



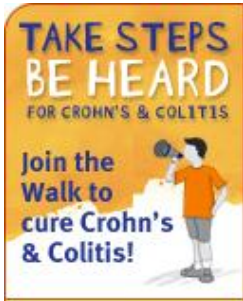
# CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

## Chapter Newsletter

June, 2011

### CCFA Teen Event Raises Over \$50K for CCFA!



On May 20th, over 300 adults and teens attended the First Annual CCFA Teen Event at Space in Englewood, New Jersey. Guests were treated to performances by Jay Sean, The New Boyz, and Jeremy Carr. The evening was orchestrated by the newly formed CCFA Teen Event Committee chaired by High School students, Ashley Modell and

Cameron Klein. Along with organizing the entire evening, securing raffle prize and auction items, and bringing their friends, the committee also designed and sold CCFA

Teen rubber bracelets. The evening was especially meaningful for Modell and Klein because they both have family members who have passed away from complications of Inflammatory Bowel Disease. In one of



The CCFA Teen Event Committee

(Rob Rich)

the most poignant moments of the evening, Nicky Bienstock, a Teen Event Committee member, told the gathered guests about her own struggle with ulcerative colitis and the ways that it has impacted her life. Her speech underscored the importance of the CCFA's mission to cure IBD and was inspirational to all those in attendance.



### Learn New Methods to Manage IBD at Health and Wellness Day

On June 25th, the CCFA Greater New York Chapter will host a health and wellness day to teach IBD patients and their families how fitness, yoga, massage, art therapy, and nutrition can improve well-being. Wellness professionals will present on these topics and answer participant questions.

#### IBD Health and Wellness Day

Saturday, June 25, 2011

9:00 AM—12:30 PM

For further details and to register, contact Sergio Seijas at 212-679-1570, ext. 1 or [sseijas@ccfa.org](mailto:sseijas@ccfa.org)

## Message from the Executive Director:



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual New York City Take Steps Walk took place this past Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the South Street Seaport. We managed to fit in all of the event activities in-between the rain storms and it just made the day more memorable!

The Take Steps Walk is the Chapter's largest event, bringing in close to 1,000 participants, and helping to raise both funds and awareness for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Our numbers were a little lower this year due to the weather, but the energy was certainly not diminished! The activities were led by our wonderful host, Rick Folbaum from Fox News Channel, who shared his own personal story of living with IBD. The participants rocked out to the sounds of the band, Fastback, who played a lively mix of 80's and 90's tunes. Children were entertained by a clown, face painters and a number of other activities at the Kid's Corral, and all participants had fun making Team banners, visiting the CCFA Mission tent and eating and drinking before the Walk! Teams who raised \$10,000 or more even got their own tent to celebrate in!

The Walk route took participants across the Brooklyn Bridge and back. It was a beautiful sight to see a stream of blue Take Steps t-shirts, maracas, banners and thunder sticks crossing the bridge, all Walkers with a unified cause. The event brings together patients and their families to meet each other, share their stories and know that they are making a difference in the fight to find a cure. This year's Honored Hero, Sarah Losner, expressed that feeling beautifully when she told of her own battle with Crohn's Disease. We were also able to announce our 2012 Honored Hero, Caitlin Merrell.

I would like to thank all who were involved in making Take Steps happen- the Walkers, the Team Captains, the volunteers, the sponsors and the in-kind donors. The event could not have happened without each and every one of you.

*Rhonda*

## Annual Golf Classic Raises Funds for CCFA!

The CCFA Annual Golf Classic was held on June 6, 2011 at Deepdale Golf Club. The event, chaired by Stan Kleger and Zach Kerr, raised over \$200K for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Over 80 supporters played this renowned course and enjoyed food and cocktails.



