



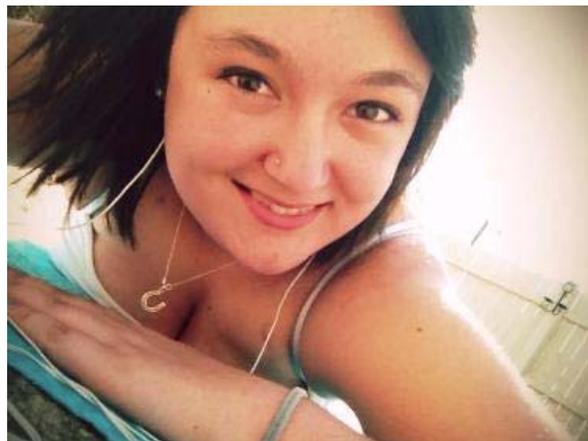
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WAKE FOREST POLICE SPONSORING FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL TEEN WITH CANCER

WAKE FOREST, NC – April 24, 2012 – The Wake Forest Police Department, Wake County Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 41, and the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club are teaming up to raise money to send a terminally ill teenager on an all-expense paid trip to Europe.

Sybrina Hayes, daughter of Wake Forest Police Officer Brenda Hayes, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2009 at the age of 14. After undergoing several rounds of chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant in 2010, Sybrina appeared to be cancer-free in early 2011 and even returned to Wake Forest-Rolesville High School. In November 2011, however, doctors informed Sybrina and her family that the cancer had returned and no other treatment options were available.



Sybrina, who is now 16, has always dreamed of visiting Europe, so Wake Forest Police, the Wake County FOP Lodge 41, and the Blue Knights are sponsoring a fundraiser to make her dream a reality. The fundraising goal is \$30,000 with any additional funds collected to be donated to the Duke Children's Hospital.

Monetary donations are being accepted and should be sent to Officer J.R. LeConey, Wake Forest Police Department, 225 S. Taylor St., Wake Forest, NC 27587. Checks should be made payable to Wake County FOP Lodge 41 Sybrina Fund.

Raffle tickets are also being sold for \$5 each from now through Friday, June 1. Prizes to be awarded include the following:

- Del-Ton AR15 rifle donated by Del-Ton
- Apple Ipad 2 donated by Wal-Mart
- Dewalt power tool combo set donated by Lowes Home Improvement
- Brinkman gas/charcoal/smoker grill donated by Home Depot
- Lowes brand mulch (1 pallet, approx 75 bags) donated by Oldcastle
- Three month membership to Rex Healthcare Gym donated by Rex Healthcare

The prize drawings will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Ray Price Harley Davidson in Raleigh.

An email account has also been set up at Sybrinafundraiser@gmail.com for anyone who wishes to offer words of encouragement to Sybrina.

For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, contact Officer J.R. LeConey at (919) 454-6340 or Jleconey@wakeforestnc.gov.

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