

“SCORE FOR A CURE!”



A “Thunderbolt Initiative” program



Helping to find a cure for cancer, especially Blood Cancer and Testicular Cancer, which have affected the lives of many young lacrosse players, their families and friends.

A partnership of:

Jersey Thunder Lacrosse



The Pequannock Lacrosse Club



The **HEADStrong** Foundation

Supporting:

Daniel Donlon (Pequannock HS 2009)

and

Michael Coppola (Pequannock HS 2012)

Meet Michael Coppola: Michael was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) on May 19, 2007 at the age of 13. Spending over 3 months in the hospital for in-patient treatment, he went through multiple rounds of chemo therapy and by August 13, 2007 he had gone through a bone marrow transplant. His younger brother was a match. Although he had missed half of his 8th grade year, he went on to graduate middle school and entered Pequannock Township High School with his classmates. He played football and lacrosse his freshman and sophomore years and was planning on focusing his efforts more on lacrosse in the summer and fall.

In the summer of 2010, shortly after competing with his HS teammates in a summer lacrosse league, and as he was entering into his junior year of HS and approaching his 3 year post transplant anniversary date, 16 year old Michael was not feeling well. After undergoing some tests, he received the news that the Leukemia had returned. On Tuesday, August 17, 2010, Michael was admitted to Hackensack University Medical Center to again go through chemo therapy treatments leading to another bone marrow transplant in the future. He will again be spending the next few months in the hospital.

To say that he has been through a lot is an understatement. He had to show strength and courage to go through the treatments and the transplant the first time. He built himself up to maintain his academic honors classes and resume competition in 2 sports. It is an absolute shock and completely devastating to know that he has to again show strength and courage to fight this battle. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers!

Meet Daniel Donlon: Daniel was diagnosed with testicular cancer on July 23, 2009, only weeks after his graduation, from Pequannock HS. Rather than going through the final stages of his preparation to enter college, Daniel was faced with immersing himself in a series of treatments to combat his cancer.

Treatments began at Hackensack University Medical Center immediately, with the first series of treatment completing on Daniel's 20th birthday, in October '09. Just prior to Thanksgiving '09 Daniel and his family were told the first round of chemotherapy were not successful and that Stage 2 treatments would begin the day after Thanksgiving. These consisted of a preliminary round of chemo, followed by a series of very high dose chemotherapy, and stem cell rescue/infusion. This series was given over an approximate 2-month period, which spanned over the holidays, ending in February.

Daniel showed excellent response, but in April 2010 Daniel's blood work showed that he was still not in remission, again. The next regiment began including more chemotherapy and 14 days of radiation. Still Daniel did not go into remission and is currently on clinical trial drugs, at Sloan Memorial Kettering. Daniel has endured several surgeries, tests, scans, and emergency room visits.

Daniel was a 4 year member of the Pequannock HS Lacrosse team, as well as an alumni of the Pequannock Lacrosse youth program. During all he has been through he has still made the time to give back to his community as much as possible by coaching youth players in a winter lacrosse clinic offered in Pequannock as well as assisting with the HS team as they participated in winter league action.

Daniel's ordeal has been long, frustrating and physically and mentally draining for him and his family. Hope, strength, prayers, and support of friends and family have been a major contributor to them getting thru this so far. Please include Daniel and his family in your prayers!

How does “Score for the Cure” work?

It is very easy ... just follow the steps below ... starting October 1st through November 23rd.

- 1) Register online at www.pequannocklacrosse.org and click on the “score for a Cure” button. Or register in person at the meeting being held at Thunder Practice on October 2. You need to choose full fall season of Fall Finale Classic only as your choice for participation.
- 2) You may make a personal donation of your choice (we recommend at least \$20.)
 - a. You will receive an official program T-shirt (to be handed out at a Thunder practice within the following 2-3 weeks)
 - b. You will receive a program pamphlet and pledge sheet
 - c. You will receive Pledge Confirmation receipts to be given to donors.
- 3) Begin to solicit sponsorships by telling Mike and Dan’s stories and introducing people to the work of the Headstrong Foundation.
- 4) No donation is too small. They can be made in variable amounts (ie: \$.10 per goal that your team scores during the fall tournament season) or a flat fee donation. (ie: \$50.00)
- 5) Fill out the sponsorship form listing all your sponsors.
- 6) Players must keep track of the goals your team scores during the fall.
- 7) After the last tournament, celebrate by collecting your donations from your sponsors. Be confident knowing you are making a significant difference in the lives of two boys locally as well as many others.
- 8) Submit your donations to the Pequannock Lacrosse Club, PO Box 56, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444. All checks should be made payable to “Pequannock Lacrosse Club” (NO CASH PLEASE and note “Score for A Cure” on the comment line.) or credit card donations may be made on the Pequannock Lacrosse website by clicking on the “Score for a Cure” button. Receipts will be sent via E-mail for all online donations.
- 9) All donations are tax exempt – EIN 74-3103320.

