



Branch Brook Children's Foundation

"Family, Friends & Community coming together as ONE to Serve the Entire Smithtown Community"

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to The Branch Brook Children's Foundation which was inspired by Kaylee Rivers, a Branch Brook Elementary student who was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma in June 2008. We initially came together to help a family in need, but we soon realized as we pooled our resources that we were building something that could help others as well. It is our hope that this foundation will empower the community to come together to help friends and neighbors when illness or unforeseen circumstances arise. We have filed for emergency 501c3 not-for-profit status with the IRS and are awaiting final approval. Once this occurs, it will give us the ability to become an immediate resource to help those in need and for those who wish to fundraise.

Our mission will be to provide financial and emotional support to children & families within our Smithtown community by bridging family, friends, neighbors & local businesses to act as ONE in times of crisis.

As our mission statement suggests, we need community involvement for our very existence. Accordingly, we are asking for your help in securing local business and corporate sponsorships. We are confident that over the next year, we will have established sponsorships, both monetarily and in products and services. At this time, we have already held several successful fundraisers specifically pertaining to the Rivers Family (a golf tournament at the Hamlet and a dinner/dance at the Watermill). We would like to begin the process of putting together several other fundraisers to raise money for the foundation in order to get a head start on any future needs that may arise within Smithtown. But we cannot do this alone. We are asking for each school (elementary, middle and high schools) within the district to help us find a BBCF committee chairman and committee members to represent their respective schools. We are asking the High School Advisors to make their clubs aware of our existence as their students look for recipients to fundraise for and to pass along that we can help your students achieve their community service goals. We are also looking for lawyers and accountants (especially any with not-for-profit experience) to be on our advisory board.

The founders are all Smithtown residents with children who attend Smithtown schools. Two graduated from Smithtown High Schools and another moved here just over five years ago to make a better life with her family. We have prior experience in the business world and all have/had careers in diverse fields; one holds a doctorate in Cardiovascular/Metabolics, another is an AP Chemistry teacher, and one is a former VP from Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse investment banks. We own private businesses and are active in our community as PTA volunteers and Girl Scout leaders.

If you are interested in getting involved, or even if we've piqued your curiosity, feel free to contact any of us below or mark your calendars for our community meeting to be held at the Smithtown Library on Thursday, January 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Remember, we need your support to succeed!

Respectfully,

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