



Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Research Fund E-mail Newsletter

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Our Vision:

*A world where every adult and child is aware of the risks of melanoma and takes preventative measures;
where those who suffer from melanoma receive comfort and healing;
and ultimately, where every case of melanoma will be completely curable.
This vision will be accomplished in the memory of Jack H. Marston II.*

Our Fight Continues: Skin Cancer Rising at an Epidemic Rate

Dermatologists have long cited the sobering statistic that one blistering sunburn in childhood doubles a person's lifetime chances of developing melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. Now, Mayo Clinic researchers have given us a similarly scary new stat: Sustaining five or more sunburns by any age doubles your lifetime risk of developing any form of skin cancer. Reporting on this research, the Mayo Clinic's Health Letter noted other alarming new data as well, reflecting what they called "an unrecognized epidemic of skin cancer" in the U.S. All the trends are in the same direction – upwards.

A Walk in The Garden

Saturday evening, May 6th, we gathered for the beautiful 'Walk in The Garden' event. Many supporters celebrated the recent naming of the Jack H. Marston II Healing Garden to be located at the new Advocate Lutheran General Cancer Institute and celebrated the life and contributions of the man it was named for. The event raised over \$25,000.

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Glenbard West Class of 2006 Donates to Cancer Research

A tradition at Glenbard West High School has seen graduates hand something to their principal at the commencement ceremony. That tradition continued this month in a show of generosity.



In years past, graduates often handed their principal something humorous to represent the unity of the class. This year, each member of the class of 2006 handed Principal Pam Zimmermann \$1 to be combined with the donations of their classmates and donated in memory of Jack Marston, father of one of their classmates, Jennifer.

Zimmermann said she was proud to then write a check for \$450 to the Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Research fund.

At commencement time, when many young people are focused on themselves, the Glenbard West class of 2006 reached out to do something meaningful for others.

'It was very characteristic of the type of group they are,' Zimmermann said.

Sharon Marston and her family wrote a thank you note to the class and Zimmermann that said, in part, 'The Board of Directors of the Marston Fund would also like to extend their gratitude and remind you that each dollar you have contributed will make a difference in the lives of those fighting a devastating disease. It is our hope that at the very least a cure for cancer will be found in your lifetime.' (Article appearing in the Glen Ellyn Sun Newspaper, Education Section, June 6, 2006).

To read complete thank you letter, click one of the images on the right.



Jack's Fund 'Game On' Scholarship Recipient Announced

The Board of Directors of the Jack H. Marston II Cancer Research Fund is pleased to award Brian Hyosaka, graduating Glenbard West Senior, a four-year, renewable \$1000 scholarship.

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Save the Date!

October 22, 2006

Third Annual "This Runs for Jack"

Ackerman Park, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

To become a sponsor of the 2006 "This Runs For Jack" 5K run/walk, please contact us at www.jacksfund.org/contact.asp



Jack's Marathon Team

Jack's Marathon Team is still recruiting runners who have already registered for The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon and would like to run and raise funds for melanoma research. To date we have 25 runners on the team. They hail from seven different states and one foreign country. Three are melanoma survivors and many are running because the disease has touched them personally.

To view a roster of Jack's Marathon Team (you may see some names you know!) and to visit individual runner websites go to www.active.com/donate/jacksmarathonteam or to register for the team go to www.jackfund.org/marathon.asp. Thank you for supporting these dedicated athletes in this worthwhile endeavor.



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