The fifth annual Hospice of Cincinnati Summertime Classic will be held on Sunday, June 4, and Monday, June 5, to benefit Fernside: A Center for Grieving Children. For the second year in a row, Hyde Park Golf & Country Club will host the event.

Sunday provides a great opportunity to spend the evening with friends and family, all while supporting Fernside. The evening features dinner, live entertainment, a silent auction and the premiere of a new, professionally-produced Fernside video.

Monday’s golf will be played in a scramble format in morning and afternoon flights. First, second and third place teams will be recognized from each flight. All participating golfers can expect unique giveaway items.

Major event sponsors currently include TriHealth, Ablecare Medical, American Nursing Care, Amerimed, Patient Transport Services, Mercy Health Partners, Therapy Support, Cincinnati Reds, Hospice Pharmacia and Staples. Norine Gettys serves as the event chair, and Cammy Dierking of Local 12 WKRC will emcee the event.

Last year, the Summertime Classic raised more than $150,000 in revenue for Fernside, part of Hospice of Cincinnati’s bereavement support program. The planning committee is working hard to ensure the success of this year’s event as Fernside celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

“The Summertime Classic creates greater awareness of and generates more funding for youth opportunities at Hospice [of Cincinnati] and Fernside,” says Steve West, Hospice of Cincinnati president and CEO. “Community support is vital to the success of this event.”

As the only fundraising event for Fernside, the Summertime Classic serves as a social affair for supporters, and provides an excellent opportunity to share Fernside’s services with the community.

If you are interested in participating in the Summertime Classic, dinner tickets, foursomes and sponsorships remain available. Dinner tickets are priced at $50 per person and the individual golfer fee is $200. Sponsorships start at $500. For more information, please contact Erin Walker at (513) 745-1613 or erin_walker@trihealth.com.

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wish list

- New Color printer(s)
- Crayola Model Magic
- 2 Digital Cameras (New or gift card to purchase)
- Foam shapes and letters
- Gift cards to Hobby Lobby, Michael’s and Ritz
- Gift certificates to Oriental Trading Company, Inc.
- Memory boxes (paper mache, medium)
- Polaroid 600 film

Call with any questions or to arrange a pick-up time: (513) 745-0111. Ask for Christi! Thanks!

Summertime Classic 2006

Summertime Classic 2005

Summertime Classic 2006 Schedule

Sunday, June 4
dinner, silent auction, live entertainment
$50 per person

Monday, June 5
golf tournament, morning and afternoon flights
$200 per golfer
$800 per foursome
Program News

New Families Join Evening Support Groups
In January, February and March, 101 children and teens and 59 adults joined our evening support group program. We welcome all 160 new group participants to our program.

School Groups
In February and March, two new school groups started. We offered groups at Colerain High School and Roger Bacon High School.

Orientation Sessions
Families interested in joining the support groups must attend an orientation. Orientations are held in Blue Ash on the third Monday of each month. Completed paperwork must be returned prior to attending an orientation. Please call the office for registration information.

2005 Camp WeBelong
Sailing the Seas: A Voyage Through Grief, Fernside’s summer camp for children ages 7 – 11, will be held August 10th – August 13th. For registration information please contact the office.

Support Groups Available

Blue Ash:
2nd and 4th Monday Parent Loss
2nd and 4th Tuesday Parent Loss
1st and 3rd Tuesday Sibling Loss
1st and 3rd Thursday Extended Family Member and Friend Loss
1st and 3rd Thursday Young Adult Support Group

Hamilton Area:
1st and 3rd Tuesday Parent Loss

Bridgetown
2nd and 4th Wednesday Parent Loss

Anderson Township
2nd and 4th Thursday Parent Loss

Our Heroes
Fernside’s float in the Findlay Market Opening Day parade was a huge success. Many of the float decorations were quilt squares decorated by the children, teens and adults currently participating in our support groups. The theme of our float Celebrating Heroes On and Off the Field was the inspiration for the quilt squares. Group participants decorated their individual quilt square to depict their heroes. The support group participants talked about the heroes in their lives during their group meetings. The 200 quilt squares were tied together to form a banner of heroes that decorated the float.

Monday Parent Loss Group
Volunteer News

The Hospice Summertime Classic is scheduled for June 4th and 5th at the Hyde Park Golf & Country Club. This annual event supports programming at Fernside. Volunteers are needed for both days. Please contact Erin Walker at the Bethesda Foundation if you would like to help. She can be reached at (513) 745-1613 or at erin_walker@trihealth.com.

Fernside’s summer camp program, Camp WeBelong takes place this August. Planning for the camp is underway now. Facilitators should contact Mary if they are interested in volunteering as camp counselors.

Facilitator training classes are scheduled to begin in September. Dates are September 9th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 27th, and 30th. The training is a 25-hour course with 23 hours in the classroom and 2 hours of observation. Call the office if you are interested in working directly with the children, teens and adults in our support groups. Join the Fernside program and make a world of difference!

Great appreciation is expressed to those Fernside alumni who participated as panelists for facilitator training classes in March. They are (pictured L-R) Alan and Stefanie Broderick, Bruce Soldano, Amy Lewis and Jim Bennett.

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\[Picture of Grandmother told me\]

This space is devoted to the writings, drawings and quotes of Fernside children and adults who are grieving the death of someone close.

Who is your hero and why?

\[Images of drawings and quotes from Fernside children and adults\]

Adult Group Participants
Opening Day Parade was a Hit!

Just in case you missed us, here’s our Celebrating Heroes On & Off the Field float from the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade. Even though the weather wasn’t what we’d hoped for, the event was a huge success!

We would like to thank a few of our heroes that helped make this event possible: The Bethesda Foundation and Hospice of Cincinnati for sponsorship; Jim and Sandy Krieghoff for use of their trailer and driving the day of the parade; US Bank Marketing for the float theme; Riverfront Steel and Mark Reyland at Creative 3D for preparation, loan and delivery of float supplies, printing and signage.

Finally, we’d like to recognize Jannine & Ali Buchanan, Cheryl, Brady & Blake Ilhardt and Stacey Meyer for helping us celebrate in a special way. Thank you all!

Thanks Blake & Brady!