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**Be Kind 5K Run, Walk
TAKES OFF & SOARS!**



Please support WCA Foundation on June 14 for the #GiveBigCHQ fundraising event held by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. Any contribution you make helps to make a difference

For six months, family, friends and co-workers of Rosemary Billquist have planned the Be Kind 5K to celebrate the life and their memory of "Rosie" on June 9 in Falconer Park. The event was created to celebrate Rosie's innate kindness and create a lasting memory of her work at UPMC Chautauqua WCA. Jamie Billquist, her husband, created a scholarship to help her co-workers who are studying medical record and transcription training to honor the work she did at the hospital.

By race time Saturday, the event will have taken off and soared to be three fund-

**in so many lives at UPMC
Chautauqua WCA!**

Food, Fun, Contests
Raffles,
Craft Vendors
And More!
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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In a world where you can be anything,
BE KIND

Walk or run with us as we celebrate in memory of **Rosemary Billquist**
Saturday, June 9, 2018
Falconer Park
Registration 7-8:30 a.m.
Start Times: 5K run 9 a.m. 5K walk 9:15 a.m.

\$25 Pre-Registration includes t-shirt \$5 Pet Pre-Registration includes bandana
To Register: www.runsignup.com or www.wcafoundationjamestown.org
Or Call 716-664-8423 for more information
All proceeds benefit Rosemary Billquist Memorial Scholarship Fund at WCA Foundation

raising services in one. The race, walk will benefit the scholarship for employees of UPMC Chautauqua WCA in Rosie's honor. Additional funds will be raised for the Be Kind 5K by the Shults Auto Group Drive 4 UR community fund-raiser. The Auto Group's Test-drive a Ford vehicle event will take place on Mosher Street near the Falconer Park based Be Kind event. Community members will be invited to test drive one of the event's specially selected Ford vehicles on display. Shults Auto Group and Ford Motor Company will donate to the two charities benefiting from their event.

The third dynamic fund-raiser is being supported by Be Kind 5K to

help Mallory Evans Brown earn a Service Dog. Gently worn, used or new shoes - of any variety - are being collected at Falconer Park Saturday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mallory, who has athetoid cerebral palsy, and her family are coordinating their efforts with Funds2Orgs to collect and forward shoes to micro-enterprise vendors in developing nations. Nine-year-old Mallory earns 40 cents a pound for the shoes she collects. The money will be applied to her family's pledge to raise \$17,000 of the \$40- to \$60,000 it costs to raise and train a service dog through 4Paws For Ability.



Donate Now



Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes To
Help Mallory Evans Brown get a Service Dog!

Help us raise funds for our organization by donating your gently worn, used and new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size.

WHERE & WHEN

Be Kind 5K
June 9th, 2018
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Falconer Park NY
www.racesignup.com

Contact

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With any questions

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Hats off to all supporters of Be Kind 5K especially our major sponsors - Shults Auto Group, UPMC Chautauqua WCA Care and Share, Univera Healthcare, Pepsi, Peregrine Senior Services, and Southern Tier Kidney Association. Raffle baskets, food and craft vendors will be at Falconer Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. following the race.

Sign-up for the race is available on-line at RunSignUp.com where the Be Kind 5K race on June 9 is listed or by calling Megan Barone to register, 716-664-8423. The race starts and ends at Falconer Park on N. Phetteplace in Falconer where there will be food and fun events from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Early registration at the park is from 5 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 8. Saturday registration is at 7 to 8:30 a.m. with the timed 5K run beginning at 9 a.m. and 5K walk at 9:15 a.m. The event is a pet friendly event as was Rosie Billquist.

The pre-registration fee of \$25, \$30 race day, (plus \$2.50 registration fee) includes participation in the race and a t-shirt commemorating the event. Pets may be registered for \$5. Owner must identify name of dog, its breed, pet's Veterinarian, and proof and date of their pet's rabies vaccination. Online registration concludes on June 8 at 11:59 p.m. Be Kind 5K tee-shirts may be ordered Saturday for \$15 each.

The name of the race comes from the quote Rosie painted on a bench she created for patients to use outside UPMC Chautauqua WCA where she worked. It reads: "In a world where you can be anything, be kind." Rosie was a joyful, kind-hearted individual who loved to run, take care of their dogs and help others.

Individuals or corporations wishing to become sponsors for the race may do so by contacting Megan Barone in the Development Department at 716.664.8423 or at Baronema3@upmc.edu.

To directly support the memorial fund for Rosie, send tax-exempt contributions to the Rosemary Billquist Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o WCA Foundation, P.O. Box 840; Jamestown, NY 14702-0840.

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About the Foundation

WCA Foundation is chartered as a supporting independent foundation that supports the health care initiatives of UPMC Chautauqua WCA. Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the activities of WCA Foundation with a donation may send it to WCA Foundation, P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY 14702-0840.



The man in pink was a leader but more importantly to him, he was a follower. He followed the journey of his Christian faith in all he did, which explains the many accolades bestowed upon him. Bradley C. Van Riper died in early May after a courageous six-month battle with a rare cancer. The same disease he had spent years of his life raising money to fight.

