



## RYAN JUDE DOYLE INFUSION SUITE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AND GRAND OPENING



The RD26 Foundation is proud and honored to announce the grand opening of the **Ryan Jude Doyle Infusion Suite at UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center** in Worcester. The Foundation thoughtfully decided to donate \$100,000 to support the renovation and expansion of the infusion room where Ryan once received treatment. The donation was made possible by the continued generosity and support of our community.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place in March to celebrate the completion of the renovated suite, which occurred earlier this year. The transformed space is more modern, brighter and comfortable for children and teens undergoing care. Five new treatment and companion chairs were installed to provide improved comfort, paired with upgraded TVs and Xboxes. The decor was refreshed, offering images for those of any age to play I Spy or enjoy the calming imagery, and the privacy curtains were updated. Due to the expansion

of the suite, forty percent more kids and teens can now receive their infusion treatments.

"We're all very excited to have this refreshed and expanded space for our patients and families," said Liz Parker Gagne, Donor & Community Engagement Officer at UMass Memorial Health. "It offers a better experience for all and makes us all feel good to be able to partner with such caring and generous grateful families like the Doyles and everyone who supports the RD26 Foundation." Alongside the UMass Memorial staff that completed this transformation, some of Ryan's old doctors and nurses attended the ceremony in remembrance of his positive spirit.

UMass Memorial staff featured at the ribbon-cutting ceremony pictured from left to right: *Andrew Penniman, Shavel Aldophe, Justin Precourt, Larry Rhein, Chris Macdonald and Stefanie Lowas.* The Doyle Family poses together at the infusion suite.

## A GREETING FROM KATIE

I was lucky enough to have cared for Ryan while he received treatment at UMass Memorial Medical Center, and I will never forget him. He always brought humor and positivity while at the hospital and demonstrated an enormous amount of grit. He endured a very grueling chemotherapy regimen and still found the strength to play plenty of practical jokes on his favorite staff members and show genuine concern for others by asking about their day. He was thoughtful, funny, fun and so full of life, even through the challenges of cancer treatment.

The RD26 Foundation recently funded renovations to the infusion suite at the UMass Children's Medical Center, and it has made the space a much more beautiful, bright and inviting space. Children spend many hours at a time in the infusion center receiving treatment, and it is now a wonderful space with large-screen TVs, child-friendly art and mood-lifting colors.

There is a quote about grief that states, "grief is just love with no place to go," and it's clear that Ryan's family and friends have taken the enormous

amount of that love they have for him and channeled it into this Foundation and doing good for the community, including the newly renovated infusion suite. Ryan will always be remembered here at UMass for the incredible person that he was, and his legacy will continue for many years to come. We just wish he were here to see it for himself. Thank you, Ryan and the RD26 Foundation.

- Katie Lage, RN



## ANNUAL RUN FOR RYAN 5K RETURNS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR



Runners, walkers, children and dogs returned for the Run for Ryan 5K & 1 Mile Walk for the fifth year. The RD26 Foundation held the beloved annual road race on a crisp November morning last year at Fountain Park in Wilbraham. The event brought together a community of over 300 participants, all in support of the Foundation and to honor the memory of Ryan.

The race buzzed with enthusiasm and energy as participants of all ages and abilities followed the course throughout the park, creating a lively and inspiring atmosphere. **Matt Provost** placed first in the men's division, and **Linda Spooner** took first place in the women's division. Each winner was awarded a gift card, as well as the runner who got closest to a 26-minute race time.

Thanks to the generosity and spirit of everyone involved, the race continues to grow each year, supporting the RD26 Foundation's mission to help families facing childhood cancer. We hope to see you all again next year!

## RD26 SPREADS HOLIDAY JOY



'Tis the season for giving back and holiday cheer! Last December, the RD26 Foundation donated a tree to the 25th Annual Festival of Trees.

