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Groups band together to benefit childhood cancer patients

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By: News 8 Austin Staff

Its mission is to offer hope, healing and happiness for kids and families living with childhood cancer.



Harley Fetterman is just one of the children who benefits from KidStrong.

The local organization [Garrett's KidStrong](#) is named after 9-year-old Garrett Burnham who died from cancer in 2005.

This Saturday, you can help Garrett's KidStrong with a fun run and accompanying family activities.

Matt Didier is the president of the Leathernecks Marine Corps motorcycle club, just one of the organizations supporting this cause.

He said this is a big benefit for an extremely deserving group.

"The thing about KidStrong is these kids just want to be kids and there's a lot of hidden costs that insurance companies do not cover and what the families go through ...," Didier said.

KidStrong raises money to put on events such as a prom night or sock hop for kids who might not have had the opportunity to attend their own.

Harley Fetterman is just one of the children who benefits from KidStrong.

"Garrett's KidStrong helped me because I was a cancer kid at one point myself and thanks to Garrett's KidStrong I'm able to have fun or I was and still am," he said. "And, I help Garrett's KidStrong out now though, as well."

Saturday's event will include a petting zoo, face painting, magic tricks and plenty of food and fun for everyone.

The second annual KidStron Fun Run & Benefit is 12-6 p.m. at [Cindy's Gone Hog Wild](#), just east of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on State Highway 71.

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News 8's Todd Boatwright speaks to two people involved with Garrett's KidStrong.

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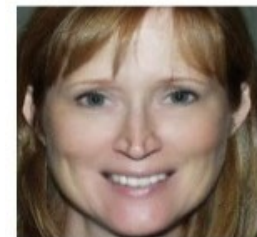
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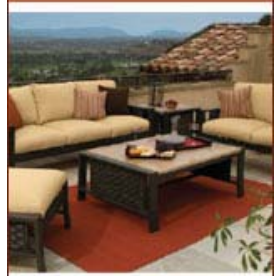
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