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



L-R, Donna & Stan Edwards, Dr. Jean B. Belasco, MD, Pediatric Oncologist, Dr. Angela Sievert, and Dr. Adam Resnick, Researchers, Pediatric Neuro-oncology

**West Chester, PA, April 9, 2010**— On April 9, Donna and Stanley Edwards presented a \$10,000 grant check to Dr. Jean B. Belasco, MD, Pediatric Oncologist, Dr. Angela Sievert, and Dr. Adam Resnick, Researchers, Pediatric Neuro-oncology, at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, to fund the Hospital's childhood brain cancer research projects. The grant represented a portion of the proceeds raised by Stanley's Dream Memorial Scholarship 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 fourth \$10,000 gift to CHOP in as many years. The Stanley's Dream Foundation also awards scholarships each year to graduating Chester County students in honor of their son. To date, thirteen such scholarships totaling \$14,000 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Each year, Stanley's Dream Fund holds fundraisers to support brain cancer research and the Stanley Austin Edwards Memorial Scholarship. In 2010, the second annual Stanley's Dream Run was held on New Year's Day, and plans for a gala and golf tournament are underway. All proceeds benefit 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](http://www.chescocf.org) Online. Click on Looking For A Fund to alphabetical Fund Listing to find Stanley's Dream.

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