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THE 2024 DRAIN FOR THE CURE IS HERE

Springfield Plastics' annual campaign to aid cancer research in Illinois and Iowa kicks off

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois – Springfield Plastics is kicking off its annual Drain for the Cure fundraiser. The fundraiser supports cancer research, prevention, and treatment at Simmons Cancer Institute at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Illinois, and John Stoddard Cancer Center at UnityPoint Health in Des Moines, Iowa.

Started in 2014, Springfield Plastics' Drain for the Cure campaign has raised more than \$850,000 over the years. Last year's campaign raised over \$186,000 and hopes are to surpass that number this year. All donations received during the month of October will be matched by Springfield Plastics (up to \$50,000 total).

“We’ve been overwhelmed by the support of our customers, vendors, employees, and community members in building this effort into what it is today,” said Steve Baker, President of Springfield Plastics. “I don’t think any of us imagined that one day we would cross the \$1,000,000 mark in donations through Drain for the Cure. With the continued generosity of past and new donors, we aim to surpass that goal this year.”

Simmons Cancer Institute and John Stoddard Cancer Center offer patient care, cancer research, and complementary programs and therapies for patients and families. Their access to national and international research allows them to perform clinical trials and research studies aimed at finding new, more effective cancer treatments.

“We’ve seen firsthand the impact these two institutions are having in the fight against cancer,” said Jennifer Furkin, Vice President of Springfield Plastics. “Every one of us has been touched by cancer either directly or through family and friends. Our hope is that these funds will assist in finding new therapies and make them readily available to patients to beat this terrible disease.”

Springfield Plastics would like to encourage area residents to donate to this tremendously important campaign. To donate, please visit drainfortheure.com, or checks can be made payable to SIU Foundation or John Stoddard Cancer Center and mailed or dropped off to Springfield Plastics, located at 7300 W. State Route 104, Auburn, IL 62615.

Donations will also be collected through an initiative held by Dale Himstedt of D&H Drainage and Shane Gray at S&J Gray Trucking, Inc. called Grain for the Cure where farmers can donate grain. To schedule a dump time, call or text Dale at 217-827-4455 (Morrisonville, Illinois area) or Shane at 217-971-2262 (Waverly, Illinois area) to donate your grain.

Springfield Plastics is once again involved in Game for the Cure events. On September 27, Springfield Plastics was at Auburn High School for their football game against Athens High School. They will also raise money on October 7 at North Mac High School's volleyball game against Auburn High School. At Game for the Cure, community members can make donations, and cancer survivors and their families are given an opportunity to share their stories.

To learn more about Drain for the Cure, donate, buy raffle tickets and merchandise, and get your business involved in this fundraiser, please visit drainfortheure.com!

ABOUT SPRINGFIELD PLASTICS: Springfield Plastics, Inc., with locations in Auburn, Illinois, and Humboldt, Iowa, is a Midwest manufacturer that has created plastic pipe solutions in the agricultural, residential, commercial, and highway markets since 1978. Springfield Plastics, Inc. is the sole U.S. manufacturer certified to use only 100% virgin resin in all products that provide peace of mind through the highest quality and consistency available in today's drainage market. For more information, please visit www.spipipe.com.

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