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### Huntley High School Goes Gold with Cal's Angels for Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month

HUNTLEY, IL – President Obama has recently declared September to be Pediatric Cancer awareness month. This proclamation was welcomed by Huntley High School's students and staff, who enthusiastically accepted an offer to partner with Cal's Angels to raise awareness in the community. Cal's Angels is an organization that grants wishes, raises awareness and funds research to help kids fighting cancer.

During the month of September, all HHS athletes will wear gold items (socks, headbands, bows, etc.) provided by Cal's Angels to games. In addition, the school sponsored a "Gold Out" at its September 9 home football game, at which the normally crimson crowd turned into a sea of gold (photos and video available below).

Principal Scott Rowe said the school has in recent years supported many efforts to support childhood cancer research and awareness. For each of the past two years, the school has been strongly involved with St. Baldrick's, an organization that has raised millions of dollars for childhood cancer research through its famed annual head-shaving events held around St. Patrick's Day.

"In the past two years Huntley High School, partnering with the Huntley community, has raised nearly \$150,000 through donations to sponsor students, staff, and community members to shave their heads in a sign of solidarity with those kids who lose their hair to cancer treatment," Rowe said. "So when Cal's Angels approached the school about participating in 'Going Gold for Pediatric Cancer' for the month of September with their athletic programs, a resounding yes was an easy answer to give."

Cal's Angels is a St. Charles, Illinois based 501(c)(3) pediatric cancer foundation established in 2007 by Tom and Stacey Sutter after losing their oldest son to leukemia in 2006. During his treatment, Cal always cared about others before himself. Cal's kindness inspired Tom and Stacey to start a foundation that would grant wishes for kids fighting cancer and provide financial assistance for their families. To date, Cal's Angels have granted 957 wishes and donated \$200,000 to Lurie Children's Hospital.

**Click the link below to view/download photos and drone video of the September 9 "Gold Out."**

<http://www.district158.org/blog/2016/09/13/hhs-goes-gold-with-cals-angels-for-pediatric-cancer-awareness-month/>

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