



Newsletter

The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter
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HOORAY! YOU DID IT AGAIN!

The Gene Roman Family Foundation Eighth (yes, *eighth!*) Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Gala Event was another smashing success. Thank you to everyone who attended...or sent checks...or donated prizes...or time. Thank you to everyone involved in making our 2010 event such a fabulous evening. We had 135 attendees, and raised over \$20,000. In this difficult time of economic stress and uncertainty, this is nothing short of amazing. We are so very thankful for all of you—the people who believe in us and what we do, and make it possible for us to continue our efforts. There are no words to convey how grateful we are.

April 23, which was the 63rd anniversary of Gene's birth, was a great evening. Great food, great friends, and great entertainment again provided by Peter Oprisko, combined to make a memorable occasion. We had a wonderful assortment of raffle prizes donated by many businesses and individuals as well as our traditional 50/50 raffle.

Since our first dinner in 2003, we have helped over 135 individual people, most of whom had nowhere else to turn. Many of these people are amazed that strangers are willing to reach out and help them in their time of need—and then it is my pleasure to be able to explain what wonderful supporters we have—you.

I believe it is extremely important for all of you to know how we are touching people's lives. At the dinner, I read excerpts from some of the mail we receive from the recipients of our funds. I want to share some of those here for our supporters who could not attend the dinner this year:

"I would like to thank The Gene Roman Family Foundation for your kindness and support. Your prayers, generous monetary gift, and kindness during what has been a very difficult time in our lives has been of great help and comfort. Your support has been appreciated more than words can ever express. May your blessings return to you many times over in all areas of your lives."

"I want to thank The Gene Roman Family Foundation for helping out my family last year. We were experiencing a host of home, car, and financial expenses relating to my cancer all at the same time. The money that I received helped with our bills and was a real life saver for us. Thanks again and keep up the wonderful work!"

"I would like to thank you and your foundation. I appreciate all that you have done for me. Your assistance came at a time when it was really needed. This foundation is doing great things to help the victims of cancer and I would like to wish you luck in continuing the great work that you do. I hope that this time next year I can contribute more."

"Thank God for you. When I needed help you were there to help me get the medication I needed. I pray God blesses and keeps you always."

"Thank you very much for your help with my security deposit. I am a lot closer to my doctors and it doesn't cost as much to go back and forth. "

"I really appreciate the help I have received for medication and the help with my gas bill. This is truly a great foundation which reaches out to cancer patients. I don't know what I would have done. I would like to thank all of you and may God bless all of you in your endeavors to make the lives of cancer survivors much better. "

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"May God bless you and keep you. I just want to thank you for all you have done for us. Without your help we would not have been able to get my wife's medication. Thank you with all of our hearts. "

"My sister's diagnosis of cancer rendered her completely dependent on her sisters. Because of your donation I was able to stay with her for ten days during her treatment at MD Anderson. We both thank you for your generous gift. "

"Words can't express my gratitude to your foundation for helping my Dad pay for his medication. We had no where to turn. Our doctor's office suggested we call The Gene Roman Family Foundation. They were so caring and responded to our request right away. Thanks to the foundation my Dad was able to continue to receive his medication without any worries. My entire family will be forever grateful to your foundation for your help."

Watch this newsletter or our website for the date for our 2011 Event. We hope you will join us and bring your friends and family. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions on this event. Please email Sandie Roman at sandie@generoman.org. Thank you again...we couldn't do what we do without you.

REMEMBER iGIVE?

Thank you to the friends who have already joined iGive! We're hoping that more of you will join now. You can support the Foundation just by shopping online at well-known stores. It doesn't cost you a thing, and iGive will make a donation to the Foundation every time you shop at one of these stores. It doesn't change your cost at all. It's free, private, & easy. By typing the link below, you will automatically choose our Foundation as your cause:

<http://www.iGive.com/welcome/warmwelcome.cfm?c=34303&m=434201>

Then, shop through iGive.com's online mall. Make that first purchase within 45 days and get a bonus \$5 donation, too! Thanks!!!

THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE PRIZE DONORS

Thank you to the following businesses who so generously donated prizes to support our 2010 raffle. PLEASE utilize these businesses whenever you need any of the services or products they offer. *Aurelio's Pizza, Body Tech Total Fitness, C D Liquors, Carol Van Ostenburg, Calming Touch Massage, Capri Ristorante Italiano, Center for Performing Arts, Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, Dance Images, Rob Slovin - First Mortgage Corp., Golden Shoes, Robert Jeffrey Salon, Jump Zone, Kohl Children's Museum, Cindy Hill - Lia Sophia Jewelry, Lincoln-Way Sportsplex, Angela Isbell - Mary Kay Products, Nick's BBQ, Noble Fool Theatricals at Pheasant Run, Odyssey Country Club, Park West Gallery, Quality Maid, Sanfratello's Pizza, John G. Shedd Aquarium, TGI Friday's, Theatre at the Center, Tin Fish, Restaurant, Wine Styles, Women's Workout World.*

Thank you to the following best-selling authors who donated autographed books. Next time you want to read a good book, try one of these authors: *David Baldacci, Harlan Coben, Robert Crais, Dean Koontz, John Lescroart.*

Thank you to the following individuals for their donations: *Gerry & Alex Berzins, Mike Feminis, Bob Martino, Ann & Bill Moser, Mary Kay Nagy, John Prast, Adam Roman, Michele Roman, Jenny & Karl Schissler.*

THANK YOU

FOUNDATION WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our Foundation website for the latest information on what's happening, view current and previous newsletters, and visit the photo gallery to see pictures from our Annual Events. You can find us at www.generoman.org. Thank you to Joe Cannon, who designed our website and keeps it up -to-date.

