



# THE HUDSON STREET GAZETTE



## GWA Message

Hello CT IORG! I hope you all had an amazing summer filled with lots of memories. Whether you traveled far and wide, started a new hobby or even got to stay home and relax for the first time in a while, I hope this summer is one you truly will remember. Annie and I sure had a great summer traveling across jurisdictions to meet all of our forever family. This summer we got to travel to Maine, Vermont, Virginia, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Annie and I were very lucky to have a variety of girls travel with us each and every time. Each grand assembly weekend was filled with laughs and smiles as we got to bond with not only girls from our state but girls from across the world. This summer will always be my favorite summer, even though we may have been in a different state every weekend, we had a lot of fun while doing it! With the conclusion of our wonderful summer starts the beginning of another academic school year. Whether you're starting high school this year or going into your 10th year teaching, I wish you all the best as this new school year kicks off! I myself am starting a new school journey this year and although it may be rough sometimes I always know I have my Rainbow family to come home to! Remember hard work pays off! Make it a great 2023-2024 school year CT IORG!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Calleigh Cotter

GWA 2023-2024

## **Grand Officers Night - Saturday, September 9th 4pm**

**Please join us as we gather at the New Britain Lodge to watch the Grand Officers initiate 2 girls! The Grand Officers are working hard to prepare for this exciting event. They are looking forward to greeting you at 4pm for the initiation with light refreshments after the meeting.**

**On this day, and in support of our Year of Service, we will finish our collection of school supplies and start our September/October collection to support local pet shelters. Please consider contributing items to these two worthy causes.**

**This will also be the last day that you can register for the Rainbow Retreat. Please bring your registration form and payment if you are planning to go to the Retreat.**

## **Supporting our IORG Community**

Kelsey Reutenauer, Majority Rainbow Girl, member of the Executive Committee and a nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital will be participating in the Closer to Free Ride on September 9th. The following note is from Kelsey

Hi all

On September 9th, I will be hopping on my bike for my 6th year of doing the Closer to Free Ride. This is also my 2nd year riding for team Maddie's Magic Makers which is riding in honor of my friend's daughter Maddie who was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2021 at 18 months old. Now she's a tough as nails 3 year old who continues to thrive. I come back to ride each year to support cancer research and care at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center. One hundred percent of the funds we raise will go directly towards changing and saving lives. As of last year, teams are able to choose which direction funds are directed and our team is directing our donations to support Pediatric Oncology/Hematology Services Fund at the Yale's Children's Hospital.

Please help support Maddie, my team, and me by donating or coming to one of the cheer stations or along any of the routes to cheer on the riders as they ride to being Closer to Free.

Below is the link for my page to donate:

<https://www.rideclosertofree.org/participant/27329>

Cheer Station locations:

[https://assets.donordrive.com/rideclosertofree/files/\\$cms\\$/100/9B5B315C-A075-DFE0-1ED3D2C8BE213E56.pdf](https://assets.donordrive.com/rideclosertofree/files/$cms$/100/9B5B315C-A075-DFE0-1ED3D2C8BE213E56.pdf)

Maps of Ride Day routes to see where the riders go to cheer on the riders if a Cheer Station is not for



you

<https://www.rideclostofree.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1320>

Any kind of support is greatly appreciated! I won't deny that the people cheering along the way is what helps keep me going when my legs would rather give out

Thanks!!

Kelsey

## **10th Annual Teal Walk Saturday, September 16th, starting at 9am.**

Please join the members of Hope Assembly as they continue to assist with this event to honor the memory of Lisa Cosgrove, Past Mother Advisor of Hope Assembly.

The 10th Annual Litchfield T.E.A.L.® Walk™ will be held at the Bantam Civic Association, Alain White Memorial Field, 273 Bantam Lake Road Bantam, CT 06750.

Registration information below

<https://events.hakuapp.com/307bcfac2540eb4b8b63>

## **Ciara's Light Foundation Walk - September 23rd**

This year our State Charity is the Ciara's Light Foundation. This organization works to provide services and opportunities which improve the quality of individuals and families afflicted with special needs and life threatening medical conditions. Ciara's Light was started in memory of Ciara who had Dravet Syndrome. She was an amazing young lady who always had a smile on her face. In January of 2017 she sadly passed away from a seizure. Grand Worthy Advisor Calleigh went to school with Ciara and was a very close friend of hers. The walk on Sept 23rd is the main fundraising event for the Ciara's Light Foundation. We are looking for girls to come participate in the walk as well as volunteer. There are many different volunteer jobs that need to be filled. We are hoping girls can come support this cause that is very close to Calleigh's heart. The following link has information on how to register to walk or volunteer. Please join our CT IORG team and use code Rainbow when registering. [Ciara's Light Walk](#) Please reach out if you have any questions!

## **Rainbow Retreat**

The Rainbow Retreat will be held September 29 through October 1, at Camp Hazen. Registration is due at GO Night on September 9th. You can attend the whole weekend or just Saturday. We are planning to do the High Ropes course this year!

## Additional Dates

October 15th - Visitation #46, 2pm.

October 21-22 - New England Exchange in New Hampshire! We will gather with girls from the 6 New England states and also New York. It will be a great time to share some relaxing time with our IORG sisters. The cost will be \$25.00. Registration forms will be coming out soon.

October 28th - GWA Reception, Wallingford, CT. Invites will be coming out soon.

We are continuing to collect service hours and application signers info for the Supreme incentive program. Fill out the form below to capture all that you have done to contribute - and get working on your Supreme Incentive charm bracelet! The red shoe charm is for a girl who is the first line signer on an application, each of the other shoe charms are given for each 20 hours spent in service.

<https://www.jotform.com/tables/231264211006136>

## Grand Assembly Expenses Form

We have a new form that will be used to submit expenses for Grand Assembly. These would be for any item that has been purchased for Grand Assembly, such as services and goods related to Grand Assembly sessions. Once the form is submitted, it will be reviewed and reimbursement will be sent to you by our State Treasurer, Mom Ann McKusick. If you have any questions please contact Mom Needham.

The form can be found at <http://ctiorg.org/expenses>