

The Steven M. Perez Foundation

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION

It is with great pleasure and admiration that we are able to present our 3rd annual Steven M. Perez Foundation newsletter. Throughout 2006, we continued to remain focused on our core values and further our mission to help patients and their families who have been directly or indirectly affected by leukemia and other related cancers.

2006 presented new opportunities to help those in need and an opportunity to build on our fund raising success. The Foundation continues to focus on a broad array of charitable activities that will bring friends and family together with the opportunity to have fun and create new memories in Steven's name. In addition to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, The Foundation has been able to support several other worthwhile organizations, as well as many deserving patients and their families in their personal battles with leukemia and other related cancers.

The Newsletter highlights ways The Foundation has raised funds in Steven's name and how your donations are making a difference. We want you, who have so generously donated, to know that these funds will continue to be invested in programs committed to helping people affected by these diseases, and to improving the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases. Helping Ground Zero workers who have developed leukemia, supporting fifteen students on their way to college, and sending children suffering from these devastating diseases to various summer camp programs reminds us all of the most important thing Steven had to teach us – that life is precious and should always be celebrated. The Foundation has participated in 6 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society events including sponsoring many athletes through Team in Training over the past twelve months. We are extremely proud to be affiliated with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and look forward to working with them again on future projects.

We are proud of the work we've done and are extremely grateful for your generosity, time and continued support. Steven would be very proud to know that his friends and family were able to raise and donate over \$175,000 this past year. Speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, the

“El Rey Banana” Golf Committee and the Comedy Night team we are excited to share The Foundation's successes with you and hope these stories remind you of how much Steven affected us all. We wish to acknowledge the Perez family, friends like Scott & Celena Redler, Peter & Jessica Goldring, Jack & Mellen Genatt, Eric & Tara Schiff, Steven & Cheryl Dixon, and Sal “The Stockbroker” Governale for their tireless effort and commitment to the Foundation.

Scott Redler should be an inspiration to us all. In 2006 he motivated Celena and Steven Dixon to join Team in Training and they all successfully completed the NYC triathlon. Scott and his team have raised over \$50,000 by competing in three triathlons in the past two years. All of the funds donated through corporate sponsors, friends and family are shared between the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Steven M. Perez Foundation. For 2007, he has set his personal goal on completing the IronManUSA[®] Lake Placid on July 22, his greatest physical challenge so far. We are extremely proud of all that he has accomplished to promote awareness about our Foundation and the battle against leukemia. The Foundation genuinely appreciates his continuing commitment, training every day for months at a time to meet his physical and financial goals. We are excited for 2007 and wish Scott, Steven and new team member Chris Singleton the best of luck in meeting all of the challenges that lie ahead.

The Foundation continues to look for new opportunities to help those who are affected by leukemia and other related cancers. As a 501(c)(3) status organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Code, The Foundation is entitled to operate as a not-for-profit. This allows donors to deduct the value of their donations for tax purposes. We welcome your feedback and hope that reading this newsletter gives you a sense of the great contribution we are making in the lives of people with leukemia and related cancers. We are always looking for ways to celebrate Steven's life, and his love of life. Please contact any of the board members or go to our website at www.smpfoundation.org for more information about how you can make a difference.

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2007 UPCOMING EVENTS

Comedy Event
Friday, May 18th, 2007
Gotham Comedy Club

4th Annual Golf Outing
Monday, July 16th 2007
Tam O'Shanter Country

IronManUSA[®] Lake Placid
Sunday, July 22, 2007

Westchester Triathlon
Sunday, September 23, 2007

Recent News

March 2006: \$10,000 was presented to Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times© to provide assistance to ten cancer/leukemia patients from across the United States. The camp provides a safe environment for these children to enjoy being children, and an opportunity for them to have fun and interact with others in similar circumstances.

April 21, 2006: Sal "The Stockbroker" Governale and Dana Perez hosted another great "Night of Laughs" at Gotham Comedy Club. The Foundation raised over \$25,000 from the event thanks to the sold out crowd and live auction. We would like to thank Sal "The Stockbroker" Governale for making it all happen. Sal recruited Gary Dell'Abate, Jon Hein, Geno Bisconte, Richard Christy, Roger Black (Yucko the Clown), Shuli, Rev. Bob Levy, and Artie Lange to donate their time for the Foundation. The Foundation would like to extend a great big "Thank you" to Darryl Hammond and Andrew Kennedy as

cancer and their immediate families.

