



KORTNEY ROSE FOUNDATION

Turning Point Restaurants Raise over \$410,000 over the Past 10 Years For Brain Tumor Research Through The Kortney Rose Foundation

Expands Successful Fundraiser to new patrons in NJ & PA

Eatontown, N.J., (March 6, 2019) –Turning Point Restaurants announced today that it raised over \$82,000 for The Kortney Rose Foundation (KRF), setting a new record at its annual “Great Food for a Great Cause” event held on February 23 & 24. Celebrating its 10th year, the annual event’s cumulative total has grown to over \$410,000 in donations. This recent event marked further expansion in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, growing awareness of KRF’s mission to raise funds for collaborative research on pediatric brain tumors, the number one cause of death by disease in children.

Restaurant patrons, who dined at any of the 16 Turning Point Restaurant locations and donated to KRF, received Turning Point gift card(s) for free entrees to be used on their next visit. The Turning Point operates restaurants at 12 New Jersey Locations: Brick, Cherry Hill, Hoboken, Holmdel, Little Silver, Long Branch, Manalapan, Marlton, Moorestown, Princeton, Sea Girt, and Westfield. The Pennsylvania Locations are Blue Bell, Bryn Mawr, North Wales, and Warrington, with their fifth PA location opening in Newtown a week after the fundraiser. The money raised directly benefits research being done through the 16 collaborative institutions making up the Children’s Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium (CBTTC). They share specimens and data to accelerate discovery of effective treatments and cures for children with pediatric brain/central nervous system tumors. The CBTTC is operated out of the Center for Data Driven Discovery in Biomedicine at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). To date, KRF has raised nearly \$2M for pediatric brain tumor research in memory of their daughter Kortney, who died from a brain tumor in 2006.

“Year after year our staff and patrons look forward to this fundraiser and their effort and enthusiasm is reflected in the tremendous generosity that is shown at this popular event,” said Kirk Ruoff, who, with his wife, Pam, are owners of Turning Point.

“We are extremely grateful for the amazing support over the past ten years from both the Turning Point organization and their patrons. KRF has been able to fund significant research because of their generosity,” said KRF’s Founder, Executive Director and Kortney’s mother, Kristen Gillette.

Please save the date to attend The Kortney Rose Foundation’s 14th annual Kortney’s Challenge 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk at Monmouth Park on Sunday, August 4, 2019. Hope to see you there. See our website for details.

About The Kortney Rose Foundation

Kortney Rose Gillette was a vivacious nine-year old girl with a winning smile and unparalleled zest for life. She loved playing with friends and animals (stuffed or real) and enjoyed school at Wolf Hill Elementary School in Oceanport, NJ. This didn’t change even after her diagnosis of a terminal brainstem glioma. On April 27, 2006, four months after her diagnosis, Kortney lost her brave battle with this pediatric brain cancer. Established in Oceanport, NJ in 2006, The Kortney Rose Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) charity whose mission is to eradicate pediatric brain tumors by funding the world’s most promising, collaborative research. With a battle cry of “Help Get Brain Tumors Off Kids’ Minds,” the foundation is responsible for nearly \$2 million raised for pediatric brain/central nervous system tumor research. KRF was a founding research partner in establishing the Children’s Brain Tumor and Tissue Consortium (CBTTC) and Cavatica. With the operation center based out of the Center for Data Driven Discovery in Biomedicine at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), the CBTTC is made up of 16 global institutions, operates the world’s largest clinically annotated brain tumor tissue database and shares data via Cavatica, the first ever pediatric cancer data cloud pioneered by CHOP. These advancements are having implications for broader pediatric cancer and structural birth defect research through the National Institute of Health’s Gabriella Miller Kids First Program with which KRF is a supporting foundation. <https://thekortneyrosefoundation.org/>

For event details or to schedule an interview, please contact Kristen Gillette at (732) 222-1491 or kristen@thekortneyrosefoundation.org.

About Turning Point Restaurants

The Turning Point restaurants were founded in 1998 by Kirk and Pam Ruoff, who opened their first location in Little Silver, NJ. Serving breakfast, brunch and lunch, Turning Point now operate 12 restaurants in New Jersey and four in Pennsylvania, offering the finest in quality and freshness. Among the most recent accolades received in 2017 are NJRHA Golden Plate Award, “Best Breakfast, Brunch and Lunch” in New Jersey Monthly magazine; “Best Breakfast Bites” in Main Line Magazine” and “Readers’ Choice Award” in Philly Magazine. Each location is tastefully decorated with soothing natural colors, rich wood trim, lush live plants, large windows allowing plenty of natural light, comfortable dining areas, gas fireplaces, a private meeting area, a dining counter and outside seating for warmer seasons.

Turning Point restaurants are open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. www.theturningpoint.biz

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