

Ovarian Cancer: The Whispering Killer

The Melanie Finley Ovarian Cancer Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization that was incorporated in 2008 to raise money for Ovarian Cancer education and direct financial assistance to young women who have been diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer.

This foundation was started to help raise awareness and educate young women about the symptoms of Ovarian Cancer the 'Whispering Killer'. Over 22,000 women are diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer and over 15,000 women will die each year. Ovarian Cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths among U.S. women. Common symptoms of ovarian cancer include vague but persistent and unexplained gastrointestinal complaints, pelvic and abdominal swelling and bloating, unexplained change in bowel habits, unexplained weight loss or gain, frequency of urination and ongoing unusual fatigue.

By helping young women become aware of ovarian cancer symptoms, it is the hope that we will be able to make a difference and help them diagnose the 'whispering killer' before it can affect another life. With your support we can provide awareness and direct financial assistance to young women for this very costly disease.

The two critical goals of the Foundation are to promote awareness and education to young women about ovarian cancer, its symptoms and the importance of women's health. We will also provide direct financial help to pay for

treatment costs for young women diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer.

In August 2007, at the age of 27 I was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer. It was a shocking and upsetting experience. Fortunately, because I was under the care of Gynecologist Oncologist, Dr. Steven Poliakoff, in South Miami, I knew

Dr. Polikoff's main goal was to get me healthy and keep my quality of life. Since I was diagnosed early I am very fortunate that we were able to preserve my quality of life. Through the experience of surgery and chemotherapy treatment I learned more and more about ovarian cancer and how it is often

will be held this September in recognition of Ovarian Cancer awareness month. The two-day event, hosted at Rivercrest Golf Club and Preserve in Phoenixville PA, includes a Sunday night dinner and silent auction followed by a Monday golf outing. Please visit our website (www.mfofc.com) to learn more



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH 2008
5:00PM - 9:00PM

GREAT FOOD, FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

AUCTION
(ITEMS INCLUDE)
VACATION PACKAGES
TICKETS FOR SPORTING EVENTS
DINNERS
GOLF OUTINGS
SPA TREATMENTS
AND LOTS MORE!

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RIVERCREST GOLF CLUB & PRESERVE
100 GOLF CLUB DRIVE
PHOENIXVILLE PA 19460

EVENT CHAIRPERSONS
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TODD BINKOWSKI

ACCOMODATIONS
(SPECIAL RATES AVAILABLE)

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I was going to receive the best medical treatment available to me. He advised me of the course of action and explained each step of the process. After being educated about ovarian cancer I realized I had all the symptoms associated with the disease. However, because the symptoms are so vague and can be attributed to so many other common complaints by women, I had no idea that ovarian cancer was a possibility. I was fortunate that

misdiagnosed.

The Melanie Finley Ovarian Cancer Foundation wants to help bring awareness to women about ovarian cancer. We are working with high schools, colleges and women's organizations to help increase awareness. Hearing first hand experiences from survivors can help increase awareness about this very serious issue.

The first major event, 'Tealgate',

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH 2008 GOLF OUTING

BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION 7:30AM
SHOT GUN START 8:30AM - PRACTICE RANGE OPENS 7:30AM
-LUNCH AND PRIZES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING-

GOLF CONTEST

PRIZES FOR MEMBERS OF 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE TEAMS
CLOSEST TO PIN CONTEST
LONGEST DRIVE CONTEST
PUTTING CONTEST
\$50,000 SHOOT OUT
HOLE-IN-ONE "WIN A CAR"

**PRIZES INCLUDE VACATION PACKAGES,
TICKETS FOR MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS,
GIFT CERTIFICATES AND LOTS MORE!**

FORMAT: FOURSOME SHAMBLE

EACH PLAYER HITS A TEE SHOT. THE FOURSOME SELECTS THE "BEST" TEE SHOT AND ALL PLAYERS PLAY THEIR SECOND SHOT FROM THAT POINT. EACH PERSON THEN PLAYS HIS/HER OWN BALL THROUGH THE REST OF THE HOLE. RECORD THE TEAMS BEST GROSS SCORE ON EACH HOLE. EACH FOURSOME MUST USE A MINIMUM OF ONE DRIVE FROM EACH PLAYER OVER THE 18 HOLES. ENTER YOURSELF OR WITH FRIENDS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR OWN FOURSOME, WE WILL PLACE YOU IN A GROUP.

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS ON THE COURSE,
LUNCH, PRACTICE BALLS, GREEN FEES, CART FEES AND FREE GIFTS.

about the foundation, upcoming events, ovarian cancer and how you can contribute to the Melanie Finley Ovarian Cancer Foundation by donating or becoming a sponsor.

