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## **JAN. 31 CHARITY WRESTLING NIGHT WILL UNITE WEST BRANCH AND CURWENSVILLE Heart of a Champion Night Honors '68 Grad in Need of New Heart**

**MORRISDALE, Pa.**—On Thursday, January 31, come together for an epic night of wrestling at West Branch High School (516 Allport Cutoff) celebrating a proud alum. Beginning at 5 p.m., West Branch and Curwensville wrestling teams will participate in Heart of a Champion Night at West Branch High School to help John “Sam” Milliron, who is awaiting a life-saving heart transplant.

Sam Milliron is a 1968 Curwensville graduate. Sam received an LVAD heart pump in October 2018 as a bridge to transplant, but a heart transplant is ultimately the only chance of survival for the father of three and grandfather of seven. A large range of out-of-pocket costs are associated with the transplant, including co-pays and deductibles, doctor visits, temporary lodging and travel, and a life-time of highly expensive anti-rejection medications. Sam is fundraising with the nonprofit Help Hope Live at [helphopelive.org](http://helphopelive.org).

Sam’s grandson John is a senior on the West Branch wrestling team; Heart of a Champion Night will overlap with his West Branch Senior Night to support his grandfather’s heart journey.

Enjoy Heart of a Champion Night on January 31 beginning with elementary wrestlers at 5 p.m., followed by junior high at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7 p.m. Get your Sam Strong/Heart of a Champion t-shirt for a \$15 donation by contacting John Milliron at 814.553.0302 before January 22. Proceeds from Heart of a Champion Night and t-shirt sales will be donated to the nonprofit in honor of John Sam Milliron.

Can’t make it? Make a donation at any time in honor of John Sam Milliron by calling Help Hope Live at 800.642.8399 or visiting [helphopelive.org](http://helphopelive.org). Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, and all funds raised will be used to offset medical expenses via Help Hope Live’s Mid-Atlantic Transplant Fund.



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Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$135 million to pay patient expenses.

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