

Lori will run the NYC Half-Marathon in honor of her beloved Father and superhero Michael Cotler

Dear Friends and Family,

In honor of my Dad and super hero, Michael Cotler, and on behalf of my Mother Carole and siblings, Gary, Michele and Debra, I will be running the NYC Half-Marathon on August 5, 2007, in order to raise money for Male Breast Cancer Awareness.

Our Dad passed away after a five year battle with Male Breast Cancer at the age of 45 on February 18, 1990. Many of you never had the great opportunity to meet our Dad, but those of you who did, have told us time and again, what a profound influence he has had on their lives and what better people they have become for having known him.

Not a day goes by that we don't think about him and how lucky we are to have had him by our side for the time that we did. He was a gentle man with great wisdom, a generous and loving Father, whose life centered around his wife, children and friends. We all miss him deeply.

Many people do not realize that men can get breast cancer too. Though breast cancer is typically thought of as a women's affliction, according to the American Cancer Society, in the US, approximately 2,030 men will be newly diagnosed with the disease in 2007.

Invasive breast cancer is 100 times more likely to occur in women, but the mortality rate in men (meaning the percentage of those diagnosed to the number of related deaths) is higher due to the fact that in men, the disease often goes undetected until the cancer is in an advanced stage. Thus, like for women, awareness of risk factors, prevention, and early detection are crucial to improving survival rate and reducing the overall threat associated with male breast cancer.

The John W. Nick Foundation has saved and helped men with breast cancer and has encouraged other foundations to include male breast cancer in their educational literature. They have created a new breast cancer awareness ribbon, which includes also the color blue.

Please join my family in this campaign to raise awareness about Male Breast Cancer. You can make a tax deductible donation by check or credit card, in loving memory of our Dad, Michael Cotler, by following this link:

www.Malebreastcancer.org

To make a donation by check:

Make check 'payable' to:
John W. Nick Foundation, Inc

Send check to following address:
Lori Cotler
P.O. Box 955
New York, NY 10024

Please also visit the Michael Cotler Memorial Wall:

<http://www.johnwnickfoundation.org/page/page/4756070.htm>

Finally, if you have any stories or sentiments to share about our Dad that you would like to add to the Cotler Memorial Wall, we would love to include them. Send to Antonia Cotler: acotler@carolina.rr.com

Wish me luck on the race ! I'll make sure to keep you all posted on the results.

With gratitude for all your support,

The Cotler Family
Carole, Gary, Lori, Michele and Debbie

The race will be broadcast locally in NYC by WABC-TV / Channel 7 at 7:00 am