

RAVENS IN OUR COMMUNITY

HONORARY NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER



On Aug. 9, the Ravens welcomed a special guest to sing the National Anthem at their first preseason game against the Los Angeles Rams. Julienne Gede Edwards, a Baltimore County native, has been battling stage IV colon cancer since July 2015. The 29-year-old's fight took an aggressive turn recently, but that has not slowed her down nor has it kept her from singing. Edwards, a Peabody Conservatory graduate, began a career as an associate attorney until her diagnosis derailed her career aspirations. Instead, she has used her skills and experiences to launch herself as an advocate with Fight Colorectal Cancer. This group works towards better policies, research support, education and awareness for all those touched by colorectal cancer. Focusing much of their efforts on getting the latest research into the hands of lawmakers and making sure the public knows to advocate for their own health. Taking on a call-to-arms mentality, Edwards has made it her mission to spread awareness, especially to the younger population, where colorectal cancer has become more common. Edwards has been receiving clinical treatment since last November, but unfortunately the cancer has spread into the pathways of her lungs. Slated originally to sing in October during the "Crucial Catch" campaign, Edwards asked to have her designated game moved up so she could experience this once in a life time opportunity with her friends and family.

RAVENSWALK COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Each season, Ravens fans have the opportunity to participate in a pregame experience that is very unique to the Ravens Flock. Presented by Safeway, RavensWalk festivities include big name vendors, music, performers and games that help create an engaging atmosphere for our fans and is an exciting platform that connects thousands of fans right outside of M&T Bank Stadium before each game. As part of this initiative, the Ravens highlight the work of local charitable groups through the Community Showcase booth. This exclusive opportunity allows community agencies to share their mission, volunteer opportunities and inspirational stories with Ravens fans leading up to the start of each game. Groups featured throughout this season include: BARCS, Playworks, Leveling the Playing Field, House of Ruth Maryland, One Love, Up2Us Sports, Next One Up and Reading Partners.



TEAMS ON THE RISE AT HALFTIME

The Baltimore Ravens offer a unique program that helps local youth football teams RISE to new heights. By becoming a Team on the RISE, teams have the opportunity to play at M&T Bank Stadium at halftime during Ravens home games. On Aug. 9, the Ravens welcomed a unique team to its field. Traveling over 4,158 miles, the Varese Skorpions U15 flag football squad crossed the Atlantic Ocean from Italy to play during the halftime scrimmage during the Ravens vs. Los Angeles Rams preseason game. The Skorpions competed in an intersquad contest on one half of the field, while the Baltimore Bearcats and Stembridge Colts 9U teams played on the other half. All teams were able to participate in pregame ceremonies on the field and had an opportunity to meet and chat with some of the players before the game.

