

The Kaylyn Elaine Warren Foundation – 1-888-KEWF413

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Kaylyn Elaine Warren

Kaylyn E. Warren was born June 8, 1988 at Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE. Kay lived knowing that God was in control of everything that happened in her life. She entered her senior year of high school in September 2005, eager to finish the year in order to start a new adventure in life as a freshman at the University of Delaware in the fall of 2006. But on October 15, 2005 life changed forever

when she was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. In a split second, just a blink of an eye, her dreams came to a screeching halt! Cancer had invaded her world and now everything was different. But Kay faced cancer as she had faced everything in life; totally dependent on her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Kaylyn battled leukemia with all that she had, enduring chemotherapy,

surgeries, infections and many unspeakable side effects. It was on March 13, 2007 after a 17 month battle, that Jesus took Kaylyn home to heaven and she is now cancer free. Two days before she passed away, she asked that we try to help other children suffering from this debilitating disease and to one day open a camp for kids with cancer.

KEWF ~ Who we are!

Six people were present the day Kaylyn shared her dream of helping kids with cancer and a vision of an oncology camp. On June 26, 2007 the "Kaylyn Elaine Warren Foundation" became official in the state of Delaware. The six are: Laurie Warren, CEO/Pres., Bill Warren, Vice Pres, Sarah McKnight, Secretary, Andrew Warren, Treasurer, Michael Shaner, Director of Operations, and Mary Ellen McKnight, Events Director and Nurse Advisor. Wasting no

time, the six began to formulate their strategy to raise funds to make Kay's dreams and vision a reality. All of the necessary paper work was completed with the IRS, a permanent address and phone was established and the foundation charged ahead into the unknown territory of fundraising. The KEWF is a non-profit organization staffed strictly by volunteers all with the same mission. With God's blessing we

will work towards "Kay's Dream ~*Helping Kids with Cancer*" and ultimately open the first medically supervised oncology camp in the state of Delaware. We persevere knowing; "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil.4:13

A look back ~ 2007

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In only six short months the KEWF sponsored three major fundraising events. A golf tournament held in September, a family fun walk in October and nationwide fundraiser sponsored by Macy's Department stores; "Shop for a Cause." Discount shopping coupons to Macy's were sold for \$5.00 each and all proceeds went directly to the KEWF. Booths were set

up at the Brandywine Arts Festival, the RLCA annual Car Show, the Peach Festival in Middletown, DE and "Back to School Night" at Red Lion Christian Academy. Also an army of volunteers sold tickets to friends, family and beyond. In the end, over 1000 tickets were sold. But, by far the most rewarding event in 2007 was a service project held at AI Dupont

Hospital for Children. The KEWF along with community volunteers visited two evenings in December and made available holiday crafts for patients and their siblings. The children seemed to really enjoy the evening, but the biggest blessing was for the volunteers who were touched by these precious kids.

Charging ahead in 2008

2008 promises to be a year of tremendous growth for the KEWF. Due to several publications in 2007, the foundation has received statewide press. The "News Journal" featured a front page story about Kaylyn, her battle with Leukemia and highlighted the KEWF. We are blessed to have the assistance of many dedicated volunteers whose services are invaluable to the success of our fundraising efforts. Several events and

service projects have been scheduled for 2008 and we are confident the funds raised will continue to help us make Kay's dream come true. The 2008 calendar begins with a Black Tie Gala in February at the Chesapeake Inn Ballroom. Then on June 8, an all day "Open Air Christian Concert" will be held in Md. highlighting both local and east coast talents. Scheduled for fall 2008 is the 3rd annual PFK golf

tournament and 5K run/walk. We hope to once again participate in Macy's "Shop for a Cause" and possibly other non-profit fundraisers offered through the community. The KEWF is committed to giving back to the community by performing service projects at local Hospitals and throughout the area as opportunities arise. We hope to return to AI Dupont throughout the year to fulfill "Kay's Dream - Helping Kids with Cancer".



Kay's vision, our goal, ~ "Kay's Kamp" ~ 2009

“We want kids to be kids and not miss out on life's joys because of cancer, chemotherapy or its many side effects.”

Kay's Vision, and our goal, is to open "Kay's Kamp" in the summer of 2009. It will be a safe and medically supervised oncology camp for children suffering from all types of childhood cancers. The camp would be available for school age children who are either currently battling cancer or those now in remission and cancer free. We wish kids to be kids and not miss out on life's joys because of cancer, chemotherapy or its many side effects. The KEWF is a member of COCA-intl. (Children's Oncology

Camping Association – International), as a non-camp member at present. In 2007 we visited "Camp Sunshine House" in Decatur, GA to observe how dreams become realities. We also intend to visit and observe several oncology camps this summer while they are in session. In 2008, the KEWF will explore the possibility of partnering with a children's hospital or other medical facility in order to ensure the oncology needs of all the campers would be met. The camp will be staffed

24/7 by doctors and nurses trained in the needs of cancer patients. "Kay's Kamp will offer the children a variety of camping activities from sports to arts and crafts along with indoor and outdoor options, all geared towards children with special needs. Kids are kids, whether they have cancer or not. We will strive to make their camping experience one of fun and normalcy with safety as our number one priority.

A Night to Remember ~ Black Tie Gala ~ February 23, 2008

A night of white glove service and fine wines, the KEWF Black Tie Gala will surely be a night to remember! It will be held on February 23, 2008, at the Chesapeake Inn, Chesapeake City, MD. The newly remodeled Ballroom will dazzle guests with the twinkling star like vaulted ceiling and beautiful panoramic view of the Chesapeake. The Special Guest Speaker will be Keni Thomas; an army ranger involved in the "Black Hawk Down Mission" and acclaimed country singer with his band, *Cornbread*.

There will also be a special presentation by, Sally Hale, Executive Director of "Camp Sunshine"; an established oncology camp for children in Decatur, Ga., which just celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2007. Enjoy Champaign cocktails and an incredible variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres followed by an elegant dinner and ending with a spectacular desert presentation. Enjoy the smooth sounds of "Alfie" and the band during cocktails, dinner and an hour of dancing from 10 to 11 pm. There will also be

an auction with items which are sure to spark an interest. Throughout this magical evening you can view several presentations of prior foundation events, memories of Kaylyn and something special from "Camp Sunshine" showing how dreams can come true. Please join us for a night to remember in honor of "Kay's Dream – *Helping Kids with Cancer*"

\$160.00 per individual
\$300.00 per couple
\$1400.00 per table of 10

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Open Air Christian Concert ~ June 8, 2008

Come and join us to celebrate "Kay's 20th Birthday Bash" at an "Open Air Christian Concert" on June 8, 2008. The festivities will be held at "Uncle Bob's Music Park" located in Fair Hill, Md. from 1 to 9pm. There is an open pavilion able to hold up to 1000 people and 10,000 on the grounds with lots of space for parking. There will be plenty of food, non-alcoholic beverages, activities for the kids and good ole fashion wholesome music for the

entire family. The concert will feature local and east coast bands and oh, there just might be a surprise appearance from a national talent. So grab your lawn chairs and blankets and spend the day singin' along to great music, eatin' more than you should and celebratin' at "Kay's 20th Birthday Bash!" More details to follow in the next newsletter and on our web site at: www.kewf.org.

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"Sum of One" – performing at Lamb Jam

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The KEWF would like to thank **Events Planner, JoAnne Hewlett, owner; makeamemoryde.com** for helping us make Kay's dream come true!

Kay's Dream



If you do not dream ~ you can not do!

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