June 2006: Fifteen candidates from the New York area were selected to receive the Steven M. Perez Scholarship. We are always looking for new ways to connect with deserving scholarship candidates. Their experiences, either in support of a loved one or of living with disease themselves, are a continuing source of inspiration for us all.

June 4, 2006: Scott Redler completed the Escape From Alcatraz™ Triathlon in 3 hours, 8 minutes, raising approximately \$30,000 for the Foundation. He was hand-selected to participate by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society because of his outstanding accomplishments in the 2005 New York City Triathlon, where he achieved all his goals in training and fund raising.

July 16, 2006: Steven Dixon, Scott Redler and Celena Redler completed the New York City Triathlon as part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training®. Their hard work in the months leading up to the Triathlon

he loved. We know we did him proud and he would have had a great day just like we did.

August 2006: Foundation sponsored a Save the Children Foundation golf event at Lawrence Country Club arranged by the Dennis Blair Foundation and our friends Charlie Blair and Joe Perrone from Blair Perrone Restaurant. Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of children in need in the United States and around the world. We were pleased to help make a difference for this worthwhile cause.

August 2006: The Foundation supported Lindsey Brass, a twenty-six year old law student, in her fight against AML (Acute Myelogenous Leukemia) in conjunction with efforts made by friends throughout Dix Hills, and with the support of "Gift of Life" bone marrow donor drives at Temple Beth Torah in Melville, NY and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where Lindsey is enrolled. Lindsey

Lymphoma Society. Light the Night is a national fund raising campaign to commemorate and celebrate the lives touched by cancer. The mission of this evening walk is to build awareness of blood cancers and raise funds for cures.

October 2006: Steven Dixon identified a very worthwhile candidate, a six year old girl from New Jersey. Unfortunately little Annie R has been battling leukemia for the last year. She has undergone some heavy treatments but has been recovering well and is excited to get back to school to be with her friends. Annie and her family have been active with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and we are very happy to assist them through this difficult time.

November 2006: Ruby Sekhorn, a lawyer from Mayer Brown heard about Steven's story through a business relationship with Rickey. She was inspired by the story and the Perez family and asked if she could participate with the Team in Training support for the



Jacobs Cure Family bowl

well. We sincerely appreciate all of their efforts to make the night such a huge success. Please join us on Friday May 18th at Gotham for this year's festivities.

May 2006: The Foundation was happy to donate \$3,000 to Camp Sunrise in Melville, NY. Camp Sunrise was founded this past year to provide a true summer camp experience for children with cancer. The funds provided by the Steven M. Perez Foundation went directly to benefit children with leukemia who attended in the summer of 2006.

May 2006: \$15,000 was donated to Camp Sunshine to sponsor ten campers. We continue to support Camp Sunshine in their goal to provide a haven for children with

was inspiring. We congratulate Scott, Celena and Steven on an incredible finish and express our deepest appreciation for all their love and tireless effort.

July 17, 2006: The 3rd Annual "El Rey Banana" Golf Outing was held at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club in Brookville, New York. The outing was a chance to have fun and celebrate Steven with one of his favorite pastimes. A full field and a host of generous sponsors made it a huge success; we raised over \$150,000, almost double the amount raised last year. Everyone who attended was so generous, we were overwhelmed by the show of love for Steven and the effort made to honor his memory, doing something



Sal Governale and friends

received an experimental stem cell treatment, and is currently undergoing therapy. We are happy to know that our efforts have added a bright spot in her ongoing battle.

September 2006: For the 3rd year in a row and to continue the tradition of getting together to celebrate Steven's birthday about 50 of his nearest and dearest reserved the back room at Mo's Caribbean. The night was full of lots of laughs and old stories and was enjoyed by all. Hope we can continue to keep the tradition alive this year.

October 6, 2006: Last Fall, Marie Scaglione and her friends participated in the "Light the Night" Walk that was hosted nationwide by the Leukemia &



Annie Ryan

NYC Marathon. Ruby used Steven as an inspiration throughout her training and raised almost \$2,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Steven's memory. The Foundation extends our sincere appreciation for all of her efforts!

December 2006: Through the efforts of Chris Singleton and David Worbly, The Foundation was able to give \$10,500 in holiday gifts to Ground Zero workers diagnosed with leukemia or related cancers. All of these recipients developed disease after months of tireless clean-up efforts at the World Trade Center site in Manhattan.

