LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 2011 NEEDS YOUR HELP TO CREATE A WORLD FREE OF MS

The MS Leadership Class campaign is designed to recognize community leaders as well as raise funds needed to provide worldwide research and local services for the thousands of area residents with multiple sclerosis (MS) and their families. Since the program’s inception, local award recipients have raised more than $2 million in donations for the fight against multiple sclerosis.

Congratulations to the members of the Philadelphia MS Leadership Class of 2011, who collectively raised more than $130,000 to support crucial programs, services and research.

The class was led in its effort by Pari Hashemi, Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor and Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Hashemi raised $11,400 to support people in the Greater Delaware Valley living with this chronic neurological disease.

We thank all the members of the 2011 class for helping create a world free of MS.

Still, the 13,000 local people living with MS need your help.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that strikes people in the prime of their lives as they are building their careers and starting families. With unpredictable symptoms ranging from numbness in the limbs to paralysis or loss of vision, MS can make it extremely difficult for people to maintain their career trajectory – or even to continue working at all.

We are still accepting donations for this year’s MS Leadership campaign. Look inside to see if you know one or more of this year’s honorees, all leaders in our community. If so, please make a donation to their campaign. If not, you can support this year’s class as a whole. Giving is easy – just go to:

nationalMSsociety.org/PhiladelphiaLeadership

The MS Leadership Class is critical to helping your colleagues, family members and friends receive services that help them stay employed, maintain their health insurance and remain independent. Please give today.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 TOP FUNDRAISERS

TOP FUNDRAISER

PARI HASHEMI, CRPC

CHARTERED RETIREMENT PLANNING COUNSELOR, FINANCIAL ADVISOR, MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY

EDUCATION: BA, University of Pennsylvania; Series 7, 66, 31, Life & Health Insurance, Financial Planning

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Women’s Mastermind Cooperative; YP of CCPA; Association of Alumnae Treasurer, University of Pennsylvania; Nancy’s House

AWARDS/HONORS: PBJ’s 40 Under 40; Women of Distinction Rising Star Nominee; Sol Feinstone Award Nomination

"Everything happens for a reason. Live your life to the fullest each day and find happiness in all that you do. Strive to achieve your dreams and stand up for what you believe in even if it means standing alone."

RAISED $11,400

PATRICK J. DUGAN

DIRECTOR, ASHER & COMPANY, LTD.

EDUCATION: BS, Drexel University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Finance Committee Member, National Multiple Sclerosis Society Greater Delaware Valley Chapter; Finance Committee Member, Our Lady of Fatima Church; Urban Land Institute; Philadelphia Real Estate Council; Board Member, PA State Board of Accountancy

AWARDS/HONORS: Certified Public Accountant; Appointment to PA State Board of Accountancy

"Finish strong."

RAISED $11,240

JOHN JOHNSON, JR.

PRESIDENT OF TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION LOCAL 234, SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

EDUCATION: Bachelor’s Degree, Temple University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Board Member, Philadelphia AFL-CIO; Board Member, Temple University Black Alumni Alliance; National Board Member, A. Philip Randolph Institute; Labor Liaison for the Democratic Committee of Wilmington, DE; 2007 Center for Progressive Leadership Fellow; Coalition of Black Trade Unionist Member, Wilmington DE Chapter

AWARDS/HONORS: 2011 A. Philip Randolph Institute/Philadelphia Chapter Award

“If you don’t take risks, you don’t gain anything.”

RAISED $10,500

CHARLES A. ERCOLE

PARTNER, KLEHR HARRISON HARVEY BRANZBURG LLP

EDUCATION: JD, Rutgers University School of Law; BA, St. Joseph’s University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: President, St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board; former board member, Homeless Advocacy Project; past president (Philadelphia) and vice-president (national) Little Brothers Friend of the Elderly

AWARDS/HONORS: Selected multiple times by peers as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer.

“It is as important to do good as it is to do well.”

