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## **Martial Arts for St. Jude Event to Help the Kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Kick Cancer**

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**BRIDGEVILLE, PA (May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013)** – Hosted by PRO Martial Arts Bridgeville, *Martial Arts for St. Jude* will kick off on Saturday, May 4th at 2pm to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, one of the world's premier pediatric cancer research centers.

The fundraising event will showcase martial arts skills including board breakings, a kick-a-thon, and a raffle while promoting the lifesaving mission of St. Jude. Tickets to the competition, which is open to the public, are available by contacting Shannon Glantz or Tim Campbell at (412)-278-3656 and/or [Bridgeville@promartialarts.com](mailto:Bridgeville@promartialarts.com)

This is the first year that PRO Martial Arts Bridgeville has held the *Martial Arts for St. Jude* program. "Martial arts promotes discipline and other life lessons," said Shannon Glantz, event coordinator. "What better lesson can I teach my students than to help those in need? Our event gives us a great opportunity to help the kids of St. Jude who are fighting for their lives against deadly diseases such as cancer."

Since opening in 1962, St. Jude has treated children from all 50 states and around the world. No child is ever denied treatment because of a family's inability to pay. With a daily operating cost of \$1.7 million, St. Jude depends mostly on public contributions and fundraising events, like *Martial Arts for St. Jude*.

For information about this event, follow us on Twitter @PMABridgeville, like PRO Martial Arts Bridgeville on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/PMABridgeville](http://www.facebook.com/PMABridgeville))

To learn more about hosting a *Martial Arts for St. Jude* event, call 1-800-567-0636 or visit [www.stjude.org/martialarts](http://www.stjude.org/martialarts).

### **About St. Jude**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering research and treatment of children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. The hospital's research has helped push overall survival rates for childhood cancer from less than 20 percent when the institution opened to almost 80 percent today. It is the first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted solely to children, and no family ever pays St. Jude for care. For more information, go to [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) and follow St. Jude on [www.facebook.com/stjude](http://www.facebook.com/stjude) and [www.twitter.com/stjude](http://www.twitter.com/stjude).

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