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Miles of Magic sparks support

By Catherine Geruson '15

BCM, the Breast Cancer Marathon, has been celebrating the life of Mrs. Stephanie Leonards Roman, a former Mount science teacher, and raising scholarship funds on her behalf since 2009.

This year, the newly named Miles of Magic 5K event has expanded its influence because of the vision and hard work of many in the Mount community.

The idea for Miles of Magic materialized when the mutual goals of the student council and alumnae came together. Student Council officers, seniors Colleen McBride, Kate Fitzpatrick and Kate Pensabene, wanted to reach out to alumnae, and, at an open board meeting, alumnae expressed interest in holding a 5K as a fundraiser.

The committee spent countless hours over the past six months planning the event, choosing the name, logo and date, as well as reaching out to and securing sponsors, according to Director of Alumnae Mrs. Theresa Moyer.

Joining McBride, Fitzpatrick, Pensabene and Student Council Moderator Mrs. Margaret DeStefano on the Miles of Magic 5K Race Committee are Megan Badolato '05, Dean of Students Mrs. Connie D'Angelo, Emily DePaul '01, Director of Development Mrs. Jill Gregori, Track and Cross Country Coach Mrs. Kitty McClernand, Mrs. Moyer and Mrs. Katie McClernand Sachetta '05.

"I was very impressed by not only the commitment of the student council officers but also the alums. I was equally impressed with the high degree of collaborating between the officers and the al-

win free entries for the Broad Street Run. The event will also feature a one-mile fun run, a moon bounce, face painting and plenty of food. There will even be an appearance by DJs Bee Sykes and Kelly Dougherty!

Many alumnae are signed up for the race, several of whom were students of Mrs. Roman and truly understand her presence and importance at the Mount.

"It's great that past and present Mounties can all come together," said McBride.

Mount faculty will also be involved in this year's event as both participants and volunteers, and the cross country team will serve as volunteers as well.

"As of now we're looking for more student participation because the event is so worthwhile and will be so much fun," said Fitzpatrick.

Miles of Magic 5K is a true demonstration of unity at the Mount for an incredible cause that affects so many people.

Even if you are not a runner, come out, wear your pink and enjoy a fantastic day for a fabulous cause at the Miles of Magic 5K!

I liked seeing that reaching back and reaching forward simultaneously all for the cause of expanding BCM to a 5K event which we certainly hope will increase the scholarship fund, never forgetting that that is our purpose, said Mrs. DeStefano.

Mrs. McClernand Sachetta, who reached out to *Run the Day* to officiate the race, said, "From day one, our two main goals have been to encourage participation (among current students, alums and the community) and to raise scholarship money in honor of Mrs. Leonards Roman."

First place male and female runners will



Students reflect on impact of cancer

By Danielle Kosman '15

CANCER. Most people cringe at the word.

Almost everyone has some kind of personal struggle with cancer, whether it is her own or that of someone she loves.

My personal experience with cancer is through my mom. My mom battled cancer relentlessly, but unfortunately lost her life to the awful disease this past May.

I think Eleanor Roosevelt put it best when she said, "We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'"

My mom is an inspiration to me in everything that I do and I can only hope someday to be as strong as she was. The strength in my life truly comes from my mother. When I really think about it, even though life seems unforgiving at times and I am sometimes faced with overwhelming difficulties, I try to think of my mom and how she

maintained her positive outlook and great faith with all that she went through.

I also realize that many people struggle with cancer as she did. Many families are devastated by the loss of their loved ones like mine is. And, because of cancer, many people smile through silent pain, cry behind closed doors and fight battles nobody knows about, a routine all too familiar to me.

According to the American Cancer Society, cancer claims more lives worldwide than any other noncommunicable disease. They predict that by the year 2030, 22.2 million people will be diagnosed with cancer yearly. That figure is comparable to every person in Australia being diagnosed with cancer every year.

Though this prediction is devastating, it does not have to become truth. I believe we must take on the responsibility of furthering efforts to cure cancer so we can give hope to those in dire need of it.

By Alana Cianciulli '15

The MSJA Breast Cancer Marathon has been instrumental in raising community awareness for a devastating disease while rewarding a student for her efforts in the sciences.

The profits raised at the BCM, now the Miles of Magic 5K, are allocated to a scholarship fund in memory of Mrs. Stephanie Leonards Roman.

Mrs. Roman was a dedicated, enthusiastic science teacher at the Mount. Her passion for the sciences was fundamental in inspiring students. Cherished by her students, peers and family, she "was a compassionate and funny person who always lit up a room," according to her close friend and biology teacher Ms. Marjorie Davis.

After Mrs. Roman lost her extensive battle with breast cancer in 2009, her family dedicated a scholarship in her name for a rising senior who epitomizes Mrs. Roman's passion for science and excels in her studies.

Ms. Davis has kept in touch with the Roman family over

the years.

"The Mount's continued support of her memory through this event and the continuation of the scholarship has meant a great deal to her family and friends," said Ms. Davis.

Last June, I was bestowed with the honor of receiving this award. Each day, I try to exemplify Mrs. Roman's legacy in my studies by constantly reaching my full potential. I have always been extremely passionate about science, especially biology and physiology, and am amazed by and blessed with all the wonderful resources that are available at the Mount. My life-long dream has been to become a pediatrician, and because of the teachers who have helped drive my passion forward, my goal feels more than attainable.

I am thrilled to be able to combine my passion for science and my love of helping others into a career. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to carry on Mrs. Roman's legacy in my future studies at the Mount, in medical school and the rest of my life.