

# *“Our Charities... Making a Difference in the Local Community”*

**The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation:** The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to assure the development of a means to cure and control cystic fibrosis (CF) and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. CF is no longer considered exclusively a “childhood” disease, as today people with CF are living into their 30s, 40s and beyond. To fulfill the mission, the CF Foundation provides funding for more than 110 cystic fibrosis care centers and 55 affiliate programs nationwide, including 96 programs for treating adults with CF. CF care centers offer diagnostic services and comprehensive treatment for more than 24,000 patients with CF.

The Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund has donated \$6,250 and was a sponsor for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This past year The Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund participated in the Great Strides Walk contributing to Jennifer Weider's Team, a graduate of Parkland High School.



*Great Strides Walk- 2013*

## **Allentown School Foundation “The Drive”:**



*The Allentown Drive baseball team*

The Allentown School District Foundation is a five-year-old non-profit organization with a vision to create an enriched education for Allentown School District students. The ASD Foundation funds many different kinds of programs in fitness, history, science, social studies, art, music, theatre and athletics! ASD Foundation serves approximately 17,560 students in a network of 21 early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools located throughout the City of Allentown, PA.

The Justin Sheftel Foundation has donated a total of \$18,000, which has funded much needed equipment for the baseball and softball teams at both Dieruff and William Allen High Schools, in addition to funding the first ever middle school baseball program. The Allentown DRIVE, Middle School baseball team is looking forward to its second season starting in April 2014!

**Parkland Education Foundation:** The Parkland School District Education Foundation’s primary goal is to raise funds in order to enhance and promote educational and co-curricular programs for the benefit of students and staff within the Parkland School District. The foundation strives to maintain a tradition of excellence and continues to support the dreams of children in the community. The Parkland School District Foundation has funded 100 Celebrate Innovation grants to teachers, staff and coaches within the district. Grants allow for the purchase of supplies and equipment in order to strengthen students abilities in or outside the classroom.

The Justin Sheftel Memorial Softball Foundation has donated \$12,500 to the Parkland School District Education Foundation.



*The Parkland Girl's Cross Country team*

**Miracle League:** The Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley, founded in 2006, is dedicated to providing children with special needs and other developmental disabilities an opportunity to play baseball. The Justin Sheftel Foundation has been a considerable annual supporter donating a total of \$20,000. The Miracle League is so honored to be supported by such a great foundation!



*Children playing catch together*

The quote that follows is from the Morrone Family “Enthusiasm on game day is important and everything about the field contributes toward maximizing it - including the support received from the Sheftel Foundation and its members. I am most aware of the Sheftel Foundation's outfield sign. It is a physical reminder that they, along with the other organizations on display in the outfield, know our children, care about our children, and are supporting our children and the Miracle League”.

**Cancer Support Community:** The Cancer Support Community is a nonprofit organization offering professionally led support groups, educational workshops, mind/body classes, a resource library and more. All programs are free for anyone affected by cancer. Our services are an integral part of conventional medical care to help restore a sense of control, reduce stress and isolation, redefine hope, and educate participants to better manage their care during and after cancer treatment.

The community's support makes a difference, and this foundation is very grateful for the funds contributed from the Justin Sheftel Memorial Softball Tournament, which helped them to provide emotional support and wellness activities for individuals and families facing cancer. The Justin Sheftel Foundation has donated \$2,500 to Cancer Support.



*Boutique that is offered for those affected by cancer*

**The Jewish Community Center:** The Jewish Community Center of Allentown offers early childhood education and after school programs to all members of the community ages 8 weeks through 5 years. These programs, which offer flexible enrollment, allow working families peace of mind as they know their children are being not only cared for safely but experiencing enriching age-appropriate activities. The JCC also offers summer camping programs, wellness programs for individuals of all ages, and senior socialization programs.



*Children performing a skit*

Over the past four years the JCC has been the recipient of \$20,000 from the Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund used for camping scholarships and funding a baseball program for 7-10 year olds. The funds have touched twenty families who have been able to attend extended day camping programs and ten families whose children have been able to participate in an Allentown City sponsored youth baseball league.

### **Additional Charities:**

- **Second Harvest:** The Justin Sheftel Foundation donated \$3,750
- **Boys and Girls Club:** The Justin Sheftel Foundation donated \$2,500
- **Autistic Society of Lehigh Valley:** The Justin Sheftel Foundation donated \$2,500