

## **Signature Salon & Spa's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraiser**

**October 18, 2015  
11am - 4pm**

This year we are raising funds to help the Harms family, a local Readington Township family with two children suffering from cancer.

Three years ago their 11-year-old son, Matthew, was diagnosed with T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, or ALL for short. It is a parent's worst nightmare, hearing that your child has cancer. Over the course of treatment Matthew missed 9 months of school, spent countless days in the hospital, and grew up way too fast. He's endured countless IV treatments, swallowed thousands of pills and has had over 20 spinal taps. His activities are limited and he's missed out on making lasting childhood memories because cancer robbed them from him. Matthew is still undergoing treatment.

Having one child with cancer would be devastating enough for any family, but in January of this year, nearly 3 years from the date of Matthew's diagnosis, the family's 14-year-old daughter, Leah, was diagnosed with Stage II Hodgkin Lymphoma. After four cycles of intense chemotherapy, Leah required three weeks of proton radiation. She completed all treatment in June 2015; but her latest scans in the beginning of September still show evidence of the disease. The scans between the end of June and September show an improvement in that her mass has shrunk and isn't growing as strongly. As an option provided by her oncologist, she has decided to wait another 3 months and do scans again.

She's 14, an 8th grader, and in the throws of figuring out who she is and where she belongs. Being out of school for over 6 months is extremely difficult for her as it is where she feels most comfortable - she loves school and the drama club.

Monies raised will be used to offset the cost of medical treatments and household expenses.