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## **Record Turnout Expected for Valerie Fund 2008 Walk-A-Thon and 5K Run**

**WEST ORANGE, NJ** – The cause is close to his heart and John Gallucci, Jr. is once again spearheading the JAG Physical Therapy and WCBS-TV Valerie Fund 2008 Walk-A-Thon and 5K Run. The event will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at Verona Park in Verona, New Jersey and organizers are expecting a record turnout.

Gallucci is one of the presenting sponsors of the event for a second year in a row. He knows what great work The Valerie Fund has done so he wants to do his part.

“I’m really excited to be able to work with The Valerie Fund again this year,” said Gallucci. “To be able to help an organization which helps thousands of children in our area is truly rewarding. I urge everyone to come out and take a walk or run to help the cause.”

Gallucci is the President and founder of JAG Physical Therapy, one of the foremost authorities on professional and amateur athletic rehabilitation. JAG PT is a comprehensive orthopedic and sports physical therapy center located in West Orange, New Jersey. In addition to his role as president of JAG PT, Gallucci is the Medical Coordinator for Major League Soccer and has had numerous affiliations with youth and professional sports over the past two decades.

The Valerie Fund is a not-for-profit organization established in 1976 in memory of nine-year-old Valerie Goldstein. Valerie’s parents, Ed and Sue Goldstein, founded the organization. The Valerie Fund’s mission is to provide support for the comprehensive health care of children with cancer and blood disorders. There are currently eight Valerie Fund Children’s Centers for Cancer and Blood Disorders located in major hospitals in the tri-state area, providing caring and comprehensive health care to more than 5,000 children and their families each year.

The Valerie Fund Children’s Centers comprise the largest network of healthcare facilities for children with cancer and blood disorders in New Jersey, and one of the largest in the nation. They host over 35,000 patient visits each year.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the 5K Run, which begins at 9:30 a.m. The walk commences at 11:00 a.m. For more information on The Valerie Fund or to register for the event, visit [www.thevaleriefund.org](http://www.thevaleriefund.org), call (973) 761-0422, or send an email to: [bflanders@thevaleriefund.org](mailto:bflanders@thevaleriefund.org).

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