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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, March 17, 2009— On February 20, Donna and Stanley Edwards presented a \$10,000 grant check to Dr. Jean B. Belasco, MD, Pediatric Oncologist and Rick Breslin, Donor Relations, both at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, to fund the Hospital's pediatric 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. The grant represented the third \$10,000 gift to CHOP in as many years. The Stanley's Dream Foundation also awards 2 scholarships each year to graduating Henderson High School students in honor of their son. To date, eight such scholarships have been awarded in Stanley's memory.

Stanley Austin Edwards was a gifted and devoted student whose dream was to one day attend Notre Dame University. He was also a promising athlete, excelling in basketball, football, and golf. Stan was diagnosed with brain cancer at 12 years old while in the 7th grade. Donna notes "After surgery to remove the tumor, Stan developed learning disabilities, due to the tumor's location, as well as paralysis in his right arm, preventing him from participating in the many sports that he so loved. Nevertheless, he continued to focus on his education, determined to one day attend college." Stan's dream to pursue higher education was not to be, for he passed away at age 14 while a freshman at Henderson High School in West Chester.

Donna continues, "Stan never complained during his courageous battle with this disease. Although his cancer had returned and the prognosis was grim, he was determined that he would beat the odds and fulfill his dream. Prior to his death, he displayed strength, courage, and dignity far beyond his years." It is Stan's parent's desire that his legacy be kept alive through awarding grants and scholarships in his name to further brain cancer research and to assist students in attaining Stanley's dream.

STANLEY'S DREAM was a featured Hero family on [Alex's Lemonade website](#) in January. A brief bio of Stanley written by his mother that included his picture, was featured on Thursday, January 22nd. The Hero family is a program that allows parents to honor their children by simply sharing their story and featuring them on the [Alex's Lemonade website](#). These stories of courage serve to inspire and empower families, friends, and patients. They also help put a face on childhood cancer by showing the

personal and tender side of every child. These children will not just be seen as a statistic-but as a son, daughter, relative, friend or neighbor.

Each year, Stanley's Dream holds a fundraiser to support brain cancer research. Additional proceeds support the Stanley Austin Edwards Memorial Scholarship established to award scholarships to two graduating seniors from West Chester's B. Reed Henderson High School. In 2008, in addition to hosting a 3rd annual fundraising benefit event, **STANLEY'S DREAM** held their 1st Annual Golf Tournament at Moccasin Run Golf Course in Atglen, PA. The tournament was quite successful with all proceeds going to the **STANLEY'S DREAM FUND** managed by Chester County Community Foundation. The golf tournament will also be an annual event to be held in August of each year.

STANLEY'S DREAM participated in the annual Downtown West Chester Grand Prix 5k Run/Walk on Thursday, January 1, 2009. This event was a huge success with over 100 people registering for the Run/Walk. The event was planned and organized by Elliot Jones, a senior at Henderson High School in West Chester, PA as part of his Senior Volunteer Project requirements. All money raised from this event went into the Stanley's Dream Fund managed by Chester County Community Foundation.

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."

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