



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Inspirational Family Roman Senft & Family

In April 2026, what began as a persistent headache led to the unimaginable when 10-year-old Roman Senft was diagnosed with a malignant, hemorrhaging brain tumor. He underwent emergency brain surgery at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and thankfully, the five-hour surgery was successful.

Just weeks later, Roman and his family made the difficult decision to travel to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where they spent two months while Roman received targeted proton radiation therapy. Today, Roman continues his treatment through UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and will remain on medicinal therapy for the next two years to help ensure the tumor does not return.

Despite everything he has faced, Roman's courage, resilience, and positive spirit continue to inspire everyone around him. His oncology team and neurosurgeon recently cleared him to return to fall baseball—a sport he loves. Through every step of this journey, the unwavering support of family, friends, and the community has allowed the Senft family to focus on what matters most: Roman's care and recovery.

With faith, hope, and determination, Roman and his family continue to look toward the future, grateful for the prayers, generosity, encouragement, and countless acts of kindness that have surrounded them along the way.



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## 2026 Community Partner - Hope Squad

The Cranberry CUP is proud to support the Seneca Valley Hope Squad, a community partner dedicated to promoting mental health awareness and suicide prevention among students. Hope Squad is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program for students in grades 7–12 that focuses on building awareness, connection, and early intervention.

Students nominated by their peers receive training to recognize warning signs, offer support, and connect classmates with trusted adults and professional resources. Through community support and financial contributions, Hope Squad is able to provide student training, school-wide mental health awareness initiatives, Hope Week activities, and resources that empower students to create a culture of hope, inclusion, and belonging throughout Seneca Valley schools and the greater community.

“While it takes a village to raise a child, we believe it takes an entire community to save one.”

— Dr. Greg Hudnall, Founder of Hope Squad



# ★ CRANBERRY CUP 2026 ★

Thank you for making the 2026 Cranberry CUP weekend such a success! The weekend kicked off with our annual Golf Outing and Kickoff Party, and we are incredibly grateful to Cranberry Highlands Golf Course and their staff, our sponsors, and the many restaurants and food sponsors who continue to show such strong support for the CUP.

A special thank you to our Platinum Sponsors - Diesel Plumbing, Armstrong, MSA, and Baierl Toyota - for their incredible generosity and continued partnership. The Kickoff Party was a tremendous success, with 56 East providing an evening of great live music and entertainment for our guests. We are especially grateful to all of our food sponsors for helping make the evening so enjoyable, as well as the individuals and businesses who generously donated items for our raffles and silent auction. Your support helped make the night truly special.

New this year, we moved our opening ceremony to the Graham Park Miracle League field, with KDKA Meteorologist Rob Wilson serving as our MC. Thank you, Rob, for helping us begin the day in such a special way. We are also grateful to Mike Sherry and the Miracle League for their partnership and for allowing us to use their field for the ceremony.

From there, the celebration continued as we honored the life and legacy of CUP founder Cathy Cortazzo. Cranberry CUP President Robin Shaffer presented Cathy's children with a memorial plaque and expressed gratitude for a life devoted to serving her community. A beautiful day of softball led into an evening of cornhole and live music in the park, featuring the S'wearing Hats. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, Sunday's softball tournament and annual picnic had to be canceled.

The Cranberry CUP would not be possible without the dedication and generosity of our amazing volunteers. Your time, energy, and heart are what make this weekend possible year after year. To everyone who sponsored, donated, volunteered, participated, and supported the CUP in any way—thank you for helping us continue our mission and make a difference in the lives of families in our community.



## Cheers to the 2026 Cranberry CUP Winners!

### GOLF OPEN DIVISION

No Tee Times

Bernie Herrmann, Austin Herrman, Ryan Mauer, Nick McKee



### GOLF NEIGHBORHOOD DIVISION

Winchester Farms

Alan Parise, Steve Dudak, Mario Spudic, Marcus Spudic



### CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

Tossing Sacs

On September 2, the Pittsburgh Pirates welcomed Roman and his family as special guests at PNC Park. Family and friends joined them for a fun evening of baseball and support. The night was made even better when the Pirates won in extra innings!