February 24, 2007: More than 600 New York City professionals

Ground Zero workers benefit through the efforts of a dear friend

By Chris Singleton

came out to the Black Tie & Black Jack Casino Night, to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The Steven M. Perez Foundation was a proud sponsor of this exciting event, entitling us to having our logo featured on one of the gaming tables. The event included a variety of casino games and a silent auction, as well as a lavish buffet and open bar. It was a huge success, raising \$160,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, providing funding for blood cancer research, educational programs and patient services.

March 4, 2007: The Steven M. Perez Foundation was proud to be a sponsor of the Jacob's Cure Family Bowl and Tournament Strike Out Canavan Disease. Jacob's Cure is a non-profit foundation established in September 2000 to save the life of Jacob, a child afflicted with Canavan disease, a devastating genetic brain disorder. Experiencing all of the love and support everyone has for Jacob is a testament of their generosity and tireless effort to find a cure. The Foundation was very pleased to help support this important cause and to help promote awareness of a rare and very challenging childhood disease.

March 2007: The Triathlon team launched its fund raising campaign and has already raised over \$17,000. A special thank you to BASS Trading, Sperling Enterprises, Light Speed, Signature Cycles and the Baker family for their generous support.

On August 4, 2003, one of my closest friends, Steven Perez, lost his 49 day battle with leukemia. Not long before his passing, Steven, a few other guys, and I purchased a racing bike for our friend Scott Redler. Since then, Scott has become extremely passionate about competing in triathlons to raise money to help fight leukemia on Steven's behalf.

I made a promise to Scott that if he could do the races, the least I could do was watch. As I cheered him on at every race, I thought that it must feel amazing to accomplish such a feat. Steven and I were very much alike and shared a love for spectator sports and for supporting our friends, especially when armed with cold beer.

Since Steven has passed, it was important to me that I attend every Foundation event and I have had a tremendous time at each. However, I still felt that I hadn't done as much as I could to help. After the golf outing, Rickey mentioned that The Foundation needed help finding people who could benefit from the money raised. I saw this as my opportunity to do something more.

An acquaintance of mine, David Worby, has spearheaded the effort to obtain financial help for the volunteers who got sick as a result of working at Ground Zero. I arranged a meeting with Rick and David to discuss how The Foundation could help these brave New Yorkers who had fallen ill after tirelessly working for weeks and months on end. At the meeting, David made us aware that he had several hundred clients who got sick and 21 who had contracted leukemia from breathing in the debris and air at Ground Zero. After discussing the matter with The Foundation, we all agreed this was a cause that deserved our support.

This past holiday season, we gave a total of \$10,500 to share amongst those 21 people. It was not until the "Thank You" letters started to come in, that I realized what an amazing thing The Foundation

had done. Sergeants from the NYPD were thanking us, not for the money, but for the chance to have "met" Steven through the website. After reading what kind of person Steven was, some decided to pass on our gift to others they felt might need it more.

One person wrote, "I can't tell you how moved I was when I received your unexpected surprise in the mail. Your check from the Steven M. Perez Foundation was an amazing act of generosity. Your kindness absolutely overwhelmed me. My first thought was, 'this must be a joke!' But then I read the letter about your brother, and I visited your website. I read about Steven's zest for life, and I saw the photos of a happy, loving family. I knew then that your gift was sincere. Your family's desire to share Steven's memory in such a way is a remarkable gesture, and commemorating his life is such a beautiful thing to do. Now I, too, have been touched by Steven's life, and I am happy to be part of his legacy! Leukemia is a frightening disease, but thanks to organizations such as yours, progress is being made. I will be telling my friends and family about Steven and his beautiful family."

His spirit continues to live in all the lives he touched, as well as those he never had the chance to meet. And it has inspired me to take action. It is with great satisfaction that I have decided to train and to participate in this year's Westchester Triathlon on September 23. The race consists of a 1 mile swim, a 25 mile bike and 6.2 mile run. I will be joining Scott Redler and Steven Dixon in training for and completing this race as a team that I know would make Steven proud. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 at these events.

Steven would laugh and say that there was no way I, a spectator, could pull this off, but I urge all of you to come out and watch me cross the finish line on September 23rd.

Supporting Children with Life Threatening Illnesses & their Families



Camp Sunshine is a unique organization for children with life-threatening diseases and their families. There is the only program in the nation to address the impact of life-threatening illness on parents and siblings as well as the ill child. Since 1984, Camp Sunshine has

provided a haven for nearly 16,000 families. One-week sessions are available all year round for families dealing with a wide range of conditions, such as kidney disease, lupus, and diabetes, as well as one week dedicated to the needs of organ donor recipients, and another for single parent families coping with life-threatening illnesses. The Camp Sunshine experience provides a child with cancer or

leukemia and his/her siblings and parents the opportunity to get to know other families in similar situations. Many families return the following year to renew acquaintances and enjoy a respite from the reality and stress of everyday life.

