

Stefanie Spielman
 FUND FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

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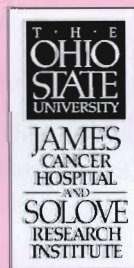
Message from Stefanie



More than six years ago, my husband Chris and I started the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research, with a goal to raise awareness and support for researching a cure for this terrible disease. At first, we had hoped to raise \$1 million. Well, so far, thanks to the generosity and selfless efforts of many, many people, the Fund has raised more than \$2.7 million in support of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. And we're not done yet! This year, we want to increase awareness and support even more. And our efforts are really making a difference. For instance, the Fund is instrumental in supporting the establishment of a new breast cancer tissue bank at Ohio State, which will provide an invaluable resource for researchers.

This newsletter will help us keep in touch with the community, our inspirational cancer survivors and their Champions, and the many selfless people who help raise donations for the Fund. I hope you enjoy reading this first issue of the newsletter – it recaps some recent programs and activities, highlights the upcoming Stefanie's Champions event and revisits one of our cheeriest "Champions."

Stefanie



Updates On Activities

Community Support

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY EFFORTS RAISED OVER \$100,000 IN 7 MONTHS

The outpouring of community support for the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research continues to grow. Since July 2004, over \$100,000 has been raised through community efforts. The events vary in size and scope; from neighborhood lemonade stands to city-wide tennis tournaments. Whether large or small, we want to extend our most sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for all that you do. Your support and generosity are truly making a difference in the lives of cancer patients.

Thank you,
 The James Development Office

ed the event with a performance to Hang on Sloopy. Brief remarks from Stefanie Spielman and Nicole Mazur, student homecoming chair, led to the ribbon-cutting start by Stefanie and her kids. Participants crossed the finish line with music and treats from CD 101's ice cream truck. Everyone had a fun, rewarding and educational day at the park.



Christmas to Cure Cancer
 Bob Wilkens, Chris Spielman, Ed Ferkany, and Mark Puskarich



Spielman Walk for OSU Homecoming
 And they're off!

Event Highlights

WALKERS CROSSED FINISH LINE WITH \$4,000 FOR SPIELMAN FUND

October 24th, a beautiful, crisp fall day, marked the 6th Annual Stefanie Spielman Homecoming Walk/Run, held at Fred Beekman Park. This year's event themed "Red, White & Buckeye" included a one-mile walk, a 5K run, 200 participants and raised \$4,000. The OSU dance team got participants fired-up and start-

'TIS THE SEASON, THE THIRD SEASON FOR A CHRISTMAS TO CURE CANCER

What began as an effort to "get the band back together" has turned into a true labor of love. Mark Puskarich had an idea to make a Christmas album for fun with his former high school band members. What he didn't know was that this project would soon become a much more meaningful and purposeful endeavor. Shortly after the group, formerly know as Aereon, got back together, one of the members was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Suddenly, what started out as a fun project developed into a cause with a higher purpose, to help find a cure for cancer. 2004 marked the 3rd Annual Christmas to Cure

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Cancer CD sales and benefit concert. In addition to raising more than \$15,000 for The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute's Human Cancer Genetics Program, this year a benefit dinner for the Spielman Fund was added to the line-up. Featured guest speakers Chris Spielman and Edward Ferkany, retired president of Worthington Steel, set the tone for this great evening. More than 100 guests dined at the Clarion Hotel, raising more than \$10,000 specifically for the Fund. The spirit of the season and the music were great, but the cause and support generated from the community was even more magical.

SMASHING SUCCESS – TENNIS EVENTS RAISE MORE THAN \$112,000 IN 4 YEARS

Four years ago a group of breast cancer survivors and friends got together and formed Smash With Love, a volunteer organization. The mission of the organiza-

tion is to raise money for the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research. These energetic volunteers plan three fundraising events each year to help fund research to find a cure for cancer. In total, the three 2004 events raised \$32,000, bringing their four-year total to more than \$112,000. Kudos!

The **I Will Survive Tennis Challenge** took place on October 16 at Wickertree Tennis Club. Tennis enthusiasts throughout the community took part in the tennis challenge with local pros. While the teams were playing, dining and dancing, they also took a chance on silent auction items and a great raffle.

The **Buck a Ball Fundraiser** gave players from around Columbus the opportunity to buy a pink paper tennis ball for \$1, and put their name on it or honor someone special in their life. Participating clubs included; Olympic, Player's Club, Scarborough, Tennis LTD, Tower Tennis and

Wickertree.

The **Smash with Love Junior Tennis Challenge**, held in July at Wedgewood, offered young tennis enthusiasts the opportunity to hone their playing skills with area pros. Junior Challenge participants entered a raffle and prizes were awarded for those who collected the most pledges for the Spielman Fund.



I Will Survive Tennis Challenge
Stefanie thanks Smash With Love Volunteers.

PINK BRACELETS

While Lance Armstrong's yellow "Live Strong" bracelets are a national phenomenon, there are wrists all over central Ohio sporting light pink bracelets too. More than 260,000 pink bracelets – stamped with the words Champions of Hope – are being sold in local Kroger stores to raise money for the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research, according to Kroger's Monica Gordon, public affairs manager.

The bracelet project began last October on the coat-tails of the yellow bracelet craze. "It was breast cancer awareness month, and this was the perfect tie-in," says Gordon. "The bracelets are sold for \$1, plus tax, at all Kroger stores in central Ohio and some regional markets. After production costs, the bracelets raised more than \$195,000 for the Stefanie Spielman Fund.

"We at Kroger are so happy to be involved with the fund and The James Cancer Hospital and this great cause," Gordon says. She also sends a big thank-you to the Kroger customers and associates who are "arming" themselves with this special, light pink accessory.

Here are more outstanding results from some recent community events that support The Spielman Fund!

- Barrington Elementary Wrapping Memories - \$617
- Capital Law School Silent Auction - \$2,339
- Dayton Bombers Professional Hockey Club - \$1,000
- Fanygate at Brewmasters Gate - \$878
- Kathy Mann's Pink Basket Silent Auction - \$441
- Kookie Kringle - \$1,500
- Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign War - \$20,000
- Marcy's Clayground - Create for a Cure - \$2,020
- Merle Norman & More Eye Make-up Sales - \$175
- Ohio Northern University Homecoming Walk - \$3,153
- Oldfield's on High Concert for Stefanie Spielman - \$653
- OSU Softball's Ohio Collegiate Charity Classic - \$13,000
- Stingray Softball Tournament - \$7,000
- The Lakes Country Club Spin-a-thon - \$2,410
- Zola's Dining Lounge Charity Night - \$175

List includes identified events starting fiscal year July 2004 to present.

If you have hosted or are planning an event that will benefit the Spielman Fund at The James, please contact Jennifer McDonald in The James Development Office at 614-293-3744.