

FOREVER SMILES BRACKET CHATTER

Official Newsletter from Dr. Yan Razdolsky Specialist in Orthodontics for Children & Adults

REACHING OUT IN SUPPORT OF OUR FOREVER FAMILY

Once a member of the Forever Smiles family, you are always a part of us. This is not only true for patients, but for team members as well. We follow our forever family's lives beyond their time with us -- sharing in their joys, experiences and even reach out in support when they are in need.

For those of you who do not know him, we would like to introduce you to Dr. Kapil Vij. Dr. Vij was a part of our Forever Smiles Grayslake family from 2007 to 2010. Dr. Vij was diagnosed earlier this year with myelofibrosis, a rare form of blood cancer. His bone marrow is unable to produce red blood cells, so he requires a blood transfusion every two to three weeks. With his condition deteriorating



very quickly his only chance of beating this disease is to have a stem cell transplant. His siblings tested in hopes of being a match and giving him a second chance at life, but neither were close enough to be his donor.

"Dr. Vij is a wonderful doctor, and has an incredible rapport with patients," said Dr. Yan Razdolsky. "As part of our team, he was a vigilant partner in assuring our patients were treated with the upmost care and compassion. This is why it is so important that he finds a donor to help save his life. He is a big part of our family," he added.

Today, Dr. Vij practices pediatric dentistry in Mount Prospect. He lives with his amazing wife Neeru, their two beautiful children and a third on the way. Although he is no longer with Forever Smiles, we have continued to follow his career and more recently have learned of this plea to help save his life.

"We understand this has become quite urgent as his hemoglobin is dropping pretty fast despite blood transfusions," said Dr. Razdolsky. "The entire dental community is reaching out to increase awareness of his plight, and we too want to do our part."

According to Be The Match Registry posts, Dr. Vij is of South Asian (Indian) descent, and the pool of people from that ethnicity are underrepresented in the national bone marrow registry, making the need for others to join the registry vital.

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8th Annual Artishock Art Show

ART FROM THE HEART

The Forever Smiles team is honored to have been a part of the Artishock 8th Annual Art Show "Art From The Heart" held Sunday, May 21, at the Forever Young Center in Wheeling.

This annual showcase features art from the students of Artishock, a fine arts program for children four to 12, through to adults. With introduction to a variety of media (pencil, charcoal, oil pastel, tempera and acrylic paint), Artishock students learn to apply their understanding of the elements of art as well as discuss and share the works they create.

This year's ceremony recognized student achievement and Anna Razdolsky presented scholarship awards on behalf of Dr. Yan Razdolsky, and the Forever Smiles team. Winners

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The process of bone marrow donation has changed in recent years and in some cases only requires a partial blood donation from which stem cells can be collected. While this may sound scary, it's very safe and truly a gift of life.

Qualified potential donors, ages 18-44, can learn more and register for the national marrow donor program online by visiting <https://join.bethematch.org/HOPE4KAPIL>. Anyone over the age of 45 who wants to be a donor can register with DKMS at dkms.org. Kits will be sent to their home, where they can swab and mail back. There are also several upcoming Be The Match registration drives in the Chicago area. Visit Facebook.com/HOPE4KAPIL for more information.



8th Annual Artshock Art Show ART FROM THE HEART

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of this years' Artshock contest titled "What makes you smile" received scholarship awards for classes and art supplies for the upcoming session.

The exhibit and showcase also featured works in both conventional as well as some unexpected mediums – including a living art costume parade where the students dressed as a famous piece of art! A magic show featuring The Great Boodini, a culinary art competition and craft stations were also included in the program. What a fabulous way to celebrate art and budding young artists in our community.



Run For D103



The Forever Smiles team were thrilled to participate and be a table sponsor for the 7th annual Run for D103 5K. This years' event boasted 723 registrants and the community-school district fundraiser focused on enhancing available educational tools at Sprague, Half Day and Daniel Wright Schools.

For the sponsorship exhibition, the Forever Smiles team shared giveaways like sunglasses, hand sanitizers, and Anna even autographed copies of her books!

The 5K course is sanctioned and certified by the United State Association of Track and



Field (USATF). Participants received a t-shirt, post-race refreshments, and awards were given for the top three finishers in respective age groups. There was lots of family fun and we would like to say thank you to all that came out in support of the event. Congratulations to all the participants, you should be very proud of yourselves!



Congratulations!



Laura T.
Our ON-TIME
May Winner

In Closing

Thank you for being part of our Forever Smiles Family. If you have any questions about this newsletter or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us at our Buffalo Grove office: 847-215-7554 or via email: yan@razdolsky.com. We look forward to providing you and our community with even more reasons to smile!

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