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THE BUTTERFLY...

The leaves of autumn are covered by the snows of winter-but the leaves will return in the spring. The waves of the sea break upon the shore and then slide back into the sea to become waves once again. There is nothing in this life that is without its cycle of life, death and rebirth.

The butterfly is one of God's finest images of the gift of new life, emerging from its dark cocoon to its new splendor and glory, beautiful to behold and symbolizing the magnificent mystery of springtime that out of seeming death comes new life.

The memory of Bill Sugra is very much like the butterfly. He loved life and he loved each and every person whose life he touched. He helped us all to emerge from our gray moments by the light he spread with his smile and his caring and his love. Because he cared, he lifted us up.

We chose the butterfly as a symbol on our brochures and letterheads for the Bill Sugra Memorial Fund because of his memory we strive to bring the hopeless to hope, the discouraged to confidence and the depressed to new life.

encourage, support and assist

Starter's Shack

Spring is rapidly approaching and our planning for another awesome golf outing is already heating up. It is difficult to put our emotions and thoughts adequately into words, but we do know that helping others in Bill's name is what keeps us going.

We can hardly believe that in 15 years we have awarded \$590,152 to many individuals and organizations. It does our hearts good and we can never thank you all enough for your love and support.

This year's outing is set for Friday, August 25, 2017 at the beautiful Green Pond Country Club in Bethlehem and we are excited to have them host our golf outing event again. Please remember to register early because space is limited. You will be able to register on-line by the beginning of April on our website: www.billsugramemorialfund.org.

In good news, our website is finally back up and running after a difficult time of getting our domain name back. It's too long a story to share, but we're very happy it has finally been resolved.

Honorary Co-Chairs
 We're pleased to let you know that Father Gambet continues to be our honorary co-chair. Father Gambet has golfed with us and blessed us with his friendship and support since 2003. Thank you so much, you are the best!!!!



This year we are also excited to announce that Father Gambet will be joined by a new co-chair: **Chris Birkhead**. Chris is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and a partner at HMK Insurance in Bethlehem. HMK is a full service insurance firm with 50 employees and assists over 2,500 businesses with their Property/Casualty and Employee Benefits needs.

Chris has been an active member of St. Thomas More Church since 1981, serving the parish in a variety of roles. He is honored to support Mercy School for Special Learning as a member of its Board of Directors. Chris and his wife Mary are blessed with four children and five grandchildren

As we welcome Chris, we also want to express our deepest gratitude to our co-chairs for the past two years, **JB Reilly and Joe Topper**. They are outstanding men in our community, and have been instrumental with sponsorships. JB and Joe are so kind, helpful, generous, and caring, and our lives have been touched by these two outstanding friends who so willingly joined our cause to honor our son Bill and reach out to help so many in his name.



Friday, August 25, 2017
Green Pond Country Club
 Bethlehem, PA



Gregg, Bill



Mike S., Sarah A., Bob S.



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Thank you again for your participation and support!!!!!!!



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MEMORIAL FUND MISSION STATEMENT

The Bill Sugra Memorial Fund was established in memory of Bill Sugra, a compassionate, caring and loving young man whose life was tragically taken by the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center in New York City.

The purpose of the fund is to encourage, support and assist the needy and disadvantaged to improve their lives during times of difficulty, regardless of location, race, religion, or gender.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Please send contributions to:

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For information:
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The Bill Sugra Memorial Fund is a section 501(c)(3) charity and contributions are tax deductible.

Thank you!



It truly was a privilege having you with us and we respect you both so much. *Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for your support.*

Memorial Fund Update

As we have shared with you previously, we awarded \$75,000 in 2016 to 34 organizations. However, in early December we received a call from Haven House, which offers outpatient psychiatric services including evaluation, counseling, medication management, rehabilitation, and referrals within the Lehigh Valley. The facility provides a safe environment where clients feel respected and accepted. Their goal is to help them succeed in gaining independence as they transition back into family, employment, and the community.

Outpatient clinical therapist **Elizabeth A. Hayman** contacted us in regard to her client in need at the agency. The client had experienced a series of traumatic events and was also struggling financially and unable to pay her rent. Mrs. Hayman reached out to many organizations, but many local agencies do not have the funding to go around at this time of year. As a result, the client wasn't able to receive any outside assistance.

Bill, Tracy, and I talked about this and decided to reach out and help this person. So instead of a grand total for 2016 of \$75,000 we have actually given \$77,000. Bill and I delivered the



check personally right before Christmas to Haven House and we were also shown around the facility. It is truly a place where they are Restoring Hope, Renewing Lives.

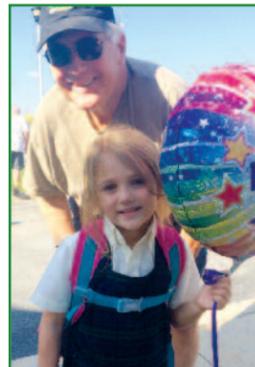
Grandkids

We also have some exciting developments to share with the grandkids. By the time you receive the newsletter our **Tripp** will be 6 years

old! *Where does the time go?* As you know, he is taking classes in karate and we're very proud to announce he has received his yellow belt. Tripp loves school and loves to read.



Reagan is now 7 and celebrated her birthday in October. She loves dancing, reading, and math, and also wants to publish books.



They both love going to the Da Vinci Science Center and Imagi Nation and we love spending time with them. **Tracy** and **Steven** are amazing parents and we are so proud of them both.



Well, we look forward to seeing you again on **August 25, 2017**. As these years go by, we find the tournament and the Fund are truly a means of perpetuating and honoring our dear son's memory. By helping those in need, Bill's gentle spirit lives on. We thank each one of you from the bottom of our hearts.

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*God Bless,
Bill, El, Steven, Tracy, Reagan & Tripp*

The Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley

The Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation dedicated to helping children and families affected by pediatric cancer by providing free and unique programming and support during treatment, survivorship, and bereavement. The foundation is focused on creating a loving and supportive cancer community for fami-



lies whose lives have been forever changed by hearing the words, "Your child has cancer." They provide regular, ongoing programming like their Art Soup program and monthly Moms' Night Out, as well as much-loved annual



events like Big Top Circus and Camp Smile. PCFLV makes monthly visits to the inpatient pediatric floor at Lehigh Valley Health Network through our Chemo Circus/Golden Days program,

armed with an array of arts and crafts, gifts, entertainment, and food to distract children during their treatment and to create happiness and smiles. They provide individual and specialized assistance based on the needs of the families as well, often in the form of grocery and gas gift cards to help defray the often-unrecognized costs of dealing with a pediatric cancer diagnosis. PCFLV provides housecleaning services for newly diagnosed families, a college scholarship fund for high school graduates, and much more! Fundraising events like our 5K Walk/8K Run to Live and our Hearts of Gold Gala, as well as generous gifts and grants from organizations like the Bill Sugra Memorial Fund, help support this mission. For the past several years, a grant from the Bill Sugra Memorial Fund has specifically helped make our Camp Smile program possible. Camp Smile is a weeklong summer camp for children in cancer treatment, survivors, and siblings. It is held on the campus of Cedar Crest College and features daily art, theater, sports, and swimming activities. In 2016, PCFLV had over 50 children participate in camp, as well as approximately 40 volunteer camp counselors from the community.

Thank you to our level sponsors!



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