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## **NEWCOMERS' CLUB RAISES \$16,350 FOR THE KORTNEY ROSE FOUNDATION**

The Newcomers' Club of Rumson, Fair Haven, Little Silver and Shrewsbury raised \$16,350 this year for The Kortney Rose Foundation to benefit pediatric brain tumor research. At the Club's annual President's Luncheon, held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Fromagerie in Rumson, Lori Missig, the Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> VP and Fundraising Chair, presented a check for that amount to Kristen Gillette, President of The Kortney Rose Foundation.

The goals of the Newcomers' Club of Rumson, Fair Haven, Little Silver and Shrewsbury are to create a welcoming environment for people new to the area while supporting the local community through its fundraising activities. Every year, the membership of the club (which is currently around 180 families) votes to choose a local not for profit organization that will benefit from funds raised.

Kristen Gillette, President of The Kortney Rose Foundation who founded the organization in honor of her daughter who died at age 9 from a brain tumor, was honored to be chosen by the club. "We are extremely grateful to all of the women who worked tirelessly to put on these wonderful events and raise such a large amount of money to support pediatric brain tumor research through our foundation," said Gillette.

The Newcomers' Club raised this money through four events held during the September 2011 – May 2012 year: "Touch-A-Truck" (a family fun day), a wine tasting event, their "Lucky Name" chance auction, and a Kentucky Derby party. Much of the money raised came through silent and chance auction prizes, for which the Club thanks the generosity of the community businesses who donated to their events.

"It has been a great experience for me this year being Chair of Fundraising for The Newcomers Club. As a collaborative effort with my fellow committee members, we were honored to raise money for the Kortney Rose Foundation, a most worthy charity," commented Lori Missig.

The Newcomers' Club will be voting this month to choose the charity for the 2012-2013 year, and looks forward to hosting Touch-A-Truck (September 29, 2012), the Harvest Wine Tasting (November 17, 2012) and the Lucky Name Casino Night (February 23, 2013). All of these events are open to the general public. For more information or if you are interested in attending any of these events, please contact the Fundraising Chair for 2012-2013, Pam Lacey ([Pamela.h.lacey@gmail.com](mailto:Pamela.h.lacey@gmail.com)) or visit the Newcomers' Club's Website: <http://www.newcomersclubinc.com/>.

### **About the Newcomers' Club of Rumson, Fair Haven, Little Silver and Shrewsbury**

The Newcomers' Club of Rumson, Fair Haven, Little Silver and Shrewsbury was established in 1972 with the purpose of extending a friendly welcome to all newcomers while identifying worthy local charities to support.



We welcome new residents in these towns by organizing various social events that help new members meet other people and introduce them to the variety of establishments and resources that this area has to offer. We have approximately a dozen events planned every month including Sip N' Chat, Children's Come and Play, Book Talk, Ladies Luncheon and Men's Activities, just to name a few. Each month we send out a newsletter containing a schedule of these events as well as timely information on local happenings. Our Club's activities start in September and end with our year-end party in June. For more information or to join the club, please refer to our website: <http://www.newcomersclubinc.com/>.

**About The Kortney Rose Foundation**

The Kortney Rose Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that is dedicated to raising funds to support research and education related to the treatment and cure of pediatric brain tumors. Enhancing the quality of life of children with brain tumors requires access to excellent specialty care, clinical trials, follow-up care, and rehabilitative services. Improving the outlook for these children requires research into the causes of better treatments of brain tumors. The goal is to find a balance between the best available treatments with the best quality of life.

Fundraising efforts will directly benefit the pediatric brain tumor research being done at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

