



Newsletter

The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter
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IT'S ON A SATURDAY!!!

Save the date—Saturday, April 29, 2017.

By popular request, our 15th Annual Gala Event and Fundraiser will be held this year on a **Saturday**. We've not been able to do this in the past, but thanks to the cooperation of **Georgio's in Orland Park**, this year we will be able to hold our event on a Saturday. It's our hope that this will make it easier for some people who have not been able to attend in the past because of work schedules to join us for this fabulous evening.

The rest of our format will remain the same—we'll have great entertainment, a huge array of raffle prizes, delicious food, impeccable service, and the best guests in the world!

Entertainment will again be provided by **Sound Sonic DJs** of Tinley Park. If you've attended in the past, you know they always make sure we have a wonderful evening and we're happy they have agreed to join us again.

Don't forget to practice those dance steps for a chance to win one of our near-legendary dance contests! And brush up on your trivia...there's another way to win a prize!

We're excited to be hosting our 15th annual event. Many things have changed since our original fundraiser, but one thing remains the same. We help cancer patients who are struggling financially. Often, the people we help have nowhere else to turn.

We can only continue to do what we do with your support. Please plan to attend this event and help us make it a great celebration. We encourage you to bring your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors. Help us make this our biggest event yet!

We're in the planning stages now and welcome your input. If you have suggestions, or want to add someone to the invite list, email us at romanfoundation@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

15th ANNUAL GALA EVENT

GO FUND ME!!

We just created a Go Fund Me page! This is NOT instead of your regular donations. If you donate regularly in any way, please continue to do so. The Go Fund Me website charges a fee, so continuing to donate by check is best for us.

We are hoping that you will share this link with everyone on your own Facebook page. If 100 people shared it with 10 people who each gave \$10, we could raise an extra \$10,000 for the foundation!!! Please help if you can. Our requests for help increase every year so we're hoping to supplement our funding with this Go Fund Me page. **THANK YOU!!!**

HOLIDAY SHOPPING ONLINE? PLEASE READ THIS FIRST

If you are going to do any of your holiday shopping online, PLEASE use iGive for your purchases. If you haven't tried it, simply go to iGive.com, select The Gene Roman Family Foundation as your cause, and follow the instructions. When you shop at participating online stores, the Foundation will get a percentage of your purchase. There is absolutely no cost to you. Thank you to everyone who is already shopping through iGive. We appreciate your support.

FROM OUR MAILBOX

Notes received from people we've helped

"...When I came home that day and found your check in the mail, I was at first surprised, then greatly relieved. It meant I could pay my bills. I was terribly grateful, because it meant I might survive financially, not just physically. To me, that check was everything at that moment. I cannot put into words how grateful I was - and am. Please continue to do your good work by helping cancer patients directly. They may never be able to fully express their gratitude, but know that your help means so much."

"...I will remain grateful forever, for you and your foundation. Truly, your actions are of love and God sent. Thank you so very much."

"...You are so kind to help me pay my rent. I pray that God will generously bless you and your organization."

CHECK US OUT

Remember to check our website for the latest information on what's happening, view current and previous newsletters, and visit the photo gallery to see pictures from our annual events. You can find us at www.generoman.org.

Also, check out our Facebook page—The Gene Roman Family Foundation.



RECYCLE BASKETS

Every year when we put together the prizes for the annual event, we need baskets. If you have baskets in good condition that you don't need, let us know. We will be happy to recycle them, and it saves us from having to purchase them. Thank you!

GIFTS

If you would like to make a gift to The Gene Roman Family Foundation in memory of someone, or in honor of a person or an occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc., please send your contribution to: The Gene Roman Family Foundation, 12250 Foxborough Drive, Mokena, IL 60448

Be sure to indicate in whose memory/honor you are donating, and the occasion if appropriate. Let us know to whom we should send a card, letting them know a gift has been made. We'll take care of the rest—and we'll put the gift to good use.

Donations are always tax deductible and are welcomed at any time of the year.

IN LOVING MEMORY...

We have received donations:

In loving memory of **Don Lorek**, from
Leila Bannon

In loving memory of **Gene Roman**, from
Susan & Jeff Phillips

In loving memory of **Gene Roman**, from
Janet & Chuck Tindall

In loving memory of **Violet and Al Mezei**, from
Denise & George Azizian

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In loving memory of **Tom Adzgowksi**,
from *Michele Roman*

In loving memory of **Carolyn Handzel**,
from *Law Bulletin*

In loving memory of **Carolyn Handzel**,
from *Angela & Mike Isbell*

In loving memory of **Tom Adzgowksi**,
from *Susan Adzgowski*



YOUR DONATIONS

Since our November newsletter, we've:

- Helped with moving expenses for a 64-year-old man with head and neck cancer
- Helped with cost of a rebuilder for a 53-year-old woman with triple negative breast cancer
- Paid rent and electric bill for a 50-year-old woman with kidney cancer
- Paid a water bill for a 64-year-old-woman with breast cancer
- Paid a water bill for a 71-year-old woman with colon cancer
- Helped with rent and car insurance for a 39-year-old woman with breast cancer
- Paid electric and gas bills for an 80-year-old man with lung cancer
- Paid gas and electric bills for a 53-year-old woman with lung cancer
- Helped with car payment and expenses for a 39-year-old woman with ovarian/uterine/liver cancer
- Helped with rent for a 50-year-old man with colon cancer
- Paid gas and electric bills for a 59-year-old woman with metastasized breast cancer
- Made a small contribution to the petty cash fund at a local hospital cancer center used for immediate needs for patients (i.e., transportation, etc.)
- Helped with transportation costs for a 66 year-old woman with tongue cancer

IN OUR PRAYERS

Always, but especially at this time of year as we approach the holidays, we remember in prayer those who are battling cancer and the families of those who have succumbed to the disease. May God bless each and every one.

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**IN LOVING MEMORY
GENE ROMAN
April 23, 1947—May 18, 2004**



*We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a
New Year filled with joy, happiness and
blessings*

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

This is the 25th issue of our semi-annual publication, The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and informative. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date on what's happening with the Foundation—what we're doing, who we're helping, and upcoming events. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed and encouraged at any time.

The Gene Roman Family Foundation is a charitable non-profit corporation founded by Gene and Sandie Roman in 2003, shortly after Gene was diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, Gene passed away in May 2004, but we are proud to continue the work that was his dream – assisting people who are fighting cancer and experiencing financial hardship.

Our goal is to raise money to directly help *people* without deducting the large salaries and administrative expenses that are sometimes involved in larger organizations. We are proud to say that we have been able to help many individuals who may not have had any other source of financial assistance. We are staffed entirely by volunteers. No portion of any donation is used for salaries, nor was any portion ever used for any of Gene's expenses or treatments. Your gift to The Gene Roman Family Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, is tax deductible and will allow us to continue with our goals.

Our logo was designed by Kevin Kapala. The Roman column symbolizes Gene's strong character and strength in his battle with cancer and represents the support one can find from family and friends. The bright sun symbolizes the hope that is within all of us. It also reminds us that a life threatening illness makes one appreciate everything more; the sun shines brighter; the grass is greener, etc. The rays coming off the sun symbolize the family's outreach to others.

We at the Gene Roman Family Foundation are extremely proud of the work that Gene began and that we carry on, and we are especially grateful for all of our wonderful family, friends, and supporters who so generously contribute to our goals. Thank you.