



... Honoring the memory of Tony Merk 11/26/2004 – 7/4/2011  
Bringing HOPE to children with brain cancer

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PRAY~HOPE~BELIEVE 5K RUN/WALK - 2025

February 2025

Believe it or not, we had **1313** registered participants for the **13<sup>th</sup>** annual Pray~Hope~Believe 5K Walk/Run last year! Sounds pretty lucky – right?! Well, it's not luck. It's the inspiration of the young people we support and your generosity that made it happen. With funding an additional \$29,280 research grant in March 2024 for an innovative proteomics project and now being in the final stages of identifying which \$100,000 research grant we will fund this year, we are very close to reaching ONE MILLION DOLLARS in funded research. We will certainly reach that milestone with this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> **PHB 5K**.

All of this has been made possible because of supporters like YOU! As we plan for our 14<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> **PHB 5K**, we hope we can count on YOU again – as a donor, sponsor, participant and/or volunteer. Our PHB 5K has become a tradition for many as a way to start their Independence Day celebration. There is something for everyone – 5K walk or run (competitive or leisurely), basket raffle, split-the-pot, free children's games, superhero sprint for the little ones (superhero capes available), food, music and LOTS of opportunities to cheer for others.

Our generous donors and sponsors make Family Camp Day, YMCA days and other supports possible for families who have a child with brain cancer. These families enjoy the opportunity to take a break from the medical world and to connect with other families on a similar journey. Talking with other families who "get it" makes such a difference for the patients and families we serve.

As a 100% volunteer-run charitable organization, all funds raised (after minimal expenses) go toward our mission. In addition to sponsorship, we welcome gift certificates or other items for use in our basket raffles. Sponsors can add items to race bags for marketing. We fund specific research grants so we know exactly where your money goes. We promise to be good stewards of your generosity. To learn more, visit [www.prayhopebelieve.org](http://www.prayhopebelieve.org), email us at [info@prayhopebelieve.org](mailto:info@prayhopebelieve.org), or call us at 513-304-2388. Please tune into our website, social media sources and emails for regular updates. We thank you for your consideration in helping us bring HOPE to young people battling brain cancer. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

With HOPE and appreciation,

Rick and Lynne Merk  
Co-Founders, PHBF

Member of



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## DONOR FORM

Please complete and return this form to:

**Pray~Hope~Believe Foundation**

**P.O. Box 53236**

**Cincinnati OH 45253**

**(513) 304-2388**

Or email to [info@prayhopebelieve.org](mailto:info@prayhopebelieve.org) (and we'll arrange to pick up your donation).

[Checks should be made out to **PHBF**. If you prefer to pay online, you can do so via our website, but please email us a copy of this form so we recognize you at the appropriate level.]

## BASKET RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZE, AND RACE BAG DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED

\*\* In-Kind donations will be recognized at sponsor level consistent with ½ the value of Goods or Services donated.

**Please list** in-Kind product or service donated:

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**Please list** race bag items or other products to be distributed:

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Pray~Hope~Believe Foundation thanks you for your generosity in supporting efforts to bring HOPE to young people with brain cancer!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!**

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