The Steven M. Perez Foundation donated \$15,000 in 2006 to send ten families from Queens and Long Island for their one-week session. Each

family has a young child with leukemia. The opportunity to spend this week together, as a family, helps to create an environment of trust and understanding that can be a great benefit to every family member. The serene environment, competent, caring staff, and the company of others in a similar situation make it easier for families to communicate with each other about their experiences.

The parents are grateful to have discussion groups with other parents coping with similar problems, but most often, it is the siblings of sick children who benefit the most. At Camp Sunshine, the healthy siblings meet others in similar circumstances. For many of them, this is their first time sharing what it is like with someone else who understands their situation first hand.

IF by Rudyard Kipling,

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream -- and not make dreams your master;
If you can think -- and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings -- nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run --
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And -- which is more -- you'll be a Man, my son!

A Tribute To a King

By Anthony Iufredo, David Adler and Andy Streiter

Few of us think of poems when we reminisce about Steven. This one in particular, resonates with us. Steven was bigger than life. His blind integrity forced him to be as electric as he was charming. Naturally, he became our leader. We looked to him for guidance, even if that guidance led us in the wrong direction. For some unearthly reason, no matter the task, no matter the path, we walked it because he walked it first. Never did any of us want to miss out on the fun. He could have done or been anything. With that kind of confidence, our tight group of friends walked around feeling invincible. There isn't a minute of the day that he's not thought of or talked about from so many different people. But for some of us his absence still roars like a lion. After almost four years now, his group of friends have been left trying to fill such an amazing void. This has been our greatest challenge. We are so happy to see so many



people moving on with their lives, getting married, having children, excelling in life. Steven was so much about seeing the people he cared about being happy. Life is truly a gift...and we believe this gift is so much grander because of the special people you can have in it. The more happiness you get from something or someone, the more painful it is when that something or someone is gone. Nothing could be truer than Steven's short but ever meaningful impact on all of us. Steven has left this place, but he

has touched so many people, improving our lives and now his legacy lives on through our memories, his spirit lives on through this amazing foundation and he will surely live on through his expecting twin nieces. If you look hard enough we can all find that life is filled with tiny miracles. So farewell my king, you will never be forgotten.



Camp Sunrise opened its doors for the first time in July 2006. It is the only full-service day camp facility in the nation for children with cancer and for their siblings, who can attend at no cost to the family. The Camp is a project of the Friedberg

Jewish Community Center in affiliation with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, North Shore/LIJ Schneider Children's Hospital, the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Winthrop University Cancer Center for Kids and the Henry Kaufmann

Campgrounds on Long Island. The Steven M. Perez Foundation was proud to offer \$3,000 in support of this worthy organization.

While the camp receives most of their donations through the Friedberg Center, they made special arrangements for ours to go directly to them for the benefit of campers with leukemia. In consideration of the debilitating costs of medical treatment involved in raising a chronically ill child, Camp Sunrise welcomes campers free of charge. In addition to offering a

summer day camp program, they provide visits to children with cancer during hospital stays. They have also started a program called "Sunrise Sundays" to provide campers with an opportunity to continue the friendships developed at camp through year-round programs.

After only one year of service to our community, Camp Sunrise continues to focus on improving the lives of children with cancer. We are proud to continue to support them for the 2007 season.

Camp Ronald McDonald

Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times© offers the activities of a "normal" camp, adapted to meet the special needs of their campers. Programs include all of the traditional elements of a summer camp experience: swimming, horseback riding, hiking, backpacking, and sports which can be adapted, as needed, to ensure that each child is able to participate. Campers can express their creativity with arts, crafts, pottery, music, dancing, dramatics, computers, and radio broadcasting. These programs are designed to promote self-esteem, confidence, friendships and teamwork in a camp environment that is medically supervised and filled with support, understanding, fun and laughter.

Our contact at Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times© graciously prepared lengthy biographies on each of the ten campers sponsored in 2006 by the Steven M. Perez Foundation. The following are excerpts from her letter to us:

Stephanie Z. is a sweet, friendly and beautiful 15 year-old who enjoys shopping, listening to music and hanging out with her friends. Before her 10th birthday she was diagnosed with Leukemia and endured the long treatments she required. Stephanie suffered the loss of her hair, chronic fatigue and became withdrawn. She has been attending camp since she was 12.

