

## DEAR FRIENDS,

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As many of you already know, Andrew's Army is led by Andrew Accardi, one of the most courageous young lads you will ever meet! Andrew, along with thousands of other youngsters in this country suffers from neuroblastoma, an extremely aggressive pediatric cancer.

For the last two years Andrew has been treated at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the leading pediatric cancer research hospital in the country. If you have the good fortune (as Rich and I did) to visit the hospital and meet Dr John Maris, the Chief of Oncology, what you quickly learn is that in terms of finding a cure, Dr. Maris and his entire team do not talk in terms of "if". They talk in terms of "when". And that's where Andrew's Army is starting to have a huge impact!

Thanks entirely to the \$85,000 contribution from last year's Andrew's Army Golf Classic, in November Dr. Maris was able to dispatch a team of researchers to focus solely on finding the bio-chemical "trigger" that causes healthy cells to divide and grow into a neuroblastoma tumor. At 3:00 AM on January 31st Dr Maris got a phone call with the news that some of the key clues in this research mystery were starting to come into focus. That phone call was encouraging enough that preliminary findings are being published in the New England Journal of Medicine. There is an enormous amount of work yet to be done to rein in the devastating impact of pediatric neuroblastoma. But real progress is being made... and the elusive issue of "when" is closer than ever because you and hundreds of other members of Andrew's Army decided to get involved!

Last year the Andrew's Army event was as special as a day and evening could be. Given what's going on in Dr. Maris' labs right now, this year will be even more so! We look forward to seeing you on September 29th at the Redding Country Club!

Thanks  
Rich Mitarotonda  
Dom Rossi  
Event Co-Chairs

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

- 10:30AM - 12:00PM** Registration. Locker Room, Driving Range, \$10,000 Putting Contest Qualifier
- 11:00AM - 12:00PM** Buffet Lunch
- 12:00PM - 4:30PM** Golf Tournament, Shotgun Start
- 4:30PM - 6:00PM** Locker Room, Open Bar, Hors d'oeuvres, PME (Post Match Excuses), \$10,000 Putting Contest Finals
- 6:00PM - 8:00PM** Dinner including Awards Ceremony, Auction, Raffle and a personal "Thank you!" from Andrew Accardi and his dad
- 8:00PM Forward** More PME

\*Please...

Soft Spikes only. No Denim or Cargo Shorts.



## WAYS OF PARTICIPATING

Please join us for a day of fun while helping to support Andrew's Army and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Monday, September 29, 2008 at the Redding Country Club in Redding Connecticut. Make your reservation now to save your place for his worthwhile event!

I wish to enlist in Andrew's Army as:

- General:** Event Sponsor (\$5,000) Includes four golfers, name listed in program, and special signage throughout tournament
- Lieutenant General:** Dinner Sponsor (\$2,500) Includes four golfers, name listed in program, and special signage during dinner
- Major General:** Happy Hour Sponsor (\$1,500) Includes four golfers, name listed in program, and special signage during happy hour
- Brigadier General:** Foursome Sponsor (\$1,200) Includes name listed in program
- Colonel:** Hole Sponsor (\$500) Includes name listed in program, and special signage at golf hole
- Lieutenant Colonel:** Individual Golfer (\$300)
- Major:** Individual Contributor
- Captain:** Dinner only Participant (\$120)

Please indicate your level of participation to Maura Mitarotonda via phone (203-834-9554), fax (203-834-0042), or e-mail (mrm64@optonline.net).

On day of event: pay via Amex, Visa, Mastercard, or by personal check. Make checks payable to ANDREW'S ARMY IN SUPPORT OF CHOP.

Payment in advance: Send checks directly to Maura Mitarotonda, 64 St. John's Rd., Wilton, CT 06897 (203-834-9554)

All contributions are tax deductible.