

CALL TO THE 'PEN

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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LINEUP CARD

Plans are underway for a calendar filled with fun and exciting events and activities for 2016!

Be sure to keep up on the latest happenings through social media:

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Happy Holidays!

Perry Como said it best - There is no place like home for the holidays!

As we sit back here in Memphis, reflecting on the past twelve months, we are overwhelmed with pride and enthusiasm. We have so much for which to be thankful. Our families. Our friends. Our health.

We are also continuously amazed at the strides this Foundation has taken in the past year, especially amidst the craziness of moving to a new city and getting acclimated to a new organization. We were welcomed with open arms and are blessed to have extended our baseball family. Yet throughout, the support of our donors, our friends, and our families have remained constant. Your ongoing generosity and commitment has helped us provide the means for cancer research and treatment facilities, resources that have enabled doctors and scientists to make strides in the battle against cancer. We can't help but to think that, soon, we will find the cure!

This year also saw an expansion in our events and community involvement. In the spirit of Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, "we played two" cornhole tournaments. We were graciously invited to be a part of several little league baseball events. Golf tournaments were held on our behalf. And who could forget the extraordinary efforts of a 16-year old from Edwardsville, Illinois who painted the town gold and raised over \$100,000! Words don't begin to describe the joy that we shared as we interacted with all of you, wherever the journey took us.

This holiday season, it is our wish that your home is filled with the joy of laughter, the warmth of friendship, and the love of family. From the entire Jason Motte Foundation, we wish you a peaceful, safe, and wonderful holiday season! See you in 2016!

JM *Carol Wood*

Christmas Comes Early for Local Kids

Santa's elves got a head start this year! The Forresters, an international financial services provider, shared the gift of teddy bears for kids battling cancer. Through their Community Cares Program, the Forresters provided the Jason Motte Foundation with a grant that would allow for the purchase of over 100 plush bears, outfitted with custom made Jason Motte Foundation t-shirts. The Foundation partnered with Build-A-Bear to bring these furry friends to life. On behalf of the children who will be receiving these bears, **THANK YOU FORRESTERS AND BUILD-A-BEAR!**



"ANYTIME YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD AND YOU DON'T, THEN YOU ARE WASTING YOUR TIME ON THIS EARTH."
- ROBERTO CLEMENTE



Throw Cubs Throw! History is made at Wrigley!

It took 74 years before baseball was played under the lights at historic Wrigley Field.

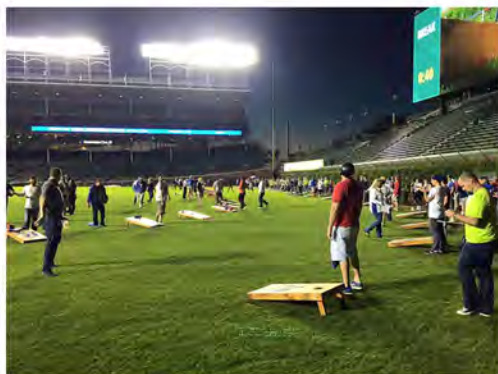
Twenty-seven years later would mark another first! On September 19, the outfield of baseball's hallowed ground on the north side of Chicago was transformed into the playing courts of the Inaugural Jason Motte Chicago Cornhole Challenge. In the aftermath of yet another tightly-contested ballgame between the Cardinals and the Cubs, almost 400 people came together and enjoyed the unique opportunity of hanging out on the very field of so many other historic moments.

A total of 96 teams competed in the pool play format, being placed in either the "Sheffield" or "Waveland" Groups, for the chance to advance into the championship round of 32. The competition was fierce, but only one team - Mike and Mike - would claim victory, not to mention the bragging rights, and #Raise the W!

Aside from the venue, fans were also able to compete alongside some of their favorite Cardinals and Cubs players. An all-star cast of celebrities consisted of future NL Rookie of the Year Kris Bryant, Jon Lester, future NL Cy Young Award Winner Jake Arrieta, Kyle Schwarber, Jon Jay, Lance Lynn, and Randy Choate, just to name a few.

After all was said and done and the lights were turned off, over \$120,000 was raised for the Jason Motte Foundation. Thank you Chicago for your support and for tossing up an outstanding inaugural event.

Yet another fond memory at the Friendly Confines!



THANKS CHICAGO! INAUGURAL CHICAGO CORNHOLE CHALLENGE



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RAISE THE W FLAG FOR OUR CHAMPIONS MIKE AND MIKE!
CONGRATULATIONS!

HISTORY MADE!
FIRST CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AT THE FRIENDLY CONFINES
9.19.2015

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ALL STAR LINEUP OF SPONSORS



\$121,000
raised to Strike Out Cancer!

To the community that has welcomed us with open arms and shown overwhelming support in our mission,
**THANKS FOR BEING TEAMMATES IN THE FIGHT!
LET'S GO STRIKE OUT CANCER!**

96 TEAMS
300+ GAMES
376 ATTENDEES

BY THE NUMBERS
1 Incredible Venue!
Wrigley Field
-25 feet between boards-
597 Softies taken
597 Softies Eaten

FIGHT LIKE A KID!
Help find cures and save children with the new limited edition K Cancer shirt!
#SHOWYOURGOLD

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FORE-ty Seven Thousand! Enterprise Golfs For A Cure

Enterprise Rent-A-Car is best known for its green logo and catchy slogan - "We'll Pick You Up!"

