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Curing Kids' Cancer donates \$11,000 to Palmetto Health Contributed by Palmetto Health Foundation



Relatives and friends of Killian Owen gather at Palmetto Health Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders to be a part of the \$11,000 donation from Curing Kids' Cancer to the center. Photo by Mimi M. Maddock

The money was raised from two special events - Heathwood Hall Episcopal School's "Kickin' Kids' Cancer to the ENDzone" mom's flag football game on May 12 and the 2nd Annual Killian Owen Memorial Golf Tournament held in Orange-burg on March 25. The money will be used to provide the opportunity for children in the area to participate in clinical and biological research trials.

"Participation in these trials ensures our children receive the most current treatment available and that new knowledge about the biology and treatment of childhood cancer will help us achieve our goal of being able to cure all children with cancer in our lifetime," said Dr. Ron Neuberg, pediatric oncologist at Palmetto Health.

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"The beauty of this donation is that so much of the money was raised by the children of South Carolina," said Grainne Owen, founder of Curing Kids' Cancer. "We're happy this money can stay in the Palmetto State to help find a cure for children's cancers.

Curing Kids' Cancer was inspired by the life of nine-year-old Killian Owen, who lost his battle with leukemia in July 2003. Killian's parents, Clay and Grainne Owen of Marietta, Ga. founded Curing Kids' Cancer in an effort to fund cutting edge pediatric cancer research.

The Owen family has deep roots in South Carolina. An Orangeburg native, Clay grew up in North, SC and graduated from the USC. The Second Annual Killian Owen Memorial Golf Tournament was organized by his father, Paul Owen Sr. of North and his sister, Gina Janvrin of Columbia. The Heathwood Hall flag football game was spearheaded by Clay and Grainne's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Owen of Columbia.

In addition to special events, Curing Kids' Cancer has two national grassroots programs - Coaches Curing Kids' Cancer and Teachers Curing Kids' Cancer. Both programs urge children to donate money to pediatric cancer research in the name of their coach or teacher rather than buying gifts. Today's gift is the second major grant Curing Kids' Cancer has made this summer. In July, Curing Kids' Cancer donated \$100,000 to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The money was raised from the inaugural Cingular Curing Kids' Cancer Golf Classic.

About Curing Kids' Cancer

Inspired by nine year old Killian Owen's battle with leukemia, Curing Kids' Cancer Inc. is a unique, national grassroots movement which aims to raise both awareness and money to find cures for all types of childhood cancer. The programs fund the development of cutting edge therapies which will revolutionize childhood cancer treatment by replacing traditional chemotherapy. The objective is to turn this killer disease into a curable one in our lifetime. Details are available at www.curingkidscancer.org.

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Killian Owen inspired Coaches Curing Kids' Cancer

Killian Owen was only five years old when he was diagnosed with leukemia. Despite the punishing effects of chemotherapy, Killian kept his love of sports. Throughout his treatment, he continued to swim and play baseball and basketball. It was Killian's positive attitude that inspired a local coach to donate his end-of-season gift to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in Killian's honor. And the idea of Coaches Curing Kids Cancer was born.

Killian inspired countless people - including many famous athletes, and he helped open doors to new, advanced forms of cancer treatment.

But Killian's joy of life and even the latest medical treatments could not win the battle against leukemia. He died in July 2003 when he was only nine.

People are asked to join Curing Kids' Cancer in raising much-needed funds for the doctors and researchers who are finding new targeted treatments to fight cancer. The goal is to reach the day in our lifetime when we can find a cure for childhood cancer.

Killian's biggest dream was to be a normal healthy child. People are asked to join the fight against childhood cancer so that dream can become a reality for today's pediatric cancer patients.

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Parents start campaign to cure childhood cancer



Grainne and Clay Owen, co-founders of Coaches Curing Kids' Cancer Photo by Mimi M. Maddock

Grainne Owen is a co-founder of Curing Kids' Cancer. She and husband Clay lost their nine-year-old son Killian to leukemia in 2003. Determined to help find new cures for cancer, she developed the concept of Coaches Curing Kids' Cancer.

Grainne and Clay have three other

boys: Pierce, Garrett, and Finnian. Grainne is also an accomplished business leader, having served as International Affairs Advisor to the London Stock Exchange. A native of England, Grainne now lives in Marietta, Ga. with her family.

Clay is senior director of media relations for Cingular Wireless. He served as chief spokesman for Cingular during the first five years of the company's life, and directed Cingular's media relations efforts during the company's \$41 billion acquisition of AT&T Wireless. Clay has won many of the PR profession's top awards including the Golden Phoenix and the Silver Anvil.

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