

Ponies Against Parkinson's



Hollywood Park Bugler, Seth Dunn and Bonnie Dunn (Seth's wife).

Seth Dunn's mother was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in the mid-1990s and his father became her primary caretaker. After watching his mother's gradual decline, Seth decided to start a fundraiser to raise money for Parkinson's research in the hopes that other families wouldn't have to go through what his family had gone through. This past June, he hosted the annual "Ponies Against Parkinson's" in California. Since 2002, Ponies Against Parkinson's has raised nearly \$14,000 for the National Parkinson Foundation.

Since Seth lives near a horse-racing track, Hollywood Park in Inglewood, California, he decided that would be the perfect spot for a fundraiser. Each ticket includes a pre-event happy hour at his company, transportation to and from the track in a rented bus and admission to the track. When he started out seven years ago, he filled one bus with 60 people; by 2009, he filled three buses with 150 people.

Seth's mother was an avid reader and she always read the Parkinson's literature that she received from the National Parkinson Foundation. Seth knew that NPF was the right charity to partner with, stating, "Whether

it's 100,000 dollars, or 10 dollars, we don't know what will put us over the tipping point to find a cure for this devastating disease."

"We are proud that Seth identified NPF as a charitable partner for Ponies Against Parkinson's. Singlehandedly, he has created a fun event to honor his mother that his friends, family and colleagues look forward to every year," said Shannon Sullivan, NPF's VP of Strategic Development.

The event is a day of laughter and community spirit that he wishes his mother could see.

"For me, seeing a group of people enjoying themselves while raising money for Parkinson's disease is well worth the effort," Seth explains.

He claims that as long as the track stays open, he will host the event. He hopes to involve more of NPF's California chapters in June 2011. Mark your calendars to pony up!



Three amigos - Hyman Dunn (Seth's father), Jonathan Dunn (Seth's brother) and Seth Dunn.



Are you interested in starting your own community fundraiser?

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