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Nineteen-year veteran Upper Dublin Head Coach **Heather Boyer is the Philafieldhockey Winning Coach of the Week.** Boyer’s Cardinals claim a record of 7-5 in the Suburban One American League, 8-6 overall, and are right on the bubble of advancing to District One playoffs. Wins and losses aside, Boyer is undoubtedly a winner.

Boyer and her flock have raised more than \$51,000 for cancer research over the last nine years through the team’s Corners for Cancer program. This year’s goal is \$10,000 and the team is well on its way. The Cardinals will host their annual Corners for Cancer game this Saturday, October 14 against Upper Moreland at 3:00 PM. In addition to the athletes’ paying tribute to those fighting cancer, the

game will feature a raffle of numerous creative gift baskets from families, neighborhood businesses and large organizations including the Phillies who have contributed every year.



Upper Dublin’s Corners for Cancer was created in 2009 when former player Maura Greenwood’s mother, Mary Kay was diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer and courageously battled the disease. Sadly, Mary Kay has since passed but what started as a tribute to her remains a memorial and has become a deeply seated part of the Upper Dublin field hockey program.

“Raising money for cancer research is part of our team culture. It’s something that the teams over the years have rallied around and this year is no different,” said Boyer. Senior captains Allie DeMichele, Molly Lunney, Emma Mead and Maddie Templeton began planning the team’s fundraising efforts under Boyer’s tutelage, before pre-season even started. “They take it very seriously – we all do.” Last year, Boyer took a step further by working with the school’s administration to make the Corners for Cancer program a senior culminating project.

The Cardinals will sport pink on Saturday, the color of Breast Cancer Awareness, but Corners for Cancer has broadened its reach to raise awareness and funding for all cancers.

“It’s time to move beyond individual cancer types – different colored ribbons,” said Boyer. “By supporting NCFR’s scientists in their invaluable research endeavors, we’re helping pave the way to do exactly that: cure cancer.”

With Boyer the helm, Upper Dublin field hockey has already raised funds this year by individually reaching out to their families, friends and local businesses, through online donations via their website, a can drive at a



football game, and a car wash. “One hundred percent of our fundraising goes toward the cause. None of it is for our team,” noted Boyer.

This year’s squad has experienced the real impact of cancer on a personal level. One player’s mom has colorectal cancer and another player’s grandfather recently passes away due to the disease. “Wins and losses on the field matter, but this – and these kinds of things – are what really matter,” continued Boyer. “I really want to make an impression on these girls and really work to teach them a life lesson that they can make a difference.”

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