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County Executive Craig Proclaims September 26, 2009 Superheroes Day in Bel Air

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig has proclaimed Saturday, September 26, 2009 as “Superheroes Day” in Bel Air. The County Executive made the announcement and presented a formal proclamation at the third annual Harford County Tourism Industry Networking Breakfast, Monday, September 21, 2009.

“Superheroes Day” is our way of recognizing the problem of childhood cancer and the unselfish and countless acts of heroism that people demonstrate each day in supporting children who suffer from this terrible disease,” stated County Executive Craig. “We simply want everyone to be aware that cancer knows no boundaries when it comes to age, sex or race of those it afflicts,” the county executive remarked.

The idea for a “Superheroes Day” recognition came from Dave Anderson, manager of Buontempo Brothers in Bel Air. Anderson knew of a six-year old, Dominic Osorio, who has been battling brain cancer for two years. Dominic and his family were regular customers of Buontempo Brothers and after learning of the youngsters condition, Anderson wanted to help raise awareness about childhood cancer and the fight for life being waged by Dominic who many consider to be a true superhero.

Anderson also reached out to two other local Harford Countians to help spread the message about childhood cancer through the publication of a comic book titled, “The Dominator”. The comic book was written by Tony Calandra and illustrated by Nate Getz of Getz-Calandra Productions, and was completed in time for Cancer Awareness Month which is September.

“Unfortunately there are far too many children like Dominic who are our heroes as they fight this dreaded disease each day of their life,” County Executive Craig stated. “We simply want to help raise the level of awareness of the problem of childhood cancer and that each of us can step up to be a hero in support of children battling cancer,” Craig remarked.

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