

tay-bandz Raises Money for Pediatric Cancer Research

Taylor Matthews, age thirteen, knows how to turn adversity into something positive. Taylor was diagnosed in May, 2003 with bone cancer and has been working to raise funds for pediatric research and care ever since. Through her illness, Taylor became aware of the terrible lack of funding for pediatric cancer research and she was determined to make a difference. With the help of family and friends, Taylor came up with the idea of "tay-bandz," a non-profit organization that designs and sells a variety of colorful headbands, belts, key chains, bracelets and other useful items. Taylor designed the company's logo and products and picked the materials used in the production process. Her entire family including her two sisters and her parents, along with many children and adults in her community of Edgemont, were involved in helping to make tay-bandz a success.

Presently, tay-bandz is raising funds to support the solid tumor research lab at Children's Hospital of New York-Columbia Presbyterian. So far, Taylor has raised over \$200,000. Ninety-six cents of every dollar raised goes towards cancer research.

Besides raising funds, Taylor also wanted to create an opportunity to empower other children and add to their physical and mental recovery. In developing tay-bandz, Taylor has begun to achieve that goal by working with other young patients to develop and design their own line of tay-bandz for sale in their own hospitals and communities.

For more information about tay-bandz, go to www.taybandz.org. Donations to tay-bandz, Inc. can be sent to P.O. Box 1342, Scarsdale, NY 10583.

CST Board of Directors Welcomes Lisa Edmiston



CST's new Board Member Lisa Edmiston

CST Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Lisa Edmiston, of Bronxville, joined the Board in January of this year. Lisa brings experience in the development and fundraising field. Her work to date includes managing membership bases, budgeting, directing major fundraising events and grant writing. She has provided these services for such varied organizations as Early Steps, Riverdale Country School and Historic Hudson Valley.

In addition to her valuable fundraising experience, Lisa brings immense energy and an affinity for hard work. She graciously accepted the job of co-chairing this year's annual Women's Health Awareness Luncheon, along with Dede Lockett. Lisa is a wonderful asset and CST is pleased to welcome her.

Fraioli Family Makes Special Donation to Support CST



Pictured here, (l. to r.) are Lisa Roefs, Manager, Commerce Mamaroneck branch; Judy Dobrof, Executive Director, CST; the Fraioli family—Diane, Katie, Larry, Sam and Charlie; and David Dineen, Senior Retail Market Manager, Commerce Bank.

On December 18, 2004, when a new Commerce Bank branch opened in Mamaroneck, the Fraioli family did something truly special for Cancer Support Team. They brought to the bank an old combination bank filled with coins collected by the entire family. A challenge was made to Commerce Bank to match the dollar amount in the safe and donate all of the proceeds to CST. As long-time supporters of CST, the Fraioli's know the importance of CST's services to those with cancer. Commerce Bank accepted the challenge, truly an imaginative way to help support our clients and their families. We thank Mr. Larry Fraioli, his wife Diane, their children and Commerce Bank for their support!

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