



18TH Annual

Race For Grace®

MARCH 28, 2026

Presented by C•Harper Auto Group

Dear Potential Donor,

The 18th annual Race For Grace, benefitting the Reflections Of Grace Foundation, is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, PA. We are asking for your support by becoming a corporate sponsor of the event or by donating a gift in-kind, e.g., a door prize, a silent auction item, etc.

Your company's help is needed to reach our fundraising goal of \$185,000 for this year's Race For Grace.

Enclosed is a sponsorship form that explains the tiers in greater detail. Sponsorships vary in dollar amounts, with corresponding acknowledgements and attractive promotional opportunities for each tier.

The 17th annual Race For Grace was a huge success and brought in over \$175,000. The event attracted nearly 2,300 runners, walkers, spectators, and volunteers all coming together to create the sense of purpose and community Race For Grace is well known for. Being able to host our largest fundraiser 17 years later is not something we take for granted, for we know not every grassroots effort experiences the longevity that Race For Grace continues to attain.

Thanks to the support of past corporate sponsors like C•Harper Auto Group, U.S. Steel, Dollar Bank, Target, MSA, and The Pittsburgh Steelers, all 17 Races have collectively raised over \$2.11 million. To date, the Reflections Of Grace Foundation has given \$920,000 to 630 families of children battling brain cancer across the country. Additionally, the Foundation has awarded \$865,000 to fund crucial research grants worldwide through the DIPG/DMG Collaborative, with the intent of someday discovering a cure. We are humbled to have given over \$1.79 million directly to impacted children and much needed research.

The Race For Grace and its beneficiary Foundation are named after Grace Elizabeth Ekis, our 5-year-old daughter, who fought a courageous 13-month battle with a rare cancerous brain tumor called diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG). DIPG is a tumor of the brainstem for which there is no known cure and there have been no significant advances in treatment options for more than 40 years. Grace journeyed to Heaven on Valentine's Day 2008.

As its mission, the Reflections Of Grace Foundation is dedicated to:

- Providing financial, emotional, and educational support for children and their families affected by pediatric brain cancer.
- Raising awareness of all types of pediatric brain tumors, with a particular focus on DIPGs, or Brainstem Gliomas.
- Joining with other like-minded organizations in funding the search for a cure for all pediatric brain cancers.

If you have any questions regarding the Race For Grace or your donation, please contact our Sponsorship Committee Chair, Tricia Mahlstedt, at 412-496-1310 or patricia@reflectionsograce.org.

You may also find more information about the Foundation on our web site, www.reflectionsograce.org.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of and genuine care for our cause.

Sincerely,

Tamara Ekis, President and Grace's Mom

Brian Ekis, Vice President and Grace's Dad



Reflections Of Grace Foundation

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Available Sponsorship Opportunities (\$15,000 Presenting Sponsorship has been fulfilled)	T-Shirt \$10,000	5K Race Course OR Fun Walk \$5,000	Bib \$3,500	Area ** \$2,500	Gold \$1,500	Silver \$1,000	Bronze \$500	Gray Ribbon \$250	Patron \$100
Acknowledgements and promotional opportunities for each tier apply to monetary donations from companies									
Company name / logo identified on signage along each respective course									
Company name / 1 color logo featured on race t-shirt sleeve									
Company name / color logo featured on event bibs; print deadline is Feb 7, 2026									
Company provided and staffed table / Expo booth* on race day									
Recognition on Foundation social media platforms (~7,200 followers)									
Company name featured on event signage in Sponsor Area**									
Company logo featured on event signage, including race banner and race t-shirts									
Company name featured on event signage, including race banner and back of race t-shirts									
Virtual race bag + Sponsor link on Foundation site									
Listed as Sponsor on race program									
Complimentary Registrations	15	12	10	7	5	3	2		

*Selling of merchandise/services is prohibited. May promote merchandise/services and provide children's game or activity.

**Sponsorship Areas Available: Auctions, Awards, Children's Activities, Concession, Post-Race Refreshments, or Registration. All tiers give the sponsor the rights to use the event and official event artwork for Company's promotional purposes (subject to approval by the Reflections Of Grace Foundation).



**Gift In-Kind Donations
(product or service)**

Race For Grace welcomes the opportunity to discuss ways to offset the costs of goods and services via in-kind donations. In-kind gifts are donations of goods or services that are budget-relieving and/or add to the experience of the event participants. Examples include: ad space, printing, t-shirts, signage, etc. Let us know if you have an idea!

Sponsorship Benefits:

- In-kind value is based on the budgeted amount for the good/service. In-kind sponsors receive benefits above in line with that value.
- In-kind donations not budgeted for will be given sponsorship benefits equal to 50 percent of the value of the good/service donated.
- Please note that gift in-kind donations received after the print deadline (February 28, 2026) may be utilized for another Foundation event in the future.



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Sponsorship Form

Please return form & payment to:
P.O. Box 298 Irwin, PA 15642

Deadline for printed materials:
February 28, 2026

Please make checks payable to:
Reflections Of Grace Foundation
Federal Tax ID #26-3943927

Company or Individual Name:
(Please list donor name as you would like recognized in applicable print materials)

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Contact Name:

Contact Email:

Contact Phone Number:

Website:

Sponsorship Tiers:

- Presenting Sponsor-- \$15,000 Monetary Donation ✓ **Fulfilled**
- T-Shirt Sponsor -- \$10,000 Monetary Donation
- 5K Race Course OR Fun Walk -- \$5,000 Monetary Donation
- Bib Sponsor -- \$3,500 Monetary Donation
- Area Sponsor -- \$2,500 Monetary Donation -- (Area Selected: _____)
- Gold Sponsor -- \$1,500 Monetary Donation
- Silver Sponsor -- \$1,000 Monetary Donation
- Bronze Sponsor -- \$500 Monetary Donation
- Gray Ribbon Sponsor -- \$250 Monetary Donation
- Patron -- \$100 Monetary Donation
- Gift In-Kind Donation -- (Value \$ _____) *Value subject to Race Committee's approval

Please describe the product or service donated:

Please indicate preferred delivery method:

Total Amount Enclosed: \$

***For Committee Use Only**

Committee Contact: _____

Date Received: _____

Acknowledgment: _____

**Thank you very much for contributing!
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**



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