Hosted at the Mass Mutual Center, the convention center is transformed into a winter won-

derland, beautifully decorated with trees donated from local businesses, organizations and individuals. All proceeds directly benefit the Springfield Boys and Girls Club, a program dedicated to creating environments where children and teens

of Springfield can learn, grow and build positive relationships.

Showcasing a gingerbread theme, the RD26 tree was adorned with gingerbread men and women of various sizes, sparkling red candies and frosted gingerbread treats. Alongside the festive decor, the tree also offered family-friendly and sports-related items and gift cards from nearby businesses. The warm and cozy design of the tree captured the spirit of the holidays, drew attention from attendees throughout the event and won the Most Magical Lighting Award.

As a yearly holiday tradition, the Doyle Family visited the Festival of Trees to experience the festive cheer. The RD26 Foundation was proud to donate a tree that contributed to making the event magical for other families, while giving back to the youth of Springfield and ensuring Ryan's legacy lives on in a meaningful way.

## RD26 SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS HOCKEY NIGHT



High energy radiated throughout the sold-out Springfield Thunderbirds hockey arena in late December of last year, bringing together fans and supporters for an unforgettable night of hockey and purpose. While the T-Birds played their rivals, the Providence Bruins, the RD26 Foundation was excited to host a fundraiser at the game.

Over 160 hockey tickets were sold, illustrating the

immense support of the Foundation's mission to continue Ryan's legacy. Sitting together and sporting their RD26 gear at the Mass Mutual Center arena, the RD26 community of T-Birds fans cheered for their local team as they watched the Thunderbirds get crushed by the Bruins.

In addition to receiving a portion of the ticket sales, the RD26 Foundation manned a fundraising booth at the game. The Foundation raffled a signed hockey jersey of Thunderbird player Matthew Kessel.

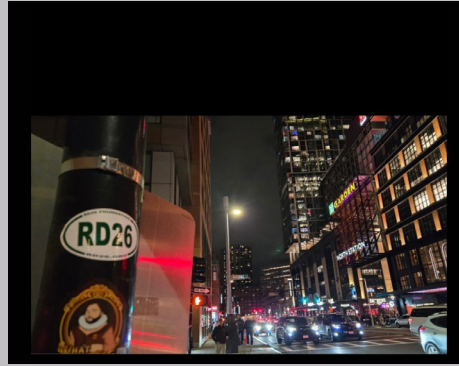
Pictured working the booth are **Don Laware, Tim Doyle, Brian and Lara Doyle**. The jersey raffle winners pictured are **Sara Drake and Curtis Fisher**.

A big thank you to **Joe Manning** for the help in organizing the event and to all those who attended. Together, we raised over \$1,600 to support families of children who are battling cancer.

# RD26 AROUND THE WORLD



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📍 Boston, MA



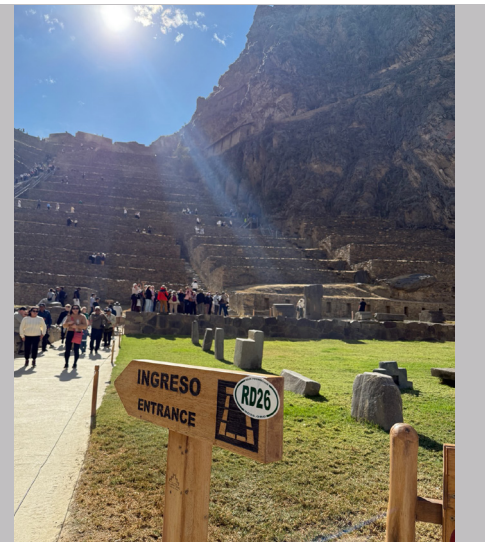
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*With your donations, the RD26 Foundation supports families of those undergoing cancer treatments. Those below received a donation and a backpack.*

**A nine-year-old: leukemia**

**A five-year-old: Wilms tumor**

**A seventeen-year-old: Hodgkin lymphoma**

**An eleven-year-old: leukemia**

**A three-year-old: leukemia**

**An eight-year-old: leukemia**

**A one-year-old: brain tumor**

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