# Local Media Outreach Checklist





Media is a free and effective way to generate interest around your event or a personal story and help raise awareness about childhood cancer research and the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

### Four Weeks in Advance

- 1. View Media Training Video\*. If you would like to sign up for a media training session with the St. Baldrick's media relations team, please let your St. Baldrick's event coach know and they will coordinate this for you.
- 2. Check with your event coach to see if there are other St. Baldrick's events in your area. If so, try to coordinate your media and publicity efforts with other events.
- 3. Build a media list and gather contact info for the general news desk, general assignment reporters and assignment editors. If you need specific contacts or are in a larger market with multiple media outlets, please contact your event coach to discuss whether the St. Baldrick's media relations team could be of assistance.
- 4. Customize the Pre-Event Press Release Template\* and send to weekly and daily publications.
- 5. Promote your event on social media sites by listing your event details. Make sure to tag St. Baldrick's.

#### Two Weeks in Advance

- 1. Finalize Media List.
- 2. Download, customize and distribute the sample Media Alert Template\* with your event information.
- 3. Continue to promote your event on social media channels.

# **Week of Event**

- 1. Follow up with media alert previously sent.
- 2. If you expect to have media attend your event, download, and print Press Kits\*
- 3. Review Media Training Video\* and Media Talking Points\*.
- 4. Continue to promote your event on social media channels.

# Day of Event

- 1. Establish a point person for media when they arrive. Have press kits available for the media. Introduce interviewees to the media.
- 2. Print Media Talking Points\* if needed.
- 3. Use social media to update others about your event in real-time.

#### Within the First 48 Hours Post-Event

- 1. Customize Post-Event Press Release\* and include total funds raised/heads shaved and send to local media.
- 2. When sending photos, please ensure they are at least 300 dpi and the caption should include a brief explanation of the photo's contents as well as the names of those appearing in it.
- 3. If you had a professional photographer at your event, ask them if they would be willing to donate their photos to St. Baldrick's. If so, please contact Photos@StBaldricks.org.
- 4. Provide a list of media in attendance at your event and/or news coverage clippings to your event coach.

Questions? Email the St. Baldrick's media team at Media@StBaldricks.org \*all templates are available in the Resource Lounge

