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Stanley's Dream Fund announces \$ 10,000 grant award to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for Brain Cancer Research

West Chester, PA February 6, 2008— Today, Donna and Stanley Edwards presented a \$10,000 grant check to Dr. Jean B. Belasco, MD, Pediatric Oncologist, Mark Turbiville, Donor Relations at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Dr. Peter C. Phillips, MD, Neuro-oncology researcher at C.H.O.P., to fund the Hospital's brain cancer research projects. The grant represented a portion of the proceeds raised by The Stanley's Dream Foundation, in honor of their son, Stanley Austin Edwards who passed away from brain cancer in 2002. Stanley's primary doctor at C.H.O.P. was Dr. Belasco.

Like so many 12-year olds, Stanley Austin Edwards had a dream: his dream was to attend college. Unlike many 12-year olds, achieving his dream was complicated by the battle he was fighting against brain cancer. A gifted student and promising athlete, Stanley was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age 12. Due to location of his tumor, the surgery to remove it resulted in the onset of learning disabilities as well as paralysis of his right arm and leg, making school more difficult and forever preventing him from participating in the many sports he loved.

Despite these unthinkable obstacles, Stanley persevered toward his dream. After seeing the movie "Rudy", the true story of a young man who beat insurmountable odds to attend and play football at Notre Dame University, Stanley resolved that he would not only attend college, but that he would attend Notre Dame.

Unexpectedly, in 2001 the Edwards family learned that Stanley's tumor had returned. After enduring learning disabilities, permanent paralysis, chemotherapy, intense physical, occupational and speech therapy, and the eventual loss of his sight, Stanley passed away in January 2002 at the age of 14 while a freshman at Henderson High School in West Chester, PA. But more than what he had lost, his family remembers what he managed to courageously sustain: his wit and sense of humor, his hope and faith, his strength and dignity, his zest for life, and his ability to inspire all who met him. And of course, they remember his dream.

Stanley's family created Stanley's Dream to continue his legacy, making his unfulfilled dream to attend college a reality for other students. Stanley's Dream provides two college scholarships to graduating seniors and supports childhood brain cancer research by awarding research grants to hospitals.

Each year, Stanley's Dream holds a fundraiser to support both of these causes. This year's fundraiser will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at The Willows Estate in Villanova, PA.

"Yes, Stanley had a dream," says Donna Edwards, "and it is *our dream* that one day a cure be found for childhood brain cancer and other cancers in children."

"We are determined," adds Stanley Edwards Sr., "that the Stanley's Dream Foundation will grow and carry on the legacy of our son who was such an inspiration to all who knew him for years and years to come."

Stanley's Dream is a Fund administered by the Chester County Community Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization in Pennsylvania. The mission of the Chester County Community Foundation is to lead, inspire, and encourage all individuals and organizations to create or contribute to lasting philanthropic charitable legacies to improve the quality of life. The community foundation works with people and organizations to build charitable funds, and to distribute these funds to meet charitable needs now and into the future.

For further information on Stanley's Dream please call the Chester County Community Foundation at 610-696-8211. To make a tax-deductible donation to Stanley's Dream, please visit www.chescocf.org and click on "Donate Online."