

New York City Marathon Team Stories

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Joseph Hickey

A week ago my father a significant portion of his face removed to remove melanoma. Unfortunately it turns out they did not get it all and he will have to have more removed in the coming days. This is the unfortunate result of extreme exposure to the sun while fighting for our country with the US Marine Corps in Vietnam. And during this time, who does he blame? No one. In the days coming into his surgery, we spent Memorial Day weekend volunteering and donating our time and business providing dinners to wounded veterans at our family business Bobby Van's steakhouse in DC. My dad continued to provide help to other visibly wounded soldiers while he carried his own life threatening wounds hidden to most. My dad is an extremely strong person who probably doesn't need my support to get through this. Whether it ends sooner than we hope or years down the line, I want to be their struggling with him during these times. Me struggling a mere few miles, him with his life. I would love the opportunity to run with your team as my support in these times and help by raising money for your charity.

Lindsey Metcalfe

I was diagnosed with melanoma in July 2008. Luckily for me it was found that the melanoma had not spread beyond my skin...it was scary and a huge wake-up call for me. A healthy, active woman in her twenties diagnosed with cancer. For someone who is rarely sick, never broken a bone and can count the times she has been in an ER on one hand - spending a month in-and-out of doctor's offices for blood work, EKGs, CAT scans and then major surgery all over a funny looking mole, definitely made me realize how much I have taken for granted my good health. I am running the NYC Marathon for Jack's Fund primarily to tell my story - to raise awareness to all of my friends & family in hopes my story will spread beyond them and make people more aware that this type of thing could happen to anybody. I am also running the marathon to celebrate my one year anniversary of being cancer free and getting back to being a healthy, active woman!

Colleen Lawrence

Melanoma is very prominent in my family. It has affected my grandfather, my mother, my uncle, and most recently my cousin. I feel that I am at a high risk and being 25 years old this is when I have to start making sure I see any signs like my cousin did at age 28. I'd like to raise awareness of this because it can be very serious and I know and feel that people my own age do not necessary precautions to help prevent it from happening, hopefully I can help the awareness by joining Jack's Team.

Felicity Lehane

My father, John, passed away in September 2001 because of a metastatic melanoma. I would like to run the marathon and to raise funds to support research on melanoma for him.

Jennifer Ebie

I would like to contribute to the research efforts and efforts to prevent, diagnose, and treat melanoma wherever it exists. I have had several friends encounter health "scares" associated with melanoma, and it is only early detection and the availability of information that spared them developing the full disease.

Kelli Faw

While we all know the impact of long-term sun exposure, melanoma is still a rampant invader into our lives. Knowing too many people who have been faced with melanoma, I was inspired by Jack's team and would be honored to run as part of the team with the goal of raising funds to increase awareness and provide support to those going through treatment or the loss of a loved one.

Laura DeLorenzo

My best friend's husband was diagnosed with melanoma a little over a year ago. They thought they caught it early but unfortunately 3 months later it popped up in a lymph node. He battled through 3 surgeries and radiation treatments throughout the fall. It would mean so much if I could raise money for the Jack Marston II Melanoma Fund.

Michele Bergamoto

Partnering with Laura DeLorenzo to help raise money for a cause that means a lot to me. My husband is a melanoma survivor and I will forever commit myself to raising funds to help eradicate this insidious disease.

Tori Willis

I am a 6 year melanoma survivor. I am running this race for everyone who hasn't made it this far and to make sure we find a way to stop this sneaky killer. I have had a long road to this marathon fighting my lymphedema caused by the removal of the lymph nodes in my left leg, but I will drag that damn leg across the finish line in Central Park no matter what it takes!