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NICK TEDDY FOUNDATION DONATES \$10,000 TO EWING'S SARCOMA RESEARCH

PORT BYRON, IL - The Nick Teddy Foundation, in partnership with First Wealth Financial Group of Clinton, IA, is pleased to announce proceeds results for its 2017 fundraising year. Events included collaborations with the Quad City Mallards and Port Byron CrossFit, a craft night, and the foundation's anchor event, the "NickTeddy 5k." That event in Port Byron, IL, was held on Saturday, September 9, and registered over 300 runners and participants.

\$10,000 has been donated to the 1 Million for Anna Foundation as the beneficiary of research proceeds, designated for the Ewing's Sarcoma Initiative at the University of Texas South Western. Money will help fund studies in Dr. Ralph deBerardinis' lab at UTSW for research into disruption of metabolic pathways in Ewing's sarcoma tumors.

Additional funds have been disbursed to local families, to help defray costs of travel, lodging, and medical expenses associated with treatment and follow-ups.

Ewing's sarcoma is a pediatric bone cancer. Widespread or recurrent disease carries a mortality rate of more than 70%. The disease currently affects several QC area children and adults.

Diagnosis can be delayed, because it often initially resembles a sports injury. Treatment can involve up to a year of chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation, and is associated with many serious side effects and lingering health issues.

The Nick Teddy Foundation was established in memory of Port Byron native Nick Strub, who died of Ewing's sarcoma in 2011 at age 29. The organization works to raise money for Ewing's sarcoma research, to increase awareness of the disease in the QCA, and to support local Ewing's patients and their families.

The "Nick Teddy 5k" is an all-day, annual celebration of Nick's life. There is a 5k, 1-mile Family Fun Run/Walk, and Teddy Trot for the little ones. Festivities in 2017 included kids' games, free balloon figures, and a silent auction and raffle. The after party was sponsored by Front Street Brewery, and featured entertainment by Jordan Danielsen. This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

More information can be found online: <http://www.NickTeddy.org>,
1 Million 4 Anna Foundation: <http://www.1million4anna.org>,
our race website: <http://www.nickteddy5k.com>,
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