While wearing pink, Brad represented LINKS Charity at The Pink Walk which was one of two fundraising events the charity supported to fight cancer through UPMC Chautauqua WCA. For more than 10 years Van Riper represented Truck-Lite as the executive director of the LINKS Charity, a golf tournament that has donated \$1,512,000 to the our hospital to fight the dreaded disease locally. Leaders in the lighting industry, Truck-Lite, Van Riper and his corporate associates have led an army of volunteers to help the community in which they live setting themselves apart as philanthropic leaders as well. Truck-Lite stepped into the lead of the established tournament created by Mary Blair of Lakewood and the late Sondra "Sandy" Anderson and Allen Short. They appointed Brad as the executive director of the tournament that brings members of the Ladies Professional Golf Association to Jamestown to golf with a field of golfers from the area and around the world.

Brad was very passionate about serving as the executive director of Links Charity which benefits care of cancer patients. He served more than 10 years in that capacity and discovered new ways to involve more people and to increase the donations. Under his leadership, LINKS Charity initiated the LINKS Charity Cancer Care Fund - In Tribute to LINKS Charity Pioneers Sondra Anderson, Mary Blair and Allen Short. The endowment fund at WCA Foundation is designated for the support of cancer diagnosis and treatment equipment and services provided by UPMC Chautauqua WCA. The Van Riper family chose to have gifts in memory of Brad sent to this fund to continue his work fighting cancer - forever.

LINKS Charity will honor Brad Van Riper on July 21 at the 7:05 p.m. Jamestown Jammers baseball game at Russ Diethrick Stadium. The Pink the Park event will promote breast cancer awareness and honor the memory of one of our community's fierce warriors against the disease.

The 27th LINKS Charity Pro-Am Golf Scramble and Auction is July 30 and 31, 2018 at Moon Brook Country Club. For more information about the event go to www.linkscharity.com or call Herb Hotchkiss, 716-661-1128, executive director of LINKS Charity or Megan Barone, 716-664-8423, Director of Development at UPMC Chautauqua WCA and WCA Foundation. To support the work of this charity event send contributions to LINKS Charity Pro-Am or the LINKS Charity Cancer Care Fund, UPMC Chautauqua WCA, c/o Development Department, P.O. Box 840, Jamestown, NY 14702-0840.

As a veteran of the event and its cause, Brad Van Riper would tell you "at LINKS

Charity everyone walks away a winner" - as did he.

General donations may be made or gifts can be designated for a specific fund or purpose such as cancer care, pediatrics, the emergency department or Robotic Surgery.

All donations are gratefully received and acknowledged as tax-deductible gifts.

5th Annual Vince Messina Golf Tournament Drives it Far ...



2018 Tournament Winners - from left - Eric Clark - Erik Hjemdahl-Monsen - Marty Messina - Geoff Olson



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The 5th Annual Vince Messina Memorial Golf Tournament took place May 19 at Conewango Valley Country Club in Warren, PA, an 18 hole championship golf course, originally designed by Donald Ross. The tournament featured a four-person, net handicap golf scramble format and proceeds will grow the Vincent A. Messina Memorial Scholarship Fund at the WCA Foundation to provide scholarships for students of the UPMC Chautauqua WCA School of Radiology. Since the tournament's inception 5 years ago, the committee has been able to raise over \$90,000 to support the endowment fund at WCA foundation. The fourth scholarship award will be given at the UPMC Chautauqua WCA School of Radiologic Technology Commencement Ceremonies on the 8th of June 2018. The \$2,000 award is applied to the student's second year tuition at the school.

First place went to the team of Marty Messina, Eric Clark, Geoff Olson, Erik Hjemdahl-Monsen. Russ Cusimano, Dan Greco, Ben Toter, and Dan Bjork came in second place, and third place consisted of team members Peter Stark, Jason Stronz, Mike Moots, and Randy Ordines. With a tie breaking finish, fourth place consisted of the team of Bill Farr, Rich Farr, Erick Lindquist and Scott Graham. And, closing in with the fifth place spot was the team of Steve Pullan, Bill Erickson, Jeff Raines and Matt Raines.

"In the fifth year of the tournament, we are still so appreciative of all the hard work and dedication that goes into this tournament, and we are elated that the community came together once again to support such a worthy cause," said Kathy Messina, committee member and wife of the late Vince Messina. "We couldn't have done it without all of the local businesses donating in-kind donations or hole sponsor support. In addition, Dan and Beth Hocking, owners of ACME the Appliance store, went above and beyond and donated another 50 inch smart television set."

Community members and local businesses made this tournament successful with their support of donations and sponsorships. There were twenty four teams of golfers who enjoyed a great day at Conewango Country Club. It was truly a day to remember, and the funds raised greatly surpassed the committees

expectations. This was all thanks to Jim Pullan, chairman of the 2018 golf tournament, and the committee members who are dedicated in their commitment to honor Vince's legacy. The sixth annual Vince Messina Memorial Golf Tournament will be held June 1, 2019 at Conewango Valley Country Club.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You ...



The Board of Directors and staff of WCA Foundation wish to express their gratitude to those who:

- Have donated to WCA Foundation making it possible for the foundation to generate more than \$500K a year to perpetuate the world class healthcare being delivered to our community by UPMC Chautauqua WCA
- Have said thank you to their doctors or other healthcare professionals with a gift to The Grateful Patient Fund
- Donated to make the 2017 Donation Days the most successful year-end campaign of WCA Foundation
- Supported the very successful Vince Messina Memorial Golf Tournament Think PINK and support all the breast cancer awareness and fundraising efforts of LINKS Charity
- Are working diligently to make the June 9 Be Kind 5K such a success Support WCA Foundation - especially our volunteers

Again we say ***Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!***