IN LOVING MEMORY....

We have received donations:

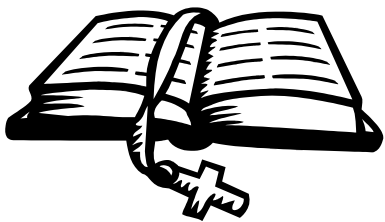
*In loving memory of **Gene Roman**
from Susan & Jeff Philips*

*In loving memory of **Gene Roman**
and **Bob Thormann** from Doloris & Dave WYROBEK*

*In loving memory of **Donna Butkus**
from Gerry & Alex Berzins*

*In loving memory of **Bob Leoni** from
Gerry & Alex Berzins*

*In loving memory of **Bob Leoni** from
Renee & Mike Berzins*



*In loving memory of **Bob Leoni** from
Meg & Steve Berzins*

*In loving memory of **Bob Leoni** from
Leslie & Dave Berzins*

*In loving memory of **Donna Butkus**
from Little Company of Mary Hospital Recovery
Room*

*In loving memory of **Gabriella**
Willard from Phyllis & Chuck Kurecki*

If you would like to make a gift to The Gene Roman Family Foundation in memory of someone, or in honor of a person or an occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc., please send your contribution to:

The Gene Roman Family Foundation
18201 Glen Swilly Circle
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Be sure to indicate in whose memory/honor you are donating, and the occasion if appropriate. Let us know to whom we should send a card, letting them know a gift has been made. We'll take care of the rest—and we'll put the gift to good use. Thanks!

YOUR DONATIONS

As always, your donations make it possible for us to continue helping people...one life at a time. Since our November newsletter, we have:

- Paid rent for a woman with cervical cancer
- Helped with expenses for a 48-year-old woman with metastasized cervical cancer
- Paid medical travel expenses for a woman with osteosarcoma
- Paid mortgage and COBRA for a woman with metastasized melanoma
- Paid insurance premiums for a man with prostate cancer
- Paid utility bills for a young single mother with cervical cancer
- Paid rent for a woman with breast cancer
- Paid insurance premiums for a man with bone cancer
- Helped with medications for a woman with breast cancer
- Paid a mortgage payment for the family of a 25-year-old man with sarcoma of the abdomen
- Paid medication copay for a man with lung cancer
- Helped with expenses for a young mother with colon cancer
- Helped with expenses for a woman with breast cancer

Our referrals continue to come from oncologists, hospital Cancer Centers, local agencies, former patients, and our supporters. Thanks to you, we are able to continue assisting those who often have nowhere else to get help.

REFERRALS WELCOME

Just a reminder—if you know of someone with cancer who is struggling financially and you think the Foundation might be able to help them, please let us know. E-mail us at sandie@generoman.org, contact us by phone 708-532-4454 or regular mail, 18201 Glen Swilly Circle, Tinley Park, IL 60477, Attn: Disbursement Committee.

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IN LOVING MEMORY
GENE ROMAN
April 23, 1947–May 18, 2004

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

This is the twelfth issue of our semi-annual publication, The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and informative. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date on what's happening with the Foundation—what we're doing, who we're helping, and upcoming events. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed and encouraged at any time.

The Gene Roman Family Foundation is a charitable non-profit corporation founded by Gene and Sandie Roman in 2003, shortly after Gene was diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, Gene passed away in May 2004, but we are proud to continue the work that was his dream – assisting people who are fighting cancer and experiencing financial hardship.

Our goal is to raise money to directly help *people* without deducting the large salaries and administrative expenses that are sometimes involved in larger organizations. We are proud to say that we have been able to help many individuals who may not have had any other source of financial assistance. We are staffed entirely by volunteers. No portion of any donation is used for salaries, nor was any portion ever used for any of Gene's expenses or treatments. Your gift to The Gene Roman Family Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, is tax deductible and will allow us to continue with our goals.

Our logo was designed by Kevin Kapala. The Roman column symbolizes Gene's strong character and strength in his battle with cancer and represents the support one can find from family and friends. The bright sun symbolizes the hope that is within all of us. It also reminds us that a life threatening illness makes one appreciate everything more; the sun shines brighter; the grass is greener, etc. The rays coming off the sun symbolize the family's outreach to others.

We at the Gene Roman Family Foundation are extremely proud of the work that Gene began and that we carry on, and we are especially grateful for all of our wonderful family, friends, and supporters who so generously contribute to our goals. Thank you.