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Wrap the Town Gold

Mayor and Council Proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP- Mayor Carmen Amato and the Berkeley Township Council proudly encourage all residents to "Wrap the Town Gold" in recognition of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and place gold ribbons around town.

In a proclamation delivered this month, Mayor Carmen Amato and the Berkeley Township Council proclaimed the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month recognized both Emiliana's Hope and Team Trevor for their work and bringing attention to childhood cancer.



Each year, thousands of children face the battle against cancer with inspiring hope and incredible bravery. When a child is diagnosed with cancer, an entire family and community are affected. The devotion of parents, grandparents, loved ones and friends creates a treasured network of support for these courageous children.



Councilwoman Sophia Gingrich, Councilman Jim Byrnes, Mayor Carmen Amato and Councilwoman Judy Noonan stand outside town hall near the Gold Ribbon display that will promote Childhood Cancer Awareness month this September. (Photo credit: Debbi Winogracki)

During September, we will honor the young lives taken too soon and the survivors who face chronic health challenges. We celebrate the progress made in treatment and recovery and we rededicate ourselves to fighting this disease so that all children may have the chance to live a full and healthy life.

In Berkeley Township, there are many parent advocacy and community organizations whose mission is to improve the lives of pediatric cancer patients and provide them with hope and give

their families comfort, while creating awareness of pediatric cancer. Mayor Amato encourages all residents to "Wrap Our Town in Gold" to recognize and affirm our commitment to fighting childhood cancer.

Residents may have already noticed the large wooden ribbon cutouts located at Town Hall, the Police Department and at the Recreation Center on Rt. 9. These wooden Childhood Cancer Awareness Ribbons were cut and donated to the Township by the generosity of Home Depot



employees Joseph Miserendino, Jerry Pentangelo, Robert Johnson, Juan Ortiz and Angelo Copone.

Ted McFadden, Berkeley Township Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and Ignacio Barrientos installed the signs on behalf of the Township and the design work for the ribbons was created by Melia Hoffman and Rory McFadden.

A gold ribbon sits outside the Recreation Building at 630 Rt. 9 in Bayville. Home Depot donated all of the supplies and cut out the ribbons.

Kristy Guzzo, founder for Emiliana's Hope stated, "We are really appreciative of Home

Depot for their efforts. We want to get the word out about Childhood Cancer. Our Foundation is there to help other parents going through difficult times while their child is sick with cancer." To learn more about the foundation, visit their website at www.emilianashope.com.

