

Volley for the Fight

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Perry, Ohio – On September 7th, Perry High school's volleyball department hosted a Colon Cancer Awareness fundraiser in honor of the Thompson family.

Scott Thompson, father of Calli Thompson (varsity) and Elyse Thompson (8th grade volleyball), is presently combating colon/lung cancer, so in support the Perry volleyball department and athletic boosters decided to assemble a game in recognition and for aid towards Thompson's struggles.

The fundraiser consisted of raffles and activities including winning baskets and participating in a 50/50 drawing; such activities including a bake sale and five volleyball matches were events used to reach the total proceeds of \$6,001. All proceeds are used to benefit Mr. Thompson.

Those who came together in support of one of their own, were asked to wear blue in collaboration with the symbolic dark blue cancer ribbon. In addition to supporting spectators, players of all teams were announced and fist bumped Mr. Thompson. Shirts were also made for the Thompson family as well as Perry varsity and 8th grade volleyball stating "Team Thompson, Fight."

Lastly, Perry volleyball ended with a clean sweep, 7th, 8th, freshman, jv, and varsity all winning in their matches, no sets lost, against Heritage Middle School and Chagrin High School.

"[I] Wanted to thank everyone one last time, you guys all helped make this night so special for my family and words really can't describe how grateful we are. Very

happy to be a part of this team,” Calli Thompson expressed gratitude to those who supported and took part in organizing the fundraiser.