Scott Smith with chairs, Stan Kleger and Zach Kerr (Rich Molinaro)



Golfers on the green

(Rich Molinaro)

# CCFA Greater New York Chapter Upcoming Events:

## **Patient Education and Support**

For more information contact Sergio Seijas: 212-679-1570, ext. 1 [sseijas@ccfa.org](mailto:sseijas@ccfa.org)

### **Understanding Inflammatory Bowel Disease: What every patient needs to know**

June 21, 2011: 6:30—8:00 PM with Dr. Barry Jaffin

New York Public Library, Todt Hill Branch: 2550 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314

### **IBD Health and Wellness Day**

June 25, 2011: 9:00 AM—12:30 PM

Children's Aid Society: 219 Sullivan Street, New York, NY 10012

### **First Tuesdays Open Support Group**

July 5, 2011: 6:30-8:00 PM

386 Park Avenue South, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10016

### **Understanding Inflammatory Bowel Disease: What every patient needs to know**

July 12, 2011, 7:00-8:30 PM with Dr. James Marion

Central Queens Y: 67-09 108th Street. Forest Hills, NY 11375

### **Patient Education Symposium**

September 18, 2011

The Lighthouse International: 1111 East 59th Street, New York, NY 10022

### **Pediatric IBD Day**

October 16th, 2011

Dave and Busters: 234 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036

July 28, 2011: CCFA Theater Club Presents *War Horse*, 8:00 PM

386 Park Avenue South, 14th Floor

Support the CCFA and see a show! \$350 for two tickets

Contact Ed Muñoz at 212-679-1570, ext. 2 or [emunoz@ccfa.org](mailto:emunoz@ccfa.org)

August 14, 2011: Guitars for Guts: A Benefit Concert for CCFA

featuring The Alphabets and ROADS

Williamsburg Music Hall

Contact Liz Sylvan at 212-679-1570, ext. 7137 or [sylvan@ccfa.org](mailto:sylvan@ccfa.org)

August 18, 2011: CCFA Theater Club presents, "*Baby It's You*," 8:00 PM

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September 15, 2011: CCFA Theater Club presents, "*Anything Goes*," 8:00 PM

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September 15, 2011: 2nd Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night Benefiting CCFA

Soho House

Contact Liz Sylvan at 212-679-1570, ext. 7137 or [lsylvan@ccfa.org](mailto:lsylvan@ccfa.org)

## The Coombs Siblings Honor their Dad through Team Challenge

Linda and Brian Coombs are running their second half marathon in memory of their father, Danny Coombs. Danny passed away in June, 2007 after a 30-year battle with Crohn's disease and its resulting complications. The Coombs siblings have been training with Team Challenge and raising crucial funds for the Foundation.

Father's Day is a time for Linda and Brian to honor their dad's memory, and through Team Challenge they have made a real difference in the fight against IBD by raising crucial funds. As an added bonus, they'll be running the strip at night in December in the Las Vegas Half Marathon.



**Training for the Las Vegas Half Marathon begins in August! To learn more about to Team Challenge or to donate, go to [www.ccteamchallenge.org](http://www.ccteamchallenge.org).**

Interested in training for a half-marathon while raising funds for CCFA?

Team NYC: contact Megan Haran at 212-679-1570, ext. 3 or [mharan@ccfa.org](mailto:mharan@ccfa.org)

Team Brooklyn: contact Stacey Clark at 212-679-1570, ext. 7136 or [sclark@ccfa.org](mailto:sclark@ccfa.org)

## Featured Third Party Fundraising Events:

### Guitars for Guts: A Benefit Concert for CCFA

On August 14th New York band, Alphabets and Montreal-based band, Roads, will play a CCFA benefit concert at Williamsburg Music Hall in Brooklyn. The concert will begin at 3:00 pm.

Doors open at 2:00 pm. For tickets: <http://www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com/>

### 2nd Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night to Benefit CCFA:

The 2011 Texas Hold 'em Poker Night event will be held at the Soho House on September 15th. Play for over \$40,000 in prizes, including a week at a private villa in St. Maarten. Play poker, and enjoy great food and a top shelf open bar while raising money for CCFA.

For more information, contact Liz Sylvan: 212-679-1570 or [lsylvan@ccfa.org](mailto:lsylvan@ccfa.org).

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Look for our July issue for photos from the New York City Take Steps Walk!

SAVE THE DATE: October 30, 2011—Take Steps Brooklyn