But on October 5, it was a different kind of green - a putting green - that Enterprise partners and associates were aiming for. For the 17th time, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, St. Louis hosted its charity golf tournament. It has become an annual tradition for the St. Louis-based company to donate proceeds from this event to a local charity, furthering their strong community involvements. The Jason Motte Foundation was selected as this year's recipient, an honor that both excited and humbled Foundation directors, Jason and Caitlin Motte.

In total, over 500 golfers took aim at the challenging Norwood Hills Country Club. They were welcomed with superb weather, outstanding camaraderie, and eighteen holes of enjoyable recreation.

While in Memphis for the Annual *Strike Out Cancer with Jason Motte* event, members of the golf tournament committee were on hand to present a check to the Jason Motte Foundation in the amount of \$47,000. These funds will be put to good use in the St. Louis area as we continue to further our mission.

THANK YOU Enterprise for being a great partner and driving us along the way to help Strike Out Cancer!!



Enterprise staff members Tim Hof, Keith Hoeflerlin and Dave Villani join Jason and Caitlin Motte for the presentation of their generous gift.

The St. Jude ABCs of Cancer

A cancer diagnosis is frightening for anyone, but it is especially scary for a child. The Child Life Specialists at St. Jude Children's Hospital have created unique ways for children and teens to understand their illness while expressing their feelings in healthy ways—through play, writing and art.

St. Jude has produced "The St. Jude ABCs of Cancer," a collection of poems and artwork crafted by the young heroes who are patients at St. Jude. In this issue of *Call to the Pen* we continue to share some of these entries. The collection is taken directly from what each of the patients wrote, making no corrections to their writing.

The letter "C" is brought to you by Roman, an 8-year old battling Hodgkin Lymphoma.



Hodgkin Lymphoma (also known as Hodgkin's disease) is a form of cancer that develops from cells in the lymphatic system called lymphocytes. Lymphocytes are a type of white blood cell that helps the body fight off infections. Hodgkin lymphoma is much less common than non-Hodgkin lymphoma and accounts for about 0.5 percent of all cancers in the United States according to the National Cancer Institute.

C is for CURE.

This is something I and many others are hopeful for.
To one day have a world with no Cancer.
To not have to watch friends and family loose their lives.
Where one day hospitals for cancer could close their doors.
I would not have to see people go through what I and many others did and we all have a good chance to live.
A cure for cancer that's what I pray for
We are all the same.



Cancer: Knowledge is Key

Cancer knows no boundaries. It doesn't care if you're young, old, male or female. It shows no discrimination based on ethnicity or background. Bottom line, cancer has a major impact on society not only in the United States, but around the world.

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 1,658,370 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2015, and an estimated 589,430 people will die from the disease. Although the estimated number of deaths seems high, the number of individuals living beyond cancer reached almost 14.5 million in 2014 and is expected to rise to almost 19 million by the year 2024. This shows that progress is being made against the disease, but much more work still remains.

The total number of cancer survivors continues to increase thanks to countless hours of research that is being done day in and day out. Early detection is also a key to surviving your diagnosis. Signs and symptoms can be red flags that something is not quite right with your body. Undoubtedly, early detection offers patients the best chance of survival.

So what are some symptoms to watch for?

- Unexplained Weight Loss
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Pain
- Skin Changes – change in coloring, itching, or excessive hair growth

Be mindful that just having any of these symptoms does not necessarily indicate you have cancer. There are multiple types of symptom indicators. Many other things can cause these types of physical reactions. However, these types of signs should never be ignored and need to be checked out by a medical professional. Routine medical check-ups and recommended tests are key to early detection.

Get to know your body. Should you notice any changes in how you feel or in how your body functions that persist over time, schedule a visit with your medical professionals.

For more information about cancer and early detection, visit www.cancer.org.

Tis The Season To Be Shopping

Black Friday. Small Business Saturday. Cyber Monday.

With Thanksgiving merely a collection of leftovers behind us, our attention now turns to the upcoming holiday season and the hustle and bustle that follows. So how many people are on your shopping list this year? Are you one of those who craves the excitement of a crowded shopping mall and the thrill of a sale? Or are you one to avoid the chaos and seek the more laid back approach of the Internet?

Regardless of your shopping preferences, or the length of your list, the Jason Motte Foundation has you covered! You can find a wide selection of merchandise that will not only delight those on your list, but also give you the satisfaction of helping those who have been affected by cancer. We have something for every taste, as well as every budget.

Go to www.jasonmottfoundation.org/shop and check out the latest selection of Foundation merchandise.

Together, we WILL Strike Out Cancer!

- Lapel Pins
- Pilsner Glasses
- Drawstring Bags
- Caricatures
- Necklaces
- Cornhole Boards
- Silicon Bracelets
- Event Exclusive Items
- Hats
- Bow ties