Javier Z. is Stephanie's brother who was diagnosed with Leukemia at age 7. Stephanie was already in treatment when the family was dealt this second blow. Stephanie helped her parents to comfort Javier as she knew all too well what her little brother was going through. In 2006 Javier was able to attend camp for the first time. His greeting to his sister was "Wow! What a great place!"

Paolo T. was diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia) at age 4 and became shy and withdrawn. 2006 was his third year at camp for Paolo who is now 10 years old. He now enjoys the company of friends and is emerging from his shell thanks to the experiences at camp.

Jacob D. is an 11 year-old with ALL and is inseparable from his younger brother James. Jacob was in remission and became ill again

while his brother was always at his side. 2006 was their second summer of attending camp together and the boys can't wait to return in 2007.

Megan H. is a dynamic, trendy and outgoing 18 year old. She was diagnosed with ALL at age 14. She never allowed the diagnosis to diminish her sense of style. While in treatment she donned a different colored bandana each day and faced the world. She has been in remission for 2 years.

Gabrielle is now 16 years old and has been attending Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times© for 9 summers. Gaby made many friends over the years at camp and they keep in touch frequently via phone and e-mail.

Unfortunately, Gaby's mother is now a cancer patient and her daughter is the caregiver.

Jessica B. is a creative and talented 16 year old. At camp she teaches others her unique dance moves and they perform at the talent show at the end of camp.

Ciana C. was diagnosed with Leukemia at age 7. Her parents also have twin boys a year younger than Ciana. Today she is in remission. Her chores at home include caring for the family's pet, a chocolate lab, doing the dishes and keeping her room clean. At school she plays softball and enjoys the Girl Scouts. After battling cancer Ciana believes she can do "...anything I put my mind to..."

Nick H. was diagnosed with Leukemia at age 8. He has 2 older sisters. When Nick was healthy enough to attend camp his sisters went too. At first they worried about their little brother but they were both pleased to see how well he adjusted to camp.

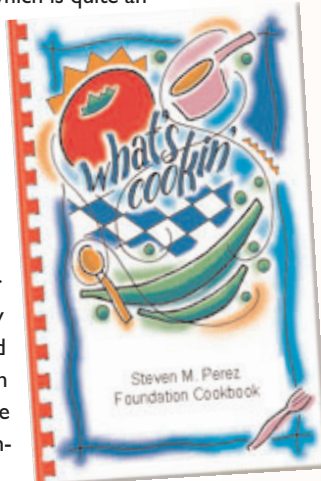
John B.'s biography was unavailable.

Funding from the Steven M. Perez Foundation allowed ten children with leukemia to have a fun-filled week at Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times© in 2006. We plan to continue to support this worthy cause in 2007 with the help of your generous donations. The camp provides an invaluable experience for these children, one of whom enthusiastically declared, "Forget about Disneyland, Camp Ronald MacDonald for Good Times© is the happiest place on earth!"



Tribute to a Great Chef by his Proud Mother

After celebrating Christmas 05' at the Perez house which is quite an eating experience Carole was inspired to remind us all how much Steven loved to be in the kitchen and the true joy the entire Perez family gets from being together with family and friends to celebrate "anything". Whether it be for the holidays, driving back from the Hamptons or being one of the lucky roommates who Steven loved to cook for, eating with the Perezes especially Steven was an experience. Unfortunately, our shining star and best eater (other than Lou) is not around any longer to mess up every pot, use 11 sticks of butter and create a meal that would leave Steve Motorrano loosening his belt buckle. With lots of love and a relentless stream of emails, Carole motivated everyone to get involved and share their family secrets including "green cake" for all of us to share.



We decided to pay tribute to Steven's culinary skills by compiling a cookbook with recipes in his honor. From Rachel's blondies to Lou's famous pork the cookbook reminds us of great memories together with the Perez family and opens the doors to many other family's traditions. We have also designated a special section for "food memories" or personal notes about Steven's attempts to feed everyone he knew until they were so full they collapsed with a smile. Whether in the Hamptons, his apartment, or tailgating at the game, Steven was always up to creating a culinary feast to satisfy every palate.

Our cookbook was ready for circulation just before the holiday season and was very well received!! Thank you for all your input, support and contributions. If you missed it, we will have some available for sale, at \$20, at the upcoming Comedy Night in May.

