



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sept. 7

Oxford First Friday. Oxford Main Street. 6-9 p.m. Open to the public.

Sept. 8

Sadsbury Community Day. Gateway Church, 1670 Cowan Road. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Open to the public.

Sept. 11

Oxford Chamber of Commerce board meeting. Private event.

Sept. 15

Atglen Community Day. Ridge and Chester streets. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open to the public.

Sept. 17

Octorara School event for grades 7-12 about vaping. Private event.

Sept. 18

Youth Garage Center, 1155 S. Union St., Kennett Square. Open to the public.

Sept. 22

Pro-Act Recovery Walks! Great Plaza, Penn's Landing, Philadelphia. Registration 7 a.m.. walk at 9 a.m.

Sept. 27

Oxford Town Hall meeting on Drug and Alcohol Awareness. Handing out Narcan at Kacie's Cause table. Open to the public.

Sept. 28

Final Friday. Main St., Parkesburg. 4-8 p.m. Open to the public.

Sept. 28

Octorara High School homecoming parade and football game. Open to the public.

Oxford Final Friday. 4-8 p.m. Open to the public.

Sept. 29

Valley Day. Highlands Corporate Center, Coatesville. Noon-5 p.m. Open to the public. Rain date 9/30.

Join us at Overdose Awareness Day

Join us Aug. 31 as we hold vigils for International Overdose Awareness Day.

- *A candlelight vigil will be held from 7-9 p.m. at The Green at Oxford Presbyterian Church.*
- *A vigil will be held at First Baptist Church, 415 W. State St., Kennett*



Square, from 7-8:30 p.m. State Sen. Andy Dinniman will speak.

Both events are open to the public.

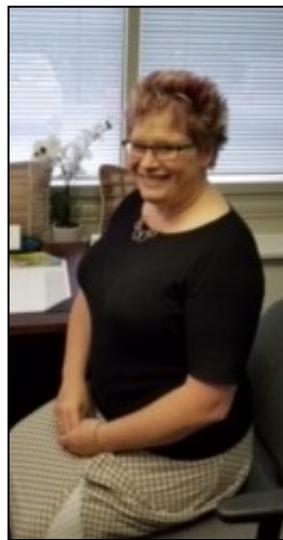
Fundraising pro joins Kacie's Cause

Kacie's Cause is excited to welcome Kristine Parkes, MA, CFRE, to our team.

Kristine is a development professional who will be helping us to raise much-needed funding that will enable us to expand our programs and services in the community.

As a member of the Chester County Consultants Collaborative, Kristine provides trainings at the Chester County

Community Foundation and participates in the foundation's Board of Trustee Institute.



She also teaches public relations and grant writing as an adjunct professor at area universities, and speaks to professionals about public relations, branding, fund development, and nonprofit management issues.

Kristine holds a bachelor's and master's degree in communications from La Salle University. She earned the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation from the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Kristine and her husband, Brian, live in Gilbertsville with their extremely spoiled English bulldog, Tiki.

Spotlight On The Board

Adam Sledd is one of 11 Kacie's Cause Board members who oversee the organization. Each month we will spotlight a different member.

Name: Adam Sledd

Background: I'm a person in long term recovery since 2011. I entered the field of substance use treatment and recovery support in 2013 and have worked in halfway houses, inpatient rehab, and outpatient settings. I'm currently Coordinator of Recovery Support Services for The Council of Southeast PA/PRO-ACT, and I oversee a Certified Recovery Specialist program. We provide individual recovery specialists to individuals in early recovery.

I recently completed my Master's in Social Work at West Chester University, where I am advocating for a collegiate recovery program.

Why I got involved: I was originally asked to speak for Kacie's Cause by my probation officer as I worked my way through Chester County's Recovery Court program.

I've been involved at some level ever since and was honored to be asked to sit on the board of directors. I love bringing my old VW to Cars for Kacie and hanging out with the cool cats while spreading the



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New Alliances

Three organizations have recently partnered with Kacie's Cause to support our work.

They include Bridgeway Sober Living House, Caron Treatment Centers, and Young People in Recovery (YPR).

