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HBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN COUNCIL # 7612

17th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

You're invited to join us and play a fun round of golf to help support
**Tanner Matney, an eighteen month old boy
born with IPEX, an auto-immune deficiency
disease**



Friday, September 17, 2010
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Oakmont Green Golf Club
2290 Golf View Lane, Hampstead, MD

Captain's Choice Scramble
\$80 per person
\$320 per foursome



There will be a steak dinner at the course following the event. Chilled beverages (beer, water and soda) will be available on the course.

- 1 Team awards to the first four places
- 2 50/50 split the pot, par 3 (\$5 per player)
- 3 Men's and women's long drive
- 4 Closest to-the-pin
- 5 Better's par 3
- 6 Silent auction
- 7 Mulligan's available

"My Story"

My name is Tanner Matney. I was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008. I had all my toes and fingers and my parents were so happy. A few months later I started having severe diarrhea, and vomiting. Doctors thought it was a reaction to either breast milk or formula. I started getting a rash over my entire body. My skin was so bad, it would actually break open. The doctors thought it was a food allergy or infant psoriasis. After many, many blood test and biopsies and several months of visiting different doctors, I ended up in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, the results came in. I have IPEX.

IPEX is an auto-immune deficiency disease is only found in male babies. I am told that I am the 50th documented case in the world to have this terrible disease. Your body's good blood cells are attacked so your cells are constantly fighting each other and eating away at the inside of your body. I have had a feeding tube in my body for nutrients since I can't take anything by mouth. I also have a central line directly into my chest for medications.

Until just recently this disease was unknown. There is still a lot of research that needs to be done so others with this disease can live. If treatment is not received, unfortunately babies will not survive past about 2 years of age. The only hope is a long process of chemotherapy and radiation, which is very dangerous. Then a bone marrow transplant is done. There are much needed bone marrow donor banks. Family members are not usually a match. Johns Hopkins started the search in hopes that a bone marrow transplant would work. To the doctor's surprise, my mom is a match for me. She is delighted. I am now in Johns Hopkins hospital and the long process of treatments has begun. I am very sick and cry a lot. I really need my parents with me at all times. The hospital lets one of them stay with me around the clock. After the bone marrow transplant, my mom, my dad and I must live within 15 minutes of the hospital for several months. The hospital has apartments for parents & children of bone marrow transplant patients since they must be close to the hospital at all times.

Can you please help me? Any donations are much needed and greatly appreciated. Please help me live.

Who knows, after my treatment and I grow up, I can return the favor.

Thank you all and I wish you good health your entire life.

Tanner Matney