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LHSF Walk-a-Thon

The Prosecutor's report stated on the 50/50 Raffle ticket sales that the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and several Board members of the LHSF's Union County Chapter are employed in various positions by Union County .

Curiously, the Prosecutor's Report did not report details about this Walk-a-Thon fund-raising event. The report only mentions that the Walk-a-Thon generated income; however "there are no records to verify the amount."

The Prosecutor's report does not mention:

- ⤴ How much was raised by the Walk-a-Thon
- ⤴ How much in county resources/employees were used to help raise it
- ⤴ How many county employees were solicited by the county manager to contribute and participate
- ⤴ That County Manager George Devanney, his wife, county vendors and employees benefited by the funds raised through being given exotic mountain trek trips.

The only estimate of how much might have been raised comes from an August 1, 2008 posting on a website "thealarm.groupee.net" that estimates that in 2007 "the fund-raising walk raised more than \$75,000".

Missing Money: \$75,000

Exhibits Attached:

D2 Excerpt from Prosecutor's Report

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engage in fundraising activities at the site of the 2010 MusicFest (Exhibit 7). LHS is a national charity based in Denver, Colorado with a local chapter in Union County. The charity *Love, Hope, Strength Foundation* has undertaken a global initiative to raise funds and awareness through music related events and promotions. The Valerie Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support for the comprehensive healthcare of children with cancer and blood disorders. The President, Treasurer, Secretary, and several Board members of LHS's Union County Chapter are employed in various positions by Union County.

During the 2010 MusicFest, LHS engaged in fundraising activities, such as: a raffle and a walk-a-thon for the benefit of the Valerie Fund, and the sale of alcoholic beverages in a "Beer Garden" tent for LHS. The appropriate permit was obtained from the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Board by LHS to sell alcoholic beverages, which it purchased from High Grade Beverage Company at a cost of \$15,194.94. The sale of alcoholic beverages generated proceeds of \$37,507.00. In addition, LHS conducted a 50/50 raffle which produced a profit of \$4,618.50, and a Walk-a-Thon, which generated income; however there are no records to verify the amount.

The LHS "Beer Garden" generated a significant amount of cash through the sale of alcoholic beverages. This money was collected by County employees. The money was then ultimately transported to the Union County Administration Building where it was placed in a safe at the Union County Finance Department. The total amount placed in the safe was \$37,507.00. This money was then deposited in the Union County Chapter of LHS's bank account. These deposits were made incrementally by George Devanney. When questioned as to the reason behind this method of



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UNION COUNTY JOINS WITH MIKE PETERS OF THE ALARM AND THE VALERIE FUND IN CHARITY ANNOUNCEMENT ON TUESDAY FOR ROCK ON! WALKATHON & 5K ROCK N' RUN

SUMMIT---Mike Peters, of the rock group The Alarm, joined with Union County officials on Tuesday afternoon in announcing The Valerie Fund as one of the beneficiaries of the Rock On! Walkathon & 5K Rock N' Run.

Peters, a two-time cancer survivor and a founder of the charity Love Hope Strength Foundation (www.lovehopestrength.org) toured The Valerie Fund facility at Overlook Hospital, visiting with families and staff, and held a press announcement with Union County government officials, including the County Manager, and representatives of The Valerie Fund, including Executive Director Barry Kirschner.

"On behalf of the Love Hope Strength Foundation, I would like to once again thank the Freeholder Board and the County for their support in allowing us to partner for this benefit," said Peters. "This will allow our foundation to provide critical funding globally for cancer centers worldwide through our foundation, and help children locally with cancer and blood disorders in New Jersey through The Valerie Fund."

Peters is a two-time cancer survivor and a founder of the charity Love Hope Strength Foundation (www.lovehopestrength.org). The Valerie Fund (www.thevaleriefund.org) is a not-for-profit organization established to provide support for the comprehensive health care of children with cancer and blood disorders. The Rock On! Walkathon and 5K Rock N' Run (www.ucmusicfest.com) will be held on Saturday, September 6th at Musicfest '08 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford with registration at 7:30 a.m., followed by a 9 a.m. run start, and a 9:15 a.m. walk start.

The Rock on! Walkathon and 5k Rock N' Run (www.ucmusicfest.com) will be held on the morning of Saturday, September 6th at Musicfest '08 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

The Rock on! Walkathon and 5k Rock N' Run (on a certified USATF course) will precede Union County MusicFest '08, with registration at 7:30 a.m., and 9 a.m. run start, 9:15 a.m. walk start.

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The Valerie Fund provides support for the comprehensive health care for children with cancer and blood disorders. The fund maintains eight centers in the tri-state area, including its original location in Summit at Overlook Hospital.

"It is an honor to partner with Union County, the Freeholder Board and the Love Hope Strength Foundation," said Valerie Fund Executive Director Barry Kirschner. "Through this partnership, we will be able to do more to help children and their families who suffer from cancer and blood disorders and make a huge difference in their lives."

The Valerie Fund will use the donations to provide transportation for needy families to cancer care, as well as provide for a "Community medicine chest" to help families without drug plans who cannot afford the high cost of oncology drugs. The money will also be used to begin a neuropsychological testing program for children off treatment, who exhibit late effects of chemotherapy.

The Valerie Fund is a non-profit organization established in 1976 in memory of nine-year-old Valerie Goldstein by her parents, Ed and Sue, who saw the need for making quality outpatient care available close to a child's home. They realized that parents and their sick children should not have to contend with exhaustive commutes to reach adequate medical care. Their grass-roots effort began in their basement with the help of friends and family.

The Valerie Fund's Children's Centers now comprise the largest network of health care facilities for children with cancer and blood disorders in New Jersey and is one of the largest in the nation. The centers hosts approximately 28,000 patient visits each year.

Last year, the fundraising walk raised more than \$75,000 for both the Love Hope Strength Foundation, and the New Jersey Citizens Coalition for Cures, a statewide not-for-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the importance and potential benefits of

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