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StarCatcher Musicfest featuring *Tramps Like Us* Benefit Concert  
Friday, Sept. 1 at Hamden Town Center Park

Hamden, Conn. – Aug. 17, 2017 -- Bruce Springsteen cover band **Tramps Like Us** will kick off Childhood Cancer Awareness Month with a free concert to benefit Connecticut cancer charities [Circle of Care](#) and [Tommy Fund](#) for Childhood Cancer. Last year, the event drew more than 15,000 people and they are returning to Hamden this year to help raise awareness and much-needed funds for children with cancer.

Admission to the StarCatcher Musicfest is free, but individuals can help support children in treatment and underwrite the cost of this event by [making a donation](#). All proceeds go directly to children with cancer, and are split between Circle of Care and Tommy Fund.

“This concert sends an important message to every child in treatment for cancer in Connecticut that they are not alone,” said Jeff Kimball, Executive Director of Circle of Care. “We are taking a moment to celebrate children for who they are, not their disease. We are so grateful to the Town of Hamden, our partners, the Tommy Fund, and everyone who has volunteered their time to make this event a reality. We look forward to sharing this special night with everyone in the Hamden area whose life has been touched by cancer. Together, we are stronger. Rock on!”

“The Tommy Fund is proud to be a part of the StarCatcher Music Fest,” said Peter Parente, President of The Tommy Fund. “This event is a celebration for childhood cancer survivors and their families, the caregivers of these children, and the entire community who lend financial, emotional, and educational support to the children and their families. We are grateful for the support of the Town of Hamden, and the many volunteers who have worked so hard to put this event together.

“As long-time Hamden residents, it is wonderful to see our community come together for this concert to celebrate and support our family and others who are faced with the nightmare of a pediatric cancer diagnosis, and benefit amazing organizations like Circle of Care and the Tommy Fund who do so much to assist families like ours,” said Megan Clapp, whose child who was treated for cancer. “We want to express our gratitude to the entire community for its generosity, love, and encouragement by coming together on September 1st.”

Mark Salore of Tramps Like Us said, “We are honored to be involved in such a special event to help bring awareness to, and to help children overcome and beat this horrible disease.”

**About Circle of Care**

Circle of Care provides practical, emotional and financial assistance to Connecticut families, through programs and services that meet the unique and challenging needs of pediatric cancer treatment.

**About Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer**

The Tommy Fund was established to provide emotional, educational, medical and financial support to children with cancer and their families; and to improve the cure rate of childhood cancer through the Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven and the Yale School of Medicine.

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