

Bocce Ball, Anyone?

Put giving into a game and the rewards are unbeatable: making a difference, competing, and having fun at the same time! That's what's in store for participants at the **2nd Annual Bocce Ball Invitational Tournament** May 17 at Colonial Park in **Somerset**. For more information visit www.newjerseybocce-invitational.com.

Through contributions to **Embrace Kids Foundation**, this event will benefit children with cancer and blood disorders who are treated by CINJ's multidisciplinary medical team at the rate of 6,000 patient visits annually. The event will also benefit Operation Shoebox NJ.

Frank Valanzola, founding member of the Bocce Invitational invites all to participate in this exciting event. "Come play bocce ball, create a cultural revolution, win prizes, and help two great charities benefit New Jersey families!"

Dr. Joseph Bertino, CINJ Interim Director and Chief Scientific Officer states, "CINJ treats about one-third of all children with cancer in New Jersey. The Bocce Invitational contributes to Embrace Kids Foundation, which helps to fund the educational and non-medical needs of our pediatric cancer patients and their families. We are grateful to Frank Valanzola and the Bocce Invitational Tournament Committee for hosting an event that will touch so many lives."

The Bocce Invitational will feature amateur and professional matches as well as children's festivities. Guest celebrities include Will Jimeno, the Port Authority police officer depicted in the Oliver Stone movie "World Trade Center," Deal or No Deal

model and actress Marisa Petroro, singer and songwriter Giada Valenti, comedian and Saturday Night Live alumni Joe Piscopo, vocalist Bobby Valli, and Rutgers Football players.

Bocce ball is one of the oldest and most popular of games worldwide. A favorite dating back to the Roman Empire, it's on the upswing in our culture, not only among Italian Americans, but also in mainstream neighborhoods and hip NYC bars.

We deeply appreciate the vision and hard work of Frank Valanzola and members of the Invitational Committee: Somerset County Sheriff **Frank Provenzano**; Chief Warrant Officer, US Marine Corps, **Pat DeChirico** and Sergeant **Mark Szczecina**, Somerset County Sheriff's Office.



Left to right: Tournament Committee members Frank Valanzola, Mark Szczecina, Pat DeChirico, and Frank Provenzano



Will Jimeno, Port Authority police officer depicted in the movie "World Trade Center," is a guest celebrity at the Second Annual Bocce Ball Invitational to benefit children with cancer.

We also gratefully acknowledge UNICO National, an Italian-American service and fraternal organization, for its major sponsorship of this year's Invitational through the V Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research.



Left to right: the dedicated physicians, researchers and nurses of the Gynecologic Oncology Program Drs. Mira Hellmann, Ami Vaidya, Lorna Rodriguez, Wilberto-Nieves-Neira, Darlene Gibbon, and Advanced Practice Nurse Oncologists Allison Prabhakar, Deanna Tiggs and Mary Jane Tranzillo

Gifts Come in Many Forms

People join in the fight against cancer in a myriad of ways. The workplace can be a rallying site. **Gutter Master in Jackson** has been sending CINJ 1% of profits from their business every month since April 2007, to support CINJ's ovarian cancer treatment and research efforts in honor of an employee's wife who is being treated at CINJ.

Ovarian cancer is difficult to detect early and is resistant to chemotherapy. **Lorna Rodriguez, MD, PhD**, Chief of Gynecologic Oncology, is achieving highly promising results in clinical trials with selenium in overcoming this resistance.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, Gutter Master, and special thanks to **Evan Glaser**, owner of the company, who expresses that he finds the courage of people undergoing cancer treatment "amazing."

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WHAT: 2nd Annual Feeding Frenzy (www.CJPHC.org)
WHERE: Sawmill Cafe Green Room, 1807 Boardwalk, Seaside Park, NJ
DATE/TIME: **Sunday, June 1st from 1 pm to 6 pm**
FOR: CJPHC Birthday Bash
 In support of Ovarian Cancer Research at The Cancer Institute of NJ