



Bite Me Cancer Foundation

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"SWINGING" AT CANCER RAISES \$12,000 FOR BITE ME CANCER!

June 2013 – Chantilly, Virginia -- More than 100 people were able to “Take a Swing at Cancer” on June 9 at the Dulles Golf Center and Sports Park in Dulles, VA, for Bite Me Cancer’s 2nd annual fundraiser. Teenage cancer survivor and founder of "Bite Me Cancer", Nikki Ferraro, welcomed and hosted the attendees which included childhood cancer patients and thyroid cancer survivors, their families and other supporters. Some sponsors donated tickets to Bite Me Cancer so that the foundation could invite cancer survivors to attend with their families.

More than \$12,000 was raised through 14 corporate sponsorships, nine individual sponsors, and ticket purchases. The four top sponsors were: Brambleton Soave Real Estate (Gold Medal Sponsor) and American Systems, Backflow Technologies and Denny & Gardner (Silver Medal Sponsors).

The event was designed to raise funds for Bite Me Cancer whose focus is on teen support programs and Thyroid Cancer research and awareness. Bite Me Cancer was founded in 2010 by Nikki Ferraro, then a junior at Chantilly HS, after she was diagnosed with a rare form of thyroid cancer. ***Nikki stated “I’m so happy with the great event we had, and I’m so grateful to our sponsors and attendees! I also am very encouraged by those attendees, especially the cancer survivors and their families, who told me they have been inspired by this event and Bite Me Cancer’s goals and other activities.”***

Bite Me Cancer promotes the idea that "Attitude is everything." This fundraiser’s proceeds will support these important Bite Me Cancer projects:

- **Teen Support Programs:** "A Bit of Bite Me Cancer" support bags are given to teens who are dealing with cancer, an online support group, a buddy program, support events, and more.
- **Thyroid Cancer Research/Awareness:** The fastest growing cancer in the country needs more research funding and awareness regarding symptoms and treatment challenges. Bite Me Cancer has a goal of raising \$115,000 by the end of this year to support two 2-year research grants.

Nikki is currently a junior at James Madison University and has successfully remained stable with her cancer condition. For more information please visit the www.BiteMeCancer.org website.