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"Spirit of Hope" Raises Thousands for Cancer Institute

Members of the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute Board of Ambassadors recently met for a wrap up discussion of the Spirit of Hope Celebration. During the meeting, the group presented the Cancer Institute with a check for nearly \$45,000.

The Board of Ambassadors, a group of community volunteers, hosted the second annual Spirit of Hope Celebration in November at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. Proceeds from the event benefit the Cancer Institute's Patient Navigation Program. The program helps low income and un/underinsured individuals in northeast Pennsylvania get their recommended colorectal, breast, and cervical cancer screenings.

More than 200 people attended the event. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music, and a live and silent auction were all part of the evening's festivities. The feature of the celebration was a Tribute to Courage, which honored two prominent local individuals, both diagnosed with forms of cancer.

The Cancer Institute is grateful to the Board of Ambassadors for their support and to all the community organizations and individuals who helped make the second annual Spirit of Hope Celebration a success.



The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute Board of Ambassadors raised more than \$45,000 at the Spirit of Hope Celebration



C.A.S.U.A.L. Day Co-Founders:
Michael Moran & Maura Phillips
Staback

C.A.S.U.A.L. Day Co-Founders Recognized for Service

Michael Moran of Clarks Summit and Maura Phillips Staback of Meynon were recently recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals NEPA chapter at its National Philanthropy Day Luncheon as "Outstanding Volunteer Fundraisers." The brother and sister team are the co-founders of the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute's C.A.S.U.A.L. (Colon cancer Awareness Saves Unlimited Adult Lives) Day.

C.A.S.U.A.L. Day is an annual dress down day held at the end of March that raises awareness of colon cancer in northeast Pennsylvania and teaches the importance of screening and early detection. It is a tribute to Michael & Maura's mother, Helen Phillips, who passed away from colon cancer in 2002. It is also the Cancer Institute's largest fundraiser. The next C.A.S.U.A.L. Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2014.

Save the Date: March 27, 2014



For more information on how you can participate, visit www.cancernepa.org
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Story of Survivorship - Christine Stickle Esposito

In October 2012, at the age of 45, I was diagnosed with fallopian tube cancer after 18 months of receiving treatment for a gastrointestinal illness that I did not have. I credit the last gastrointestinal doctor I went to for saving my life; he was able to see it was not a GI issue that was causing my problems.

Following his direction, I went to a gynecologist. I told the gynecologist I thought it was a "cyst" that had been causing my pain. She discovered my right fallopian tube was filled with what she thought was fluid. The tube looked like a very large sausage link wrapped around my ovary. When the pathology results came back, the doctor was surprised to discover it was not a fluid-filled tube, but a tumor. I was diagnosed with high grade three fallopian tube carcinoma; this cancer behaves like and is treated as ovarian cancer. Soon after, they found the same thing in my left fallopian tube and uterus. I am currently undergoing continuing chemotherapy treatment.

Prior to this, I worked as a nurse. While I miss being a nurse and caring for my patients, my passion is photography. I have recently started La Vita e' Bella - Photography by Christine Esposito. Life truly is beautiful and I strive to capture the precious moments that we too often miss in the business of life. I believe there is a reason for everything that I have gone and am going through. Through all of this, I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people.

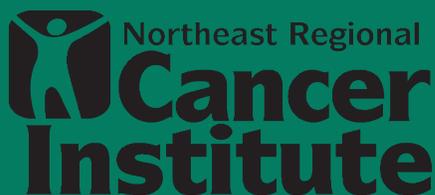
I am married to George Esposito and have three children, Kayla, Luke and Sean and one granddaughter, Khloe. We are currently awaiting the arrival of our second grandchild in July!



Christine Stickle Esposito:
2013 Cancer Institute Holiday Card artist & fallopian tube cancer survivor

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