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Caring and Curing - Young Adult Cancer

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and Joy this Christmas
and Holiday Season!*



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We are always open to fundraising ideas and events! Please contact us if you would like to share.

Contact us at: info@rutledgefoundation.org

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015- RIVER RANCH IN THE STOCKYARDS

We are excited to announce our Second Annual Coming Home Concert, benefitting the Rutledge Foundation. Thanks to The Ranch 95.9, and a generous donor, all proceeds from the concert will go to teens and young adults with cancer. The Ranch's own Justin Frazell will be our emcee. Performing that night will be Ray Johnston Band, Marshall Young Band and Monica Moser. It will be a night of good friends, good music, good fun, good prizes and good eats, all for a GREAT Cause. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Doors open at 8 PM.

Go to www.rutledgefoundation.org to purchase tickets/donate.



SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH - 12:30 - 5 PM - BENBROOK BASEBALL FIELDS

It's time to start training and getting your dream team together for Gold Ribbon Games 2016!! Our 6th annual Kickball Tournament will be better than ever, held on Sunday, April 10, at Benbrook Baseball and Softball Fields. We are excited to announce the addition of FOOD TRUCKS and PRIZES at the event. We are grateful to our Leadership Dream Team: Susi Fillmore, Kim Kirk and Angela Yonke as well as our High School Leadership Team: Kathryn Carlock, Sarah Cummings, Hannah Mecke and Audrey Jacobs. It's going to be a great event!! Watch for emails to sign up in February and help us KICK OUT teen and young adult cancer!!!

TO OUR SPONSORS:

As you plan your giving for 2016, please remember the Rutledge Foundation.

2016 EVENT CALENDAR

Rutledge Day at the Rodeo-
Saturday, January 30

Gold Ribbon Games-
Sunday, April 10

Young Adult Night at the Ranger Game-
Summer 2016, Dates TBA

Sam Day Soiree (Portland, Oregon)-
Sunday, September 11

Hearts of Gold Luncheon-
Thursday, October 6

Coming Home Concert-
Tuesday, December 20



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can support the Rutledge Foundation and make a difference in the lives of teens and young adults with cancer:

- **DONATE** to Carley's Closet or the Rutledge Foundation.

- **VOLUNTEER** at our events or in our office.

- **HOLD YOUR OWN EVENT** benefitting the Rutledge Foundation.

- **SPREAD THE WORD** about who we are and what we do. We can never have enough advocates and cheerleaders!

Visit us at:
www.rutledgefoundation.org

MEET CAROLINE



We welcome our newest associate, Caroline Dorris. Caroline grew up in Fort Worth, attended Trinity Valley School and is a long time friend of the foundation. She received her Bachelor of Journalism in Public Relations from the University of Oklahoma. She has worked at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass Village, Colorado and Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center in Development and Fundraising. Caroline also happens to be a Tri-Delt along with Carolyn Roberts, Laura Rutledge and Parker LaDue.

5 YEAR MILESTONES

In 5 short years, the Rutledge Foundation has:

- **Supported and funded over \$400,000 for 3 research projects** for Ewing sarcoma. The first one, a vaccine trial has progressed to Phase II and is opened in centers around the country. The other two are targeted therapies, both scheduled to open in clinical trials in early 2016. Stay tuned for more!!
- **Opened 10 Carley's Closet centers** across Texas to serve the needs of teens and young adults with cancer. To date, your donations have allowed us to invest over **\$300,000 in programs** and outreach which has brought comfort and cheer to countless young adults battling cancer.
- **Increased awareness and support** for the over one million teens and young adults battling cancer by holding **over 20 events** that shed light on this growing population and the lack of improvement in cure rates.



Dr. Michael Williams and Galen Storey



Laura Rutledge, Dr. Michael Williams, Galen Storey, Carolyn Roberts, Tamara Reece

HEARTS OF GOLD LUNCHEON 2015

The 2015 Hearts of Gold Luncheon, *Piecing Together a Cure*, is in the books and was a record setting event due to sponsorships, attendance and donations. Thanks to our amazing committee, our generous sponsors and faithful donors, we were able to raise over \$105,000 for teens and young adults with cancer. We were all spellbound as Galen Storey shared her cancer journey with us and as Dr. Mike Williams, President of UNTHSC, inspired each of us to live a life of purpose. Each piece of the program served to inform our guests of the Rutledge Foundation Mission: caring for the forgotten population of teens and young adults with cancer, funding research for new less toxic, more curative therapies and awareness of cancer among teens and young adults. We are making a difference because of you. In our first five years as a foundation, we have funded over \$700,000 in research, programs and awareness for teens and young adults with cancer. We are grateful to all of those who have supported us from the beginning and to those new donors who have taken us to the next level. You are changing lives!