The 2006 New York City Triathlon By Steven Dixon

For anyone associated with the foundation, you are probably familiar with the foundation's connection to triathlons. This past season, I was a member of the foundation's NYC triathlon team. The Olympic distance for triathlons is a one mile swim, a 25 mile bike ride, then a 6 mile run. Steven and I would joke about competing in our own triathlon. The beer, pizza, and ice cream triathlon. I am 6 feet tall, and weigh 240 pounds. I was not put on this earth to be a tri-athlete.



The Foundation was there to support the team

As a team member, we trained with the New York Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training (TNT). They provided professional coaching, mentoring and all the motivation one could need.

It was a great excuse to spend 3 evenings per week with my dear friends and fellow team members, Scott & Celena Redler. Celena had to endure a drive in from Newark to Central Park, as if the training wasn't enough!

Workouts began with a TNT team member explaining their personal connection to the team. Every team member's life had changed because of Leukemia or Lymphoma. Before we set out for our runs, swims or bike rides, someone would explain to the group why they were connected. Some days it would be a story similar to mine, about losing a dear friend. Other days it would be a mother or father, participating in support of their daughter fighting Leukemia. Or it could be a guy you were running next to the previous workout, explaining how 2 years ago, doctors told him he had a 10 percent chance of living. And now he

was completing triathlons. It was then that I would remember Steven.

My efforts with the team were some of the most humbling and rewarding moments I have had. The training is my way of remembering Steven. I was forced to think of my friend, 4 days a week. Often, as I was sweating out chicken cordon bleu heroes and beer, I would think why the heck am I doing this, and then I would remember Steven.

After a month or so of training, the coaches gave updates to how everyone was doing with the fund raising efforts. Our team was out pacing everyone. It was of course due to the huge network the Foundation has established. Teammates would come up and thank us for our efforts, and again, I would remember Steven.

The race itself was an amazing experience. As

part of TNT, we were issued purple uniforms. Remember, I am a 240 pound guy, now in a Purple clingy tank top. The uniforms really made us stand out. At first I was not pleased to say the least! Once the race began, I realized the reason for the garish uniforms. We were meant to stand out. All along the race course stood TNT supporters. These folks would see our purple uniforms and cheer like crazy, often ringing cowbells and shouting encouragement. Many had signs saying thank you. It made the race seem surreal,

because it was difficult to feel tired, while being choked up with emotion. Each person I saw, who recognized the purple and cheered in support would make me remember Steven.



A 240 pound triathlete?

I wish everyone that has contributed could have been there on race day to see the outpouring of appreciation towards the Foundation. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the cause, especially my wife, Cheryl for working around the training schedule. For those that came down on race day and cheered for us, I really appreciate it. I can't help but wanting to thank Steven for inspiring me. This has turned a sad chapter of my life into one of the most rewarding, and given me yet another

way to remember Steven. In 2007 the team is tackling the Westchester Triathlon with our newest team member, Chris Singleton.

The Steven M. Perez Scholarship Fund

In 2006 the Steven M. Perez Foundation expanded its search for scholarship candidates. As in past years, we contacted local high schools and the North Shore Hospital Leukemia Unit for prospective candidates. We widened our search by listing The Steven M. Perez Scholarship on FastWeb, a website which acts as a source for scholarships around the country, allowing us to offer funds to students in a wider community. In addition to providing assistance to young people who have lost a family member to Leukemia, we also offered to those who have had a personal battle with Leukemia and related cancers. The Foundation awarded fifteen scholarships in the spring of 2006 totaling over \$20,000.

The survivors, those in remission as well as those currently in therapy, wrote the most heart-warming letters about their hopes for a brighter tomorrow. One candidate was off to Michigan last fall and had taken the initiative to find a local oncologist who could treat her while she attended college. One candidate planned to use his scholarship at Brandeis University; he thanked us in a note, stating "I will strive to live up to the characteristics of this fine scholarship by living life in its fullest

shape". He went on to write that he was truly honored to represent our organization. Another candidate had lost his father to leukemia. He received the scholarship check at his graduation exercises and felt as though his father was there beside him.

While the thank you notes are always heart-warming, the application coversheets are always heart-wrenching. Each applicant tells a brief story of how leukemia or a related cancer has affected him or her. In the past, all the applicants had suffered the loss of a sibling or parent and related anecdotes of life before or after that loss. When we expanded our search to survivors, we received first hand accounts of the sacrifices these young people made in treatment and recovery. Essentially, they had all been denied a normal, active, healthy childhood, but the common thread in all their stories was a brighter outlook for the future. They are all truly living life to the fullest.