"Score for A Cure" Goal Tracker

Game	Date and Tournament	Opponent	Result (W/L)	Total Team Goals Scored
Example	11/6/10 – Fall Finale	LAX NUTS	W – 12-10	12
1				
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20				
			Total Season Goals	

“Score for A Cure” Donation Receipt Sheet

<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Thank you for your generous donation of _____, per goal, valued at _____, to Pequannock Lacrosse “Score for A Cure”, a non-profit 501c3 organization.</p> <p>Tax ID: EIN – 74-3103320</p> <p>Sincerely, Michael Cherenon, President</p> <p>PO Box 56, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444</p>	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Thank you for your generous donation of _____, per goal, valued at _____, to Pequannock Lacrosse “Score for A Cure”, a non-profit 501c3 organization.</p> <p>Tax ID: EIN – 74-3103320</p> <p>Sincerely, Michael Cherenon, President</p> <p>PO Box 56, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444</p>
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Present “Score for A Cure” receipts to supporters upon collecting donation at the end of the season.

Please make as many copies of this sheet as you will need or you can download additional copies at www.pequannocklacrosse.com

About Thunder Lacrosse , Pequannock Lacrosse and the “Thunder Bolt” Initiative

Jersey Thunder Lacrosse was started in 2005 and is a club lacrosse program that travels to elite level Youth and High School tournaments throughout the US. It is one of the programs offered by Ath-Ed Sports Inc., which was started in 1992 by John Gallucci “Senior” to allow top high school and youth lacrosse players in the Northern NJ area to have the opportunity for college level exposure and possibly extend their lacrosse experience beyond high school. Ath-Ed Sports has been running lacrosse leagues for boys and girls in Northern NJ since its inception and currently offers summer and fall leagues which play in Montville and Mount Olive, NJ.

The Pequannock Lacrosse Club was started in 2003 and its mission is to provide the boys and girls of Pequannock an opportunity to learn and play the game of lacrosse. They currently have over 200 players ranging from 2nd grade through 8th grade which play in the New Jersey Youth Lacrosse League.

Since many Pequannock players and coaches are involved in both the Ath-Ed lacrosse leagues as well as Jersey Thunder Lacrosse, the two organizations have agreed to start the **“Thunderbolt Initiative”**, in the fall of 2010, as a way to make immediate and significant impact and contributions to the local community.

Thunderbolt Initiative: The focus of the Thunderbolt initiative is to encourage the players and families of the Jersey Thunder Lacrosse program to get involved in their local communities in an immediate and meaningful way. Thunderbolts have long been symbolized in many cultural mythologies as a “Divine Weapon”. We want to wield that powerful weapon to do good in our local communities of Northern NJ. We invite other members of the extended Jersey Thunder community to bring us causes for consideration for future programs.

“SCORE FOR A CURE” Mission: To provide support for young lacrosse players and their families in our community in Northern NJ who are dealing with the challenges of cancer, cancer treatments, and then long term recovery. We want to provide what comfort and aid we can to the families as well as add to the fight by providing financial contributions for research , cures, treatment and public awareness efforts.

The goal is to provide the players of the Jersey Thunder Lacrosse program with a chance to learn additional “life lessons” by giving back to their community and to those in need. The first program that has been developed is the “Score for a Cure” program, which is modeled after a program by the same name initiated in the summer of 2010 by the Headstrong Foundation.

We welcome others in the NJ Lacrosse community to join our partnership and mission.

Your Contribution: Your contributions to the Fall 2010 “Score for a Cure” program, will provide direct financial assistance to the Donlon and Coppola families. We will also make a contribution to the HEADstrong Foundation in the name of both boys. The HEADstrong Foundation is a nationally recognized organization which makes a difference every day, in the lives of cancer patients, cancer survivors and their families. They finance many cancer research efforts as well as projects to spread awareness of blood cancer and other cancers such as testicular cancer, which affect so many young people in the world.

HEADstrong is especially well known for their contributions and programs within the lacrosse community and are the originators of the “Score for a Cure” program, which is an annual event being held nationally during the Spring lacrosse season. They raised over \$60,000 this past Spring in their first year of the program.

You can get more information about HEADstrong and their programs by visiting their website at www.headstrongfoundation.org.