

# Currents



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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CEREMONY

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Dear Friends:

This is a special time for all of us at Brendan's Fund as it marks the 20th year our Surf Memorial will be held on the beach in Avalon, NJ.

In September 1991 the caring friends of Brendan Borek decided to throw a birthday party for him. This was a poignant birthday: Brendan was turning eighteen and it would be his last. He was losing his battle with Ewings Sarcoma, a pediatric bone cancer. His friends and their families planned the events he loved best which included a surf contest and soccer tournament.

Shortly after his death in December 1991, The Brendan Borek High Tides Memorial Fund was established. "The Brendan" (an affectionate nickname for the Surf Memorial) is a yearly event and has become a cornerstone of the fundraising efforts held on behalf of Cape May County pediatric cancer patients.

This milestone is cause for special recognition of the many good things we have accomplished. Over 140 families who have suffered the effects of cancer have received financial and emotional support from Brendan's Fund. We ensure that our families basic needs are met. In addition, we are able to tailor programs to meet their unique needs.

Brendan's Fund is grateful for the generous donations of our supporters and friends. Each year you allow us to continue our important work.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

*Lydia C. Borek*

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## Remembering Brendan



*Brendan lived for 18 years and filled his life with joy. Active, athletic and well liked, you could always find him on the beach, a skateboard ramp or the soccer field. He was loved and supported in all his efforts by his family and was blessed with good and loyal friends.*

*Brendan's carefree life changed shortly before his seventeenth birthday when he was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a cancer of the bone. For the next sixteen months he fought a courageous battle against unbeatable odds.*

*Although Brendan experienced great suffering in his life, he also experienced great love. Brendan's Fund was born out of this love.*

*His memory lives on each time Brendan's Fund brings comfort, help and hope to children and families facing the same battle.*



THE BRENDAN BOREK HIGH TIDES MEMORIAL FUND INC.  
A PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND

## BRENDAN'S FUND

### The Brendan Borek High Tides Memorial Fund, Inc.

**(Brendan's Fund)** is a grassroots organization whose efforts are directed toward providing comprehensive, compassionate and personalized assistance to Cape May County pediatric cancer patients and their families. Since its inception in 1992, Brendan's Fund has helped area families through the crisis of their child's illness. Services range from professional counseling and advocacy programs to financial and material assistance. To help in the fight against cancer, Brendan's Fund also contributes to pediatric cancer research on a discretionary basis.

## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDE:

**Reimbursements:** Illness related expenses, gas, tolls, parking fees, lodgings, meals and telephone bills.

**Annual Assistance:** Thanksgiving and Easter Baskets, Back-to-School Clothing Gift Certificates and Christmas and Hanukkah gifts for each child and sibling.

**Special Assistance:** Payment of utility bills, monthly supermarket food certificates and, in extraordinary circumstances, payment of rent/mortgages.

## Ways to Give in 2010

Please consider making Brendan's Fund a part of your yearly charitable contributions. Some additional ways in which you can offer your financial assistance include: using our memorial and honorarium program to honor someone, company matching gift program and estate planning. Online donations are available at [www.brendansfund.org](http://www.brendansfund.org).

### Visit our office and The Store

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#### Other ways you can reach us:

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Find us on the web  
[www.brendansfund.org](http://www.brendansfund.org)

## 2010 Schedule of Events

For information call 609-967-0100 or visit us at [www.brendansfund.org](http://www.brendansfund.org)

**Gala of Friends**  
**Stone Harbor Yacht Club**  
**Stone Harbor, NJ**  
Saturday, April 10, 2010

**5th Annual Bass Barn Golf**  
**Tournament for Brendan's Fund**  
Friday, April 30, 2010

**20th Annual Spirit Walk**  
**at Wildwood Catholic HS**  
**Wildwood, NJ**  
Sunday, May 2, 2010

**Crab Cakes at Sylvester's**  
Monday, August 16, 2010

**Artist and Friends Art Show at**  
**Avalon Yacht Club**  
Tuesday, August 17, 2010

**Pizza at Circle Pizza**  
Wednesday, August 18, 2010

**Pancakes at Fishin' Pier Grille**  
Thursday, August 19, 2010

**Skate Jam Hosted by Method Skate**  
**Shop & Avalon Recreation Department**  
Friday, August 20, 2010

**Movie Night**  
Friday, August 20, 2010

**20th Annual Brendan Borek**  
**Surf Memorial**  
Saturday, August 21, 2010

**20th Annual Brendan Borek**  
**Homecoming Party**  
Saturday, August 21, 2010

**4th Annual High Tides Striper**  
**Tournament Hosted by**  
**Cape May County's Carpenter's**  
**Union Local #1743**  
**Cape May, NJ**  
November 6, 2010

**8th Annual Cape Fitness Turkey Trot**  
**Cape May, NJ**  
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 2010

\* All events in purple held in Avalon, NJ

\* Circle of Friends cover photo by Sean Stafford.

\* Back photo of Brendan Borek by Tom Gramlich circa 1988.