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THE ROAD THAT LIES AHEAD – ROUTE 1000

Stephen A. Comunale - President

It’s been six years since we said good bye
to my son Stephen on a sunny Tuesday
morning. Shortly after, my family sat
down at the kitchen table, put the wheels
in motion, and headed down the road of
honoring Stephen’s memory by sharing
his charisma with the many families
impacted by cancer in our community. In
the six years since, the
Foundation has come to
the aid of many others who are
struggling with all the financial burdens
they are facing at a very difficult time.
I am proud of these successes, despite
an incredibly rocky road for me and my
family. We’ve been reminded why what
we do is so important by the losses to
cancer of my sister Amy, brother in-law
Terry, and most recently my wife of 37
years Jane.

Jane and I had experienced much good fortune in our lives, but our world was
turned upside down when Stephen was
diagnosed with cancer. Shortly after he
died, we didn’t have time for a breath
as Amy and Terry quickly followed with
their subsequent battles with cancer. This
August marks the one-year anniversary
of Jane’s death. I miss my wife and son
each and every day, but also know it’s
time to continue down the road and go
on, in their memory, through the good
works of the Foundation.

In looking at the timeline of the
Foundation’s annual accomplishments,
I’m thrilled that we’ve grown
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202 grants made in 2011. On
top of our grants, we’ve added a new
program almost every year. Each of
our programs help expand our reach
to serve more families in a variety
of ways to improve their quality
of life and build confidence. Jane
and I couldn’t have been any more
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battle with cancer while inspiring
us all at the same time. Our grants
and programs, on top of providing
bare essentials, seek to instill a bit of the
charisma Stephen was so fortunate to
have.

It’s taken me a year to come to terms
with losing Jane. My wife was always
admired for how she thought BIG! In
honor of Jane, we’re thinking big for our
future. We’re setting out on the road
to touch 1000 families per year. We’re
referring to our goal as Route 1000.
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With Fond Memories and BIG Hopes,
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Support the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation by participating in one of our upcoming 2012 Events!

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SAC, Jr. Foundation Night with the Akron Aeros – Saturday, August 18th!

Please join us as we celebrate the Foundation during a family fun night at the ballpark! Our Akron Aeros will be playing against the Reading Phillies at 7:05 p.m. and the game will conclude with a spectacular fireworks show! Call the Foundation Office to purchase your August 18th Akron Aeros tickets at just $6/person. A portion of every ticket purchased by calling the Foundation will go directly back to benefit the SAC, Jr. Foundation and our programs! Children 3 years old and younger are free (however they must sit on your lap!). Call 330.835.5985 to purchase your tickets to benefit the Foundation!

AKRON MARATHON

Akon Marathon – September 29, 2012!

Are you running in the 2012 Akron Marathon? Whether you’re running the full marathon, the half marathon or on a relay team, please consider running to support the SAC, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation and the many individuals and families in our Akron community who are battling cancer. You can set your own fundraising goal and an online program is already set up to help you reach your goal! Runners who raise $100 or more will receive a Foundation t-shirt, and our top fundraiser will receive a gift card to one of Akron’s best restaurants! To get started, or to make a donation in support of a runner, visit www.stephencomunale.org and then go to the Akron Marathon events page. Call Marisa with any questions at 330.835.5985. THANK YOU for your support and the best of luck to all runners!

Previous 2012 Community Fundraising Events:

Thirty-One Open House ~ Saturday, March 31st

On Saturday, March 31st, Thirty-One Consultants Megan Beck and Rachel Paulus hosted an open house at the Hilton Akron/ Fairlawn and donated a portion of all their sales to the SAC, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation. Thirty-One is a company that focuses on providing quality made bags at affordable prices. They sell products such as coolers, purses, wallets, and bags to meet all of your needs! A special thank you to Megan Beck and to Rachel Paulus for their generous support.

Italian Heritage Night at the Akron Aeros Game – Saturday, July 14th

The Akron Aeros auctioned off the players’ special Italian jerseys to benefit the SAC, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation! A big ballpark thank you to our Akron Aeros for selecting the Foundation to benefit from this special fundraiser!