Other alliances include Recovery Centers of America; Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services; Holcomb Behavioral Health; Good Fellowship Ambulance; and more.

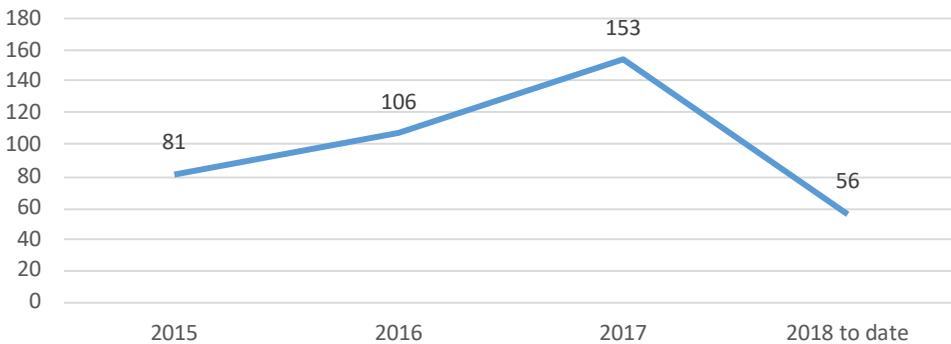
Preventing Overdoses

Thanks to a partnership with the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services, Kacie's Cause has received 1,250 doses of Naloxone (Narcan) that can treat opioid overdoses.

Fentanyl, an opioid pain medicine, has been found in more than 50 percent of overdose deaths statewide since 2015, according to state statistics. Heroin is the second-most common drug found in overdose victims.

If you are a Chester County resident and need Naloxone, please contact one of our chapters or Andy Rumford (andy.kaciescause@gmail.com).

Overdoses in Chester County



Statistics from overdosefreepa.pitt.com

Helpful Contacts And Resources

Looking for help for a loved one? Looking for support as you deal with addiction in a family member or friend? There are a number of resources available.

Always call 911 if you see any signs/symptoms of a drug overdose in a friend or family member.

800-662-4357: SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

855-DRUGFREE: Parent hotline by Partnership for Drug-Free Kids.

866-268-3767: Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services

800-917-1117: COAD (Chester County Council on Addictive Diseases)

Spotlight On The Board: Adam Sledd

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What I want people to know about

Kacie's Cause: Kacie's Cause is a local, grassroots organization whose goal is to help support families dealing with the issue of substance use at any stage, from prevention to grief, and to hopefully help them to arrest that progression as early as possible.

We provide real, local, accessible resources and practical information that families can use in their everyday lives to help mitigate the damage done by substance use.

We are made up of local stakeholders and are fully invested in our communities. I would encourage anyone who wants to be a part of something positive in this critical time to get involved with Kacie's Cause.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Parkeburg: Wednesdays 7-8 p.m.

Parkeburg Point Chapel

700 Main St., Parkeburg

Kennett Square: Thursdays 7-9 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Kennett Square

415 W. State St., Kennett Square

Coatesville: Coming soon

CHAPTERS

Each chapter of Kacie's Cause has a Facebook page with information relating to their group.

To contact them, use the information below.

Kennett Square: /kaciescausecom

Parkeburg: /Kaciescauseparkeburg

Exton: /Kaciescauseexton

Oxford: /Oxford-Chapter-Kacies-Cause

Newark, Del.: /Kacies-Cause-Newark-Chapter

Coatesville: /Kaciescausecoatesville

Poconos:

/poconosregionkaciescause

WHO WE ARE

Kacie's Cause is a nonprofit organization for parents, family and friends of

those battling the disease of addiction.

It was founded by Andy and Donna Rumford on March 12, 2013 — the day their daughter, Kacie Erin Rumford, died of a heroin overdose.

The 501(c)3 organization is dedicated to Kacie Erin Rumford, her memory, her love of all of us and her desire to change this world to be a better place to live ... from her family and friends who love her.

To contact Kacie's Cause, e-mail andy.kaciescause@gmail.com or go online at www.kaciescause.com.



5th Annual
Cars for Kacie
Car Show

Downingtown East High School • 50 Devon Drive, Exton, PA

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

(Rain date - October 7th)



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