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Drain for the Cure Is Back for 2025 and Bigger Than Ever

*Springfield Plastics' annual campaign to aid
cancer research in Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana kicks off*

Springfield, Illinois – Springfield Plastics is kicking off its annual Drain for the Cure fundraiser. The fundraiser supports cancer research, prevention, and treatment at Simmons Cancer Institute at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Illinois; John Stoddard Cancer Center at UnityPoint Health in Des Moines, Iowa; and Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Started in 2014, Springfield Plastics' Drain for the Cure campaign has raised more than \$1,000,000 over the years to help in the fight against cancer. Last year's campaign raised over \$182,000, and the hope is to surpass that number this year. All donations received during the month of October will be matched by Springfield Plastics (up to \$65,000 total).

"We've been deeply moved by the kindness and generosity of our customers, vendors, employees, and communities," said Jennifer Furkin, President of Springfield Plastics. "Drain for the Cure started as a simple way to give back and has grown into something that's making a real difference, and we're so grateful to everyone who's helping us continue this journey."

Simmons Cancer Institute, John Stoddard Cancer Center, and Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center offer patient care, cancer research, and complementary programs and therapies for patients and families. Their access to national and international research allows them to perform clinical trials and research studies aimed at finding new, more effective cancer treatments.

"Cancer has touched nearly every life, either personally or through a family member or a friend," Furkin said. "Our greatest hope is that these funds will spark breakthroughs in treatment and bring life-changing therapies to patients as quickly as possible, so more people can win their fights, and more families can keep the moments that matter most."

Springfield Plastics would like to encourage everyone to donate to this tremendously important campaign. To donate, please visit drainforthe cure.com, or checks can be made payable to SIU Foundation, John Stoddard Cancer Center, or Indiana University Foundation and mailed or dropped off to Springfield Plastics, located at 7300 W. State Route 104, Auburn, IL 62615.

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Other ways to participate in Illinois

For the first time ever, Drain for the Cure is hosting a music-filled Sunday Funday at Route 66 Motorheads Bar and Grill in Springfield, Illinois. Featuring Springfield-area bands Deja Voodoo and Lick Creek, Sunday Funday will take place November 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and will be available online at drainfortheure.com and at the door. Must be 21+ to attend.

Donations will also be collected through an initiative held by Dale Himstedt of D&H Drainage and Shane Gray at S&J Gray Trucking, Inc. called Grain for the Cure where farmers can donate grain. To schedule a dump time, call or text Dale at 217-827-4455 (Morrisonville, Illinois area) or Shane at 217-971-2262 (Waverly, Illinois area) to donate your grain.

Springfield Plastics is once again taking part in Game for the Cure events. At Game for the Cure, community members can make donations, and cancer survivors and their families are given an opportunity to share their stories. Auburn High School and Maroa-Forsyth High School each hosted football games in September. On October 6, Auburn High School is hosting North Mac High School for a volleyball Game for the Cure.

To learn more about Drain for the Cure, donate, buy merchandise, and get your business involved in this fundraiser, please visit drainfortheure.com!

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