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Hello everyone! I hope all of you out there had a fantastic summer. I am excited for fall and the beginning of the football season! The past couple weeks the BallouSkies team has been fairly busy with various events. A couple weeks ago we held our second annual BalloSkies Fun Walk and had a great time. Moon High School was kind enough to let us use their track to hold the 2 mile walk. The weather was gloomy but we still had a great turnout. We raised over four thousand dollars in just a couple of hours! I know it's a little late but I want to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success! As I have said many times before without your support none of what BallouSkies has accomplished would be possible. It is amazing what people can achieve when they work together for a common cause. Also, if you missed the event this year be sure to try to make it to next summer's walk! All of the details on upcoming events can be found on Facebook and the BallouSkies website! Be sure to check them out and contact us if anyone has any ideas or thoughts that could help us raise funds!

The next big thing for the charity is a public service announcement that Ohio State University is filming. Since we are so involved with OSU, my dad and I were contacted by OSU to be featured in the PSA. Of course we said yes! The PSA focuses on the OSU cardiac department and how they are helping to change the face of medicine with their care and ongoing research. This is a huge opportunity for BallouSkies to gain more attention. Not only does this help to spread the word about BallouSkies to more people, it also ties our charity with one of the best hospitals in the country. The PSA is to be shown during OSU football games. This is awesome because I know that so many people like OSU and that means a lot of people in Ohio will get a chance to see what BallouSkies is all about. It is great when these opportunities are presented to you with a bow on top! When the PSA is complete we plan to hopefully post it on the website and to Facebook. So be sure to look for the video probably sometime next week! (Don't quote me on that! Haha) I would like to thank Ohio State and all that they have done for my family over the years, and all that they have done to help spread the message of BallouSkies. I am beyond excited to see the finished product and see what new doorways will be opened!

Looking ahead after the PSA airs, the next event to be held is our annual happy hour fundraiser held at Buckhead's Saloon in Station Square. I am not 100% sure of all the details of the event. It will be held in October as usual, but I unfortunately don't have much information right now. So be sure to check back on the website and you can count on receiving a Facebook event invite from me in the next couple weeks! To finish up, I just want to reiterate that our success is owed to everyone who has come to an event or donated to the cause! You guys rock and I am glad I have all of you by my side to help in my fight against MD. On a lighter note, go out and have a last hurrah for summer! Enjoy the sunshine and each other. Before you know it the weather will change and Pittsburgh lovely fall and winter seasons will be upon us! Let's go Steelers!