

## Journey to a Cure – PRESS RELEASE

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## Willie's Warriors Presents "Journey to a Cure" 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Event to Honor Local Cancer Survivors and Remember Those Lost to Cancer

(Clinton/Lancaster/Leominster MA) – A special Journey for a Cure Event will be held on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** to support the American Cancer Society Relay For Life®. The event will be held in Clinton and will provide everyone the opportunity do his or her part and take personal action in the fight against cancer.

Entertainment will be provided by The Great Escape, A Journey Tribute Band. Learn more about the band at <http://www.thegreatescapemusic.com> Tickets are \$15.00 or 2 for \$25.00 and they include food/snacks. We will also have raffles, t-shirts, and other items for sale throughout the night.

Last year, Leominster Credit Union's Willie's Warrior's was one of top Fundraisers and raised over \$10,000.00 for the event. The total combined donations from Leominster Credit Union since becoming involved with the Gardner Relay for Life has just been over \$90,000.00.

Anyone desiring to "fight back" may do so by participating in our event or by visiting our website at [www.willieswarriors.org](http://www.willieswarriors.org) Local business' reach out every year to support this cause. Lydia Vazquez states "Events like this cannot happen without the help of small businesses, the community, our friends, and family". Please visit our website for a list of our sponsors. Attending the event or making a donation helps the American Cancer Society achieve its mission of saving lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back against the disease.

The event will be hosted by Willie's Warriors. An organization created by Lydia Vazquez who currently resides in Lancaster MA. She created the group to remember her father, Wilfredo Vazquez-Pol who lost his 10 year battle against cancer on April 8, 2010. This event marks the 9th year anniversary of his death. Erin Smith Ruperto and Lydia Vazquez started the original event because both had lost loved ones to cancer. This year marks Candace Smith's 10<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of being gone. This disease still affects so many and this is our way of fighting back. Breakaway Billiards has been hosting this event for 9 years. Lydia states "The event is successful because it is not just about my dad, or about Erin's sister, we honor several other local "Warriors", all loved ones from our community, we all come out to remember and honor those fighting this battle and those who have lost this battle.

See our website and facebook page to learn more about our Willie's Warriors. Information about purchasing tickets is available by calling 508-414-7421, at Breakaway Billiards in Clinton, Ciccone Family Fitness and Anytime Fitness in Clinton MA. Tickets can also be purchased from any Willie's Warrior Team Member.