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THE EVENT: Vegas Nights!

Saturday, October 6, 2012, 6 p.m.
at the home of Steve Comunale in Akron, OH

Everybody who's anybody is lining up for the show! The hottest ticket in town is for THE EVENT: Vegas Nights, featuring an appearance by renowned Vegas performers The Scintas!

Join us on October 6th as we celebrate the Foundation and help further the Foundation's mission and programs. For more information, contact Marisa at 330.835.5985 or marisa@stephencomunale.org

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SUMMER 2012

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 from 39 grants made in 2007 to 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 proud of how Stephen handled his 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. We've been quiet on the fundraising front and focusing on doing what we do best, growing our grants and programs. Now we're back and in a BIG way speeding towards Route 1000. I invite you all to come and join us as we can't get there without you. We've come so far, yet there's so much farther to travel.

*With Fond Memories and BIG Hopes,
– Stephen A. Comunale*



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

In February of 2006, we were founded in Akron, Ohio by the Comunale family and their close friends to honor the memory of Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. who fought a courageous battle against cancer. A year later, his aunt, Amy Comunale Klein was diagnosed with cancer.

The Foundation now lives in memory of both Amy and Stephen.

Read more about these wonderful people at:
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TIMELINE OF THE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2006**
- Inception of the Foundation.
 - The Foundation awarded its first grant of financial assistance.

- 2007**
- 39 grants of financial assistance were provided.

- 2008**
- Hired first employee, Marisa Hoffmann.
 - 81 grants of financial assistance were provided.

- 2009** **NEW PROGRAMS:**
Summer Horse Camp Program and Holiday Meals Program
- 159 grants of financial assistance were provided.
 - 13 children attended the first Summer Horse Camp for Children touched by cancer.
 - 30 meals were provided to local families through the Holiday Meals Program.

- 2010** **NEW PROGRAM: Back-to-School with Confidence Program**
- 165 grants of financial assistance were provided.
 - 21 children attended Summer Horse Camp.
 - 30 children received backpacks, school supplies and school shoes from the new Back-to-School with Confidence Program.
 - 50 meals were provided through the Holiday Meals Program (gifts were also provided in December).

- 2011**
- Provided 202 grants of financial assistance.
 - 32 children attended Summer Horse Camp.
 - 47 children benefitted from the Back-to-School with Confidence Program
 - 76 meals were provided to through the Holiday Meals Program (gifts were also provided in December).

- 2012** **NEW PROGRAM: Jane's Sunshine Fund**
- As of August 1, the Foundation awarded 115 grants of financial assistance.
 - 31 children attended Summer Horse Camp.
 - 65 children benefitted from the Back-to-School with Confidence Program.
 - 100 holiday meals will be provided through the Holiday Meals Program.
 - Jane's Sunshine Fund was established in memory of Jane Comunale to help put smiles on faces through small grants. Examples - Assisting with a birthday party for a child, sending flowers, providing a meal, etc. As of August 1st, 35 grants have been provided.



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****Akron 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.

**Foundation Night at the Montrose Chick-fil-A ~ Thursday, June 28th**

Thank you to all who joined us for dinner at the Montrose Chick-fil-A restaurant on June 28th! A portion of all of the meals purchased (when a Foundation coupon was presented) between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. went back to help the SAC, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation. Thank you to Paul Becker and to all of the staff at the Montrose Chick-fil-A for your continued support and wonderful food!

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!

**OUR MISSION**

The Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit organization that endows an outreach program to provide comfort to cancer patients and their families by easing the ancillary financial burdens that confront them.

By partnering with social workers, community members, hospitals and other organizations, our efforts empower cancer patients while improving their quality of life.

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