

Superman to the rescue; bake sale to benefit officer with cancer Proceeds from bake sale to help Nick Colaneri with medical costs

By Chris Mays

HOOSICK FALLS, N.Y. — Up in the sky, look. It's a bird, it's a plane.

It's Superman or Hoosick Falls Police Officer Nick Colaneri.

That's what young campers at the Hoosick Armory Youth Center and Community Coalition call the young officer currently going through cancer treatments.

"The kids wanted to do something to help," said Aelish Nealon, HAYC3 executive director.

Colaneri visited the camp, playing baseball with the kids. He then walked back to the youth center, making sure all the kids crossed the streets safely. He also carried over their lunches.

A connection was further developed once campers heard Colaneri's story. They decided to set up their super hero station Friday at noon in front of the Hoosick Falls Police station. All proceeds will go to benefit Colaneri. Questions can be directed to HAYC3 at 518-686-9050.

"We're making our super hero costumes," middle school student Karli Granger said Monday.

The costumes are expected to be completed by Thursday.

"We've made our shields," added Finleigh Lewis, another middle school student.

The two campers said they are having a lot of fun at camp, where 23 other kids join them. The youth center's mascot, Cooper, is a French bulldog who will be dressed up for the event.

The kids are putting out a challenge to adults, too.

"Anyone who wants to wear a super hero costume that day can come and get a free cookie," said Nealon. "They wanted to make it a bigger event."

To help Colaneri, Lewis said, "We want to do a lemonade stand with a bake sale."

Cookies and brownies are being baked for the event.

"We are also making dog bones and we're making Superman cookies," Lewis said. "There's no prices."

Instead, donations will be accepted.

A separate fundraiser for Colaneri can be found at [gofundme.com/nickcolaneri](https://www.gofundme.com/nickcolaneri). The page was started by a friend and fellow police officer.

"I cannot thank everyone enough for this support you all have been showing," Colaneri wrote on the comments section.