At this time we are actively searching for qualified candidates to receive scholarships for Fall 2007. If you know of anyone who may qualify, please contact us at our website, www.smpfoundation.org.



Golf Outing 2006

By Jessica & Peter Goldring



The 3rd Annual "El Rey Banana" Golf Outing was held at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club in Brookville, New York, on July 17, 2006. It was a blistering, hot day, one of the hottest on record for the summer, but nothing could have kept us away. There were so many familiar faces and many new ones all together to remember Steven and enjoy a terrific day together. With a full field and a total of over \$150,000 raised, it was the most successful event the Foundation has sponsored to date. We would like to thank the Goldrings, the Schiffs, the Genatts and all of our sponsors and volunteers for making the day such a huge success. A special thank you to Mellen Genatt for her tireless efforts at 9 months pregnant, who gave birth to Justin Steven just 4 days after the outing.

The only thing Steven enjoyed more than taking a day off to play golf was getting some friends to go with him. I'm sure that he was watching, enjoying a nice, cool beer while we sweated and tried to find shade. With over one hundred forty participants, the easy pace and scramble format made it a relaxing day for everyone. We have all received so many calls and emails to say how great the event was and it feels incredible for everyone who worked so hard to make the day a success. Our enthusiastic volunteers were never far away with drinks, snacks, fun games, and a smile for all the players. I don't know what we would have done without them! Every participant, sponsor, volunteer, dinner guest and, for that matter, anyone who knew Steven should be very proud of



Top: Ready to hit the course. Above: Rickey & Dana

what we have accomplished in his memory. After a full day of golf, it was wonderful to come into the clubhouse for a cool drink at the bar, relax and check out the silent auction and raffle prizes before dinner. With the weekend getaways, the sports memorabilia and the Playboy Mansion tickets, it was hard to keep up with everything going on. Thanks to Tara and Mellen, and with the help of Carole, Dana, Rachel, Danielle and Jessica, the silent auction was a great success. Add to that, the array of raffle prizes, and the sheer fun of the day, and everyone went home a winner.

Steven lived life every day, and that is exactly what we do at the "El Rey Banana" Golf Outing every year. It was great to be a part of making that day happen. Sadly, events like the Golf Outing will not bring him back, but all of us who were there felt his spirit and remembered the way he

touched us all. Everyone was so generous, it renewed our commitment at The Foundation to help as many young patients and their families to have the opportunity to enjoy life and make the best of their personal hardships. Steven always looked at the positive and wanted everyone to have the best time possible. We know we did him proud, and he would have loved to have been there.

Keep a look-out for invitations to the 4th Annual "El Rey Banana" Golf Outing being held on Monday July 16th this summer. While we are hoping for milder weather this year, we do anticipate a full field, so sign up your foursomes early! For more information about this and other upcoming events, visit our website www.smpfoundation.org.

Steven's Legacy Lives On

The Foundation wanted to acknowledge that after almost 3.5 years since Steven has passed that his name and legacy lives on in our children. Steven was the star of the show and made everyone

around him feel his loving nature and generous spirit. For all that knew him, his memory lives in our heart and his impression and stories enlighten our day and keep his memory alive. The Perez Family feels honored to know that the following children will keep Steven's memory alive and we are hopeful that his spirit will enlighten their hearts and let all of their dreams come true.



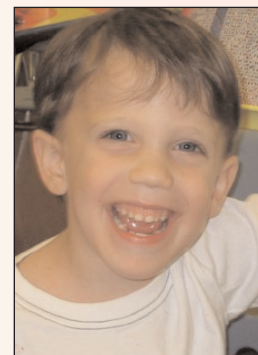
Justin Steven Genatt



Maxwell Steven Hechler



Michael Steven Spinelli



Will Samuel Epstein

2006 Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon By Rich Park

As many of you know, Scott Redler has been competing in triathlons in Steven's memory for the past few years and has been increasing the level of difficulty each year. Last year, he competed in what is considered the most difficult triathlon in its category, the Escape From Alcatraz™ Triathlon in San Francisco, California. This year, Scott is gearing up for the IronManUSA® Lake Placid in Lake Placid, New York (more on that later).

