

Crossing the Finish Line celebrates 10 years of service

SEA ISLE CITY – It's always wonderful when a community can come together, especially in a time of economic hardship, to support a great cause. Sea Isle City, and the surrounding area, did just that on Saturday, Aug. 15 at the Crossing the Finish Line (CFL) Flip Flop Birthday Bash to celebrate the organization's 10th anniversary.

The event was held at Minmar Marine.

CFL is a non-profit organization which raises money to send young adult cancer patients away on vacation with their families to donated homes, primarily on the East Coast. It was founded by Peter Bossow before he passed away from testicular cancer. His wife, Marci Schankweiler, has made sure Bossow's vision has continued on to help bring joy to others every year.

The Flip Flop Birthday Bash was a huge success for all ages of the family. Along with food and beverages, people could participate in a variety of activities. There was a silent auction, tombola, face painting, a craft station, and DJ Mike Burns kept the music rolling for everyone's enjoyment. Attendees could also purchase CFL t-shirts, flip-flops, and mood cups that change color when filled.

Marci Schankweiler was thrilled with the



Matthew Fischer, 6, of Philadelphia Pa., reveals an excited first glimpse of his new face after having a skull painted on it.

amount of support from Sea Isle City and its surrounding areas. She explained that she has many volunteers in Sea Isle to help with promoting the organization, as well as greeting the families when they visit nearby towns.

Over 95 businesses in Sea Isle and its neighboring communities participated in donating auction items and sponsoring the event.

"So many people and businesses come together to do it, it's really remarkable," she said.



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Max Shah, 5, enjoys coloring while Lauren Martino, 3, receives help from her father Paul, to make a mask at one of the arts and crafts stations set up during Crossing the Finish Line's 10th Anniversary birthday bash held at the Minmar Marine.