Natalie, Sam, Lorna, and Bob Day



Sam Day(14) and sister Natalie Day(16)

SAM DAY SOIREE 2015

Sam Day Soiree 2015 was amazing!! Once again, the Portland community that supports Sam and his family outdid themselves. Held at Rock Creek Country Club on September 20, the event was beautiful and the evening memorable, with Lorna Day's moving speech about 'Hope'. All were touched by the stories of Ewing patients and families that attended the dinner/auction. The multitalented Soiree Committee worked tirelessly beginning last spring to make this event a huge success, raising over \$108,000. We are sincerely indebted to the work this generous community is doing to raise awareness and funds to develop life-saving treatments for sarcoma.

CARLEY'S CLOSET CORNER

Brenda Lammers and her Carley's Closet volunteers have been working over-time on our upcoming holiday projects. Thanks to Brenda and her team, the Rutledge Foundation is donating \$15,000 worth of teen and young adult gifts to **St. Jude's Holiday Gift Room**. Families of patients will be allowed to choose gifts from those provided to bring hope and healing to our friends from all over the United States that are spending their holidays in Memphis, receiving treatment. We are excited to partner with St. Jude in such a practical and uplifting way. In the past, these needs have largely gone unmet... but not this year! The Rutledge Foundation is stepping up to CARE for teens, young adults and their families while they heal.

Another Carley's Closet project is our annual **Stocking Drive**. Volunteers from the Fort Worth **National Charity League**, **Mrs. Shappard's TVS 2nd Grade Class**, and our own volunteers have worked since the summer to make the stockings, write personal note cards and purchase "teen friendly" gifts to bring cheer to those spending time at the hospital during the holiday season. These stockings will be delivered throughout the month of December to all of our Carley's Closet locations. If you or your organization would be interested in helping with Carley's Closet, please email us!

Last but not least, **Baylor/All Saints** will be holding a Giving Tree Gift Card Drive on Friday, December 11. We will be collecting gift cards for Carley's Closet programs from, Target, Walmart and area restaurants. Thank you Baylor/All Saints for your continued, generous support of the Rutledge Foundation and Carley's Closet Programs.



Brenda Lammers, Heather Weber, and Laura Rutledge packing teen Christmas gifts for St. Jude's



Meredith Rutledge and Katherine Sarvadi deliver Carley's Closet bags to Krista Quinn at MDA



Vaccine Trial participants Carley Rutledge, Jessica Courtwright, and their mothers

RESEARCH RECAP: Immunotherapy- "The Future of Cancer"

With the FDA declaring two immunotherapy drugs, "*breakthrough cancer drugs*", we are entering a new age of cancer treatment. For the first time in history, there is a treatment that works better than chemotherapy. Three pharmaceutical companies, with various forms of cancer immunotherapy drugs, have received FDA approval to treat melanoma, lung and kidney cancers and are currently testing effectiveness in other cancers.

The secret weapon of these new drugs is their ability to penetrate the cancer cell's shield that hides it from the immune system. They neutralize checkpoint inhibitors and allow the immune system's t-cells to do their job and kill the cancer cells. Jill O'Donnell-Tormey, chief executive officer of the nonprofit **Cancer Research Institute**, proclaimed 2015 "*a truly special year for cancer immunotherapy*" and "*a paradigm shift in cancer*", as more than half of the current cancer clinical trials include some form of immunotherapy.

What is the Rutledge Foundation doing on behalf of pediatric/young adult cancer research in the area of targeted and immunotherapy treatments? To date, Rutledge Foundation has supported and funded over **\$400,000** in research for 3 immune/targeted Ewing sarcoma therapies. The first is a vaccine therapy called Vigil (formally FANG) that is now in Phase II and has reached dozens of patients across the world. The second two are targeted therapies, one of which is being developed by Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center with a trial scheduled to open in March.

Your donations have directly benefitted cancer patients everywhere, developing new less toxic, life-saving treatments.

The Rutledge Foundation is profoundly grateful to all of our supporters, donors, sponsors and volunteers who have made a difference in the lives of teens and young adults with cancer in 2015. This holiday season, we are thankful for YOU!!!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Kyle Kight

Kyle grew up in Odessa, Texas and came to Fort Worth to attend TCU, where he received his BBA in Finance in 1992 and MBA in 1994. He has worked at Central Bank & Trust, Corbin & Company and Paine Webber, which later became UBS Financial Services, and continues to work there as a Financial Advisor in Wealth Management. Kyle and his wife, Sarah, live in Keller with their children Justin and Grace (a Ewing sarcoma survivor).



Bill Penny

Bill grew up in Bay City, Texas and came to Fort Worth early in his career. He received a B.A., Accounting with highest honors in 1975 from the University of Texas and his degree in Law, JD, from the University of Texas in 1978. He also attended Southern Methodist University, where he received an LLM in taxation in 1980. He is a partner at Holland, Johns and Penny, LLP, in Fort Worth, where he specializes in Estate Planning, Probate, Corporate Law and Partnership Law. Bill and his wife, Lindy, live in Fort Worth. They have three grown sons, William, King and Lawson.