Liv like a Unicorn

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* DR KATHERINE WARREN *

We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Dr. Katherine Warren out of Dana Farber/Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Warren is developing The DIPG Center for Impact at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. This will be an allencompassing DIPG-focused project, incorporating discovery of new targets, preclinical evaluation of novel therapies, translation of scientific discoveries in small numbers of patients with DIPG for proof of principle, and clinical application of optimized therapeutics to be performed in the DIPG ALL-In Clinical

Consortium (with its **Operations Center at** DFCI as part of this center). Much progress has been made in our understanding of DIPG over the past decade, vet there is much more to do. She has identified potential tumor targets within the tumor but now need to determine how best to target these, determine how much drug is



Liv's Legacy
Healthy Pediatrics
The Boniface Family
Peggy Domber



Liv for the Cure
The Gigantone
Family



Unicorn
Believers
The Smith Family
The Ferrara Family
The Ward Family

SAVE THE DATES

BEACON YOGA

Join us at 6pm 2/16 & 2/23 for a hot yoga community class. All skill levels welcome!

GO GREY IN MAY

May 17 will be our second annual clothing drive! More details coming soon!

TRENTON THUNDER

needed

Mark your calendars for a night of baseball and fireworks on June 6th!

and how often to give it, how to improve delivery to the tumor tissue, and how to safely combine drugs to get the best anti-tumor effect. A number of institutions study DIPG, but typically only one aspect. Very few, if any, are determining the necessary dose of drug and what the drug is actually doing in the tumor to understand its effect. Dr. Warren's belief is ALL this information is necessary to improve the outcomes for children with DIPG and this center will set a new precedent for what studies need to be done to improve the efficacy of treatment for children with DIPG.



Thank you to the JJC Entrepreneur Club who raised \$2,382 for Liv like a Unicorn!



KINDNESS CARDS

We love seeing how people are using their kindness cards to #livlikeaunicorn! We have a **limited** amount available through our website, <u>www.livlikeaunicorn.com</u>. Don't forget to share on our social media platforms! You might be featured on our newsletter! How will you use yours to spread Liv's message of kindness and #bethegood?

THANK YOU TO OUR "BE THE GOOD" MEMBERS

Catherine DeSarno, Jennifer Massaro, Mark File, Dawn Gibson, Daniel Prezioso, Michael Mancuso, Dina Atkinson, Pam Lipnicky, Geraldine Leone, The Cipriati Family, Bob McCarthy, The Serluco Family, The Eaton Family, The O'Connor Family, Dr. Heather Grossman, Tiffani Tzoulis, Kristie Yadro, Casey Winant, Michaela Lamp, Genevieve Resciniti





Meet Clare! Clare was the recipient of one of our Unicorn Boxes. She was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) on June 18, 2018 when she was just two years old. DIPG is a pediatric brain cancer where a tumor forms in and around the brain stem, making it inoperable. The diagnosis is terminal. Clare has completed 30 treatments of radiation at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland. She is enrolled in a clinical trial through Cincinnati Children's Medical Center, where she takes two oral chemotherapy drugs daily.

Clare is an avid baker - she expertly picks the eggs to use when making cookies and stirs the batter with vigor when making muffins. Clare is quickly becoming an expert in royal fashions. Her favorite princesses include Elsa, Anna, Rapunzel, Ariel, Belle and Cinderella. She is a serious artist. While she has mastered drawing a circle, her favorite shape is a triangle. Her favorite color changes each day of the week, but she can frequently be found wearing pink. And she is always wearing a bow. The bigger the better. She is an amazing mama to her baby dolls and stuffed animals. She is an incredible big sister to Maren - always squeezing and squishing her little face and giving her kisses.

Clare, #bigmiraclelittlegirl!



February; A Month of Heartache

As we go into February, our family will struggle with anniversaries of this terrible journey. A year from the start of Liv's symptoms, a year from her diagnosis, a year from her surgery. The final blow will be February 19th, what should have been Liv's 9th birthday.

As hard as that day will be for our family, I hope



we can find some comfort in the ways those around us can honor her. So I am asking you to find a way to honor Liv and her foundation. Use her kindness cards, tell her story, organize a dress down day in her honor, wear a

unicorn horn! Do something not just to have her memory live on, but also to shed light on the horrible disease that took her life.

#Livlikeaunicorn #bethegood