

The Evanosky Foundation "connects" with the Duke Team!

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Being able to keep in touch with families and friends via email or personal websites is critical for the well being of PBMT families. Over the past few years, the Ryan Kishbaugh Foundation, Cassie's Courage and the American Cancer Society's Red Sword Guild have purchased several laptops to support families with this need. These laptops have made a huge difference for many families. Until now, we have not been able to offer a laptop to every family. This has all changed as The Evanosky Foundation has teamed with Hewlett-Packard (who drastically lowered the price of the laptops) and Mark Coen, and account executive for computer supplier Carotek (who has donated a laser printer) to supply laptops for all 16 patient rooms. This will enable every family who comes to the Duke PBMT to "stay connected" to their friends and family.

Bob Evanosky, dad to PBMT patient Jack, as well as reps from HP and Carotek were at Duke for the presentation of the laptops. "Having lived on 5200 for several months, we recognize that maintaining a positive outlook is critical. A laptop will help parents, their children and their families to all stay connected and get the support they need during this challenging time," commented Bob. "Our laptop was a lifesaver," said Sonya Evanosky. "We couldn't imagine our stay on the unit without one, and we want to make sure that other families are able to use a laptop, too."

We are grateful to all the individuals and foundations who have supported the efforts to keep our families in touch with their loved ones.



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