The Escape From Alcatraz™ Triathlon consists of a 1.5 mile swim across San Francisco Bay, followed by an 18 mile bike ride through the hills of San Francisco, and finally culminating in an 8 mile run through the steep terrain of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which, by the way, conveniently includes a section of 400 sand steps at mile 6 of the run. (The day before the race, a few of us drove the course with Scott and actually tried running up the steps, known as the Sand Ladder. Needless to say, all of us were more than winded. Afterwards, Scott's dad told me that he didn't sleep a wink thinking about Scott biking, running up and down those hills, and then trying to climb those sand steps.)

It is a true testament to Scott's will and competitive spirit that he completed the race at all; Scott actually finished in the top 20%. He trained so hard for this, he barely seemed winded afterwards. He was actually drinking beers and throwing around the football with us while we waited for the others to finish. The highlight of the race came during the transition from the bike portion to the run. As Scott was pulling into the changing station and saw all of us cheering and hooting and hollering his name, in true Scott Redler fashion, he looked up, smiled his big grin and tried to wave to his adoring fans. Unfortunately, another competitor had stopped first to get off her bike and



top: Scott happy to be out of the water
Bottom: Scott's adoring fans

Scott didn't see her. He had to brake hard, which caused him to flip right over his handle bars.

We were all silent for a second thinking that he'd just ruined his chance of finishing the race because he was waving to the crowd, and he may have injured himself, when he suddenly popped up from behind the barriers. Looking more embarrassed than in pain, he hustled into the transition area and came out running. Obviously, we were all hysterically laughing at this point and probably only stopped laughing when we saw him coming to the finish line (a quick hour and change later). Even now, I can't help but think that Steven had something to do with Scott falling - he knew that it would make us all laugh and as long as nobody was injured...no harm, no foul. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

So despite battling a bicycle fork broken during shipment to the west coast, 55° waters, sharks and sea lions, steep hills and sand steps, flipping over handle bars and, last but not least, friends and family providing numerous distractions, Scott was able to complete the race, finish in the top 20% and raise about \$30,000 for

the Foundation.

You can all join us up at Lake Placid to cheer Scott on in the Iron Man® USA Lake Placid on July 22, 2007, which, by the way, consists of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and to cap it all off, a 26.2 mile run. Talk about taking it to the next level this year.

I can promise you this - I will do my best to make sure that everyone who can make it has a great time. Lake Placid is beautiful that time of year, but more importantly, this race will probably take 12 hours to complete, and that means a lot more drinking, eating and laughing as we wait to cheer for Scott when he crosses the finish line.

2006 COMEDY NIGHT

On April 21, Sal "The Stockbroker" Governale and Dana Perez hosted another great "Night of Laughs" at Gotham Comedy Club in New York City. Sal recruited Gary Dell'Abate, Jon Hein, Geno Bisconte, Richard Christy, Roger Black (Yucko the Clown), Shuli, Reverend Bob Levy and Artie Lange to donate their time and help us draw in a sold out crowd. The Foundation would like to extend our thanks to Darryl Hammond and Andrew Kennedy for making appearances as well. It was very generous of them all to put so much effort into making everyone really laugh and enjoy the evening. There is no better way to honor Steven than by bringing together our friends and family for a night of laughter.

Steven would have loved that evening! He thrived on the humor Sal shared with him in their office each day. As they spent their days being stockbrokers, they planned for the fun-filled hours after work. An evening with friends

and laughs was always a top priority in Steven's life. Those who knew him can testify to the fact that he always lived in the moment, living life to the fullest. Humor, jokes, and a little sarcasm thrown in, would have thrilled him!

Events like this remind us of how important friendships are and that we all need to make the effort to be together. It was great to see so many of you and we really appreciate all of the effort and sacrifices people made to be in the city on a Friday night at 7:30. Fortunately, we are happy to report that The Foundation raised over \$25,000 and will net around \$10,000 from the event, a true tribute to the comics and all who volunteered to entertain us. The live auction for a tour of The Howard Stern Show studio and the opportunity to be on the Wrap Up Show with Gary Dell'Abate and Jon Hein was a tremendous success. The Foundation would like to express our appreciation to everyone who attended and helped



Artie Lange performing at the 2006 Comedy Event

plan this event for making our 2nd Annual Comedy Night a huge success.

Please mark your calendars and come join us on Friday, May 18th at Gotham Comedy Club, located at 208 West 23rd Street in New York City, between 7th and 8th Avenues. We are anticipating a sold out crowd once again, so be sure to reserve your tickets by calling Rickey or Dana or by purchasing tickets for \$85 at our website at www.smpfoundation.org.