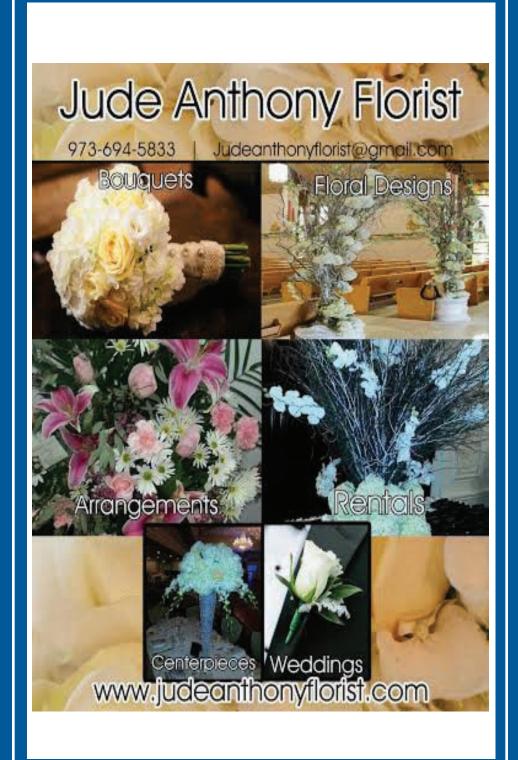
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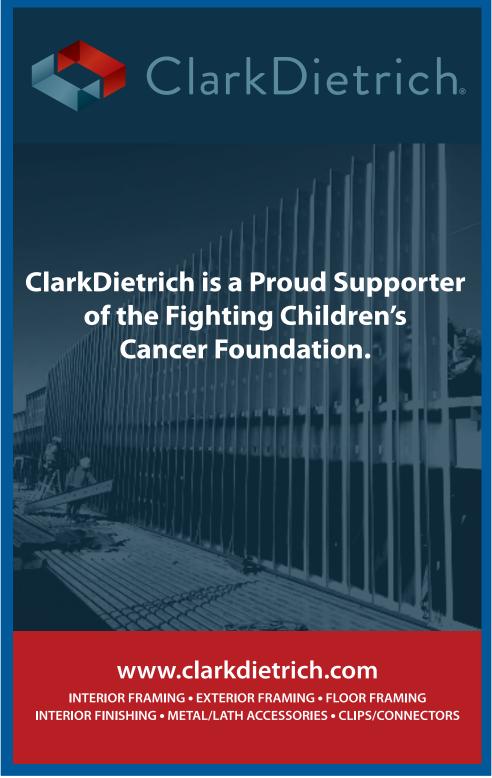
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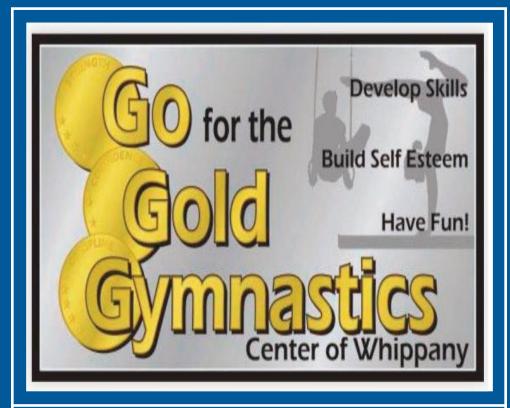


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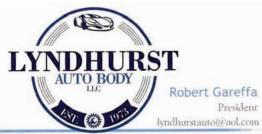




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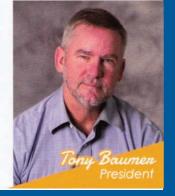
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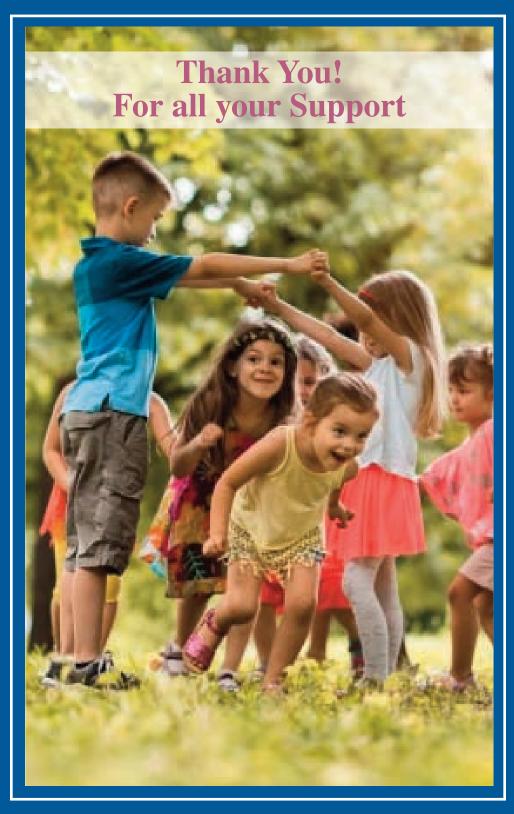


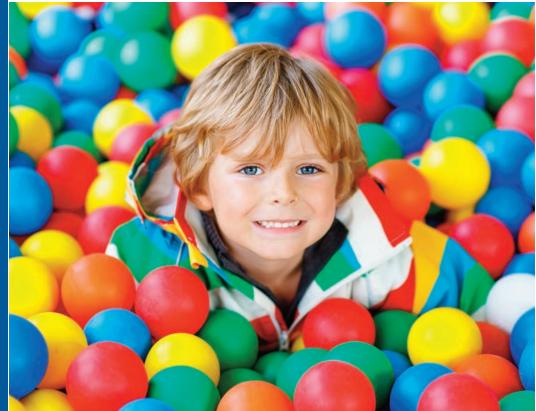
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