



Newsletter

The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter
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WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE

SAVE THE DATE

Our 17th Annual Gala Event and Fundraiser Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019. This is our major source of funding each year. It is always a great event and we're looking forward to another fun and fabulous evening. Some things remain the same and some will change. Read on...

STAYING THE SAME

Our goal remains the same—we raise money to help cancer patients who cannot afford their daily living expenses during treatment.

The main format of our event will be the same. We will continue to offer a delicious dinner, great entertainment and a fabulous array of raffle prizes.

CHANGING

We've made a few changes for 2019. Our event will be held at Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway, Orland Park, IL. We'll still have a DJ for music and dancing but we have an added treat for entertainment...

THE ESSENCE OF ELVIS

You'll want to BRING YOUR FRIENDS to relive the magic and music of The King, as performed by Joe Elvis Tirrito. Joe has been performing for 32 years and has traveled the world and appeared on national television. We are very much looking forward to him entertaining us at this event. You can get a sneak preview of his show at www.joelvis.com. Check it out!

WHY WE NEED HELP

This past year has been the busiest ever for us. We have been swamped with requests for assistance, resulting in having to adjust some of our

guidelines and amounts distributed in order to accommodate the most patients. It has been a challenge to say the least.

We've helped 35 people in the last six months alone! We can't continue to help that many people without increasing our contributions and support base. Please help if you can.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

This is where you come in. We love and appreciate our supporters, but we need more. We've booked a larger room and guaranteed a higher count for the 2019 event hoping that you can help us fill the room. Please, please...tell your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors about our event. In addition to supporting a great cause, this is an opportunity to get a table of friends together for a fun evening out. (Tables are available in a variety of configurations to accommodate your group.) With whom have you been meaning to get together? Extended family? Coworkers? Cousins? High school friends? Former neighbors? Church friends? Travel buddies?

Palos Country Club has reserved their beautiful grand ballroom for our event and we're hoping to have more attendees than ever before. But we can only do that with your help. Who might you be able to bring with you on April 13?

Thank you in advance for helping us to continue to assist cancer patients who are in dire straits.

If you want someone to be added to the invitation list, email us at romanfoundation@yahoo.com. We'll be happy to include them.

Please plan to attend our Gala Event on April 13, 2019 and bring someone with you (adults only please.)

IN MEMORY, IN HONOR....

We have received donations:

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

In loving memory of **Eric Dauksas**,
from Phyllis Kurecki

In loving memory of **Art Bocek**, from
Al & Sandie Peccia

In loving memory of **Art Bocek**, from
Angela & Mike Isbell

In loving memory of **Art Bocek**, from
Michele Roman

In loving memory of **Art Bocek**, from
Emily Thomas

In loving memory of **Art Bocek**, from
Emily Tomaszewski

In loving memory of **Art Bocek**, from
Arlene & Jim Pearson

In loving memory of **Art Bocek**, from
Martha Kordelewski

In loving memory of **Penny Peccia**,
from Al & Sandie Peccia

In loving memory of **Penny Peccia**,
from Lenore & Len Wiencek

In loving memory of **Joy Young**, from
Jeanne Balog

In loving memory of **Nancy Monaghan**,
from Diane Creal

In honor of **Sandie Peccia's 70th**
birthday, from Angela, Mike, Samantha &
Amanda Isbell

In
Sandie
70th
from
Roman



honor of
Peccia's
birthday,
Michele

In
Sandie
70th birthday, from Sandy & Jimmy Wolf-
ramski

honor of
Peccia's

Happy Thanksgiving



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.

GIFTS

If you are considering a charitable gift for either Giving Tuesday, (November 27) or an end-of-year gift, we would love to have your donation! You can also make your gift 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. Thank you!

YOUR DONATIONS

Since our May newsletter, we have:

- Helped with rent for a 43-year-old woman with lung cancer
- Paid gas bill for a 42-year-old single mother with breast cancer
- Made a car payment for a 31-year-old man with Acute Myeloid Leukemia
- Helped with mortgage for a 47-year-old single mom with breast cancer
- Helped with rent for a 59-year-old man with lung cancer
- Paid utilities bills for a 59-year-old man with pancreatic cancer
- Helped with rent for a 60-year-old woman with rectal cancer
- Helped with rent for a 24-year-old single mom with lymphoma
- Replaced a mattress for a 53-year-old woman with breast cancer
- Helped with gas costs for a 48-year-old man with gastric cancer
- Paid utilities for a 57-year-old man with laryngeal cancer
- Paid for a car repair for a 68-year-old woman with multiple myeloma
- Helped with utilities for a 60-year-old woman with endometrial cancer
- Helped with rent for a 38-year-old single mom with ductal carcinoma
- Helped with rent for a 43-year-old single mom with ovarian cancer
- Paid for gas and parking at treatments for a 72-year-old man with lung cancer
- Helped with utilities and groceries for a 58-year-old woman with uterine cancer
- Paid utilities for a 47-year-old woman with cancer of the tongue
- Helped with rent for a 53-year-old woman with ovarian cancer
- Helped with mortgage for a 48-year-old man with brain cancer
- Helped with mortgage for a 49-year-old man with Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Helped with rent for a 39-year-old single mom with cervical cancer
- Paid for gas and parking at treatments for a 64-year-old man with multiple myeloma

YOUR DONATIONS—continued

- Helped with transportation costs for a 77-year-old-man with lung and colon cancer
- Paid utilities for an 87-year-old woman with breast cancer
- Paid utilities for a 49-year-old man with pancreatic cancer
- Paid electric and water bills for a 58-year-old woman with cancer of the tongue and lymph nodes
- Helped with rent for a 37-year-old single mom with breast cancer
- Helped with cost of caregiver for a 72-year-old woman with Stage IV lung cancer
- Helped with electric bill and transportation for a 49-year-old man with testicular cancer
- Paid electric bill for a 36-year-old woman with breast cancer
- Paid car insurance and phone bill for a 25-year-old woman with pancreatic cancer
- Helped with transportation to treatments for a 32-year-old man with Acute Myeloid Leukemia
- Paid utility bills for a 55-year-old man with peritoneal cancer
- Paid for a car repair for a 57-year-old man with cancer of the mouth and jaw



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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 29th issue of our semi-annual publication, The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and informative. We want 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 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 501c3 corporation, is tax deductible and will allow us to continue with our goals.

In our logo, 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