RAISED $8,100
THE NATIONAL MS SOCIETY EXTENDS ITS APPRECIATION

The Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National MS Society would like to thank the MS Leadership Class Co-Chairs, Nate Cohen, Patrick Eiding and Bradley Krouse for helping make this year’s program a tremendous success.

The Society would also like to thank Pat Croce and Company; Larry Kane; the Four Seasons; the Union League; and Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP for their continued support of the MS Leadership Class.

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VICE PRESIDENT, THE ADDIS GROUP
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AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Leadership Main Line Co-Chair; The Entrepreneurs Institute; Merion Cricket Club Athletic Committee - Men’s Soccer Chair; Episcopal Academy Agent to Class of 1999; Merion Golf Club

“Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness. Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Appreciate your friends. Continue to learn. Do what you love. Live as if this is all there is.” ~Mary Anne Radmacher

MARISA BALDASSANO, MD
DERMATOLOGIST, BALDASSANO DERMATO-PATHOLOGY, PC
EDUCATION: MD, Pennsylvania State University Hershey Medical Center; Internal Medicine Residency, Duke University Medical Center; Anatomic Pathology Residency, Massachusetts General Hospital; Dermatopathology Fellowship, NYU Medical Center; BS, Duke University
AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Board Certified in Dermatopathology; member of the American Board of Pathology, American Board of Dermatology, American Board of Anatomic Pathology and the American Board of Internal Medicine
AWARDS/HONORS: Duke University Cum Laude, Dean’s List; Hershey Medical Center AOA candidate

KEVIN J. BAUM
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EDUCATION: JD, Villanova University School of Law; BA, Hartwick College
AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Commercial Finance Association, Philadelphia Chapter; Philadelphia Bar Association; Board of Directors/Executive Committee, Greene Towne School

JEFFREY BRODY
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER
EDUCATION: Bachelor’s Degree, Franklin and Marshall College

“Think you can, think you can’t ... either way, you’d be right.” ~Henry Ford

ELLEN BAILEY
ATTORNEY, ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC
EDUCATION: JD, Rutgers University School of Law; BA, Drew University
AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations; PA Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession - Public Service Task Force Co-Chair; Rutgers Law School Alumni Advisory Council

AWARDS/HONORS: Law clerk to The Honorable John E. Wallace, Jr. (Ret.), the Supreme Court of New Jersey; Law clerk to The Honorable Yvonne Mokgoro (Ret.), the Constitutional Court of South Africa

JB BRAUN
PUBLISHER, MAIN LINE TODAY MAGAZINE, TODAY MEDIA COMPANY
EDUCATION: Villanova University; Wesley College
AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Vice President, Needy Family Fund (Delaware)
AWARDS/HONORS: Manager of the Year, Gannett Corporation

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APPROXIMATELY 400,000 AMERICANS HAVE MS, and every week more than 150 people are diagnosed. The Greater Delaware Valley is home to more than 13,000 people living with MS.
*Multiple Sclerosis* is a disease of the central nervous system with no known cause or cure. It means a lifetime of unpredictable and disabling symptoms and can affect people's ability to walk, see or think.

**THOMAS COGLAN**
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**EDUCATION:**
MBA, La Salle University; BS, Drexel University

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Board of Directors, Newtown Edgmont Little League; VP Professional Development, Greater Philadelphia Institute of Management Accountants

“A shot on goal is never a bad play.”

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**ZAK ELABID**
**FINANCIAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL AND AGENT, NEW YORK LIFE**
**EDUCATION:**
Casablanca Morocco High School

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Delco Soccer Referees Association; Glenmoore Eagle Soccer Association

“Doing something costs something. Doing nothing costs something. And quite often, doing nothing costs a lot more.”

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**BENJAMIN FAIMON**
**PARTNER, PARENTEBEARD LLC**
**EDUCATION:**
CPA; MS, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science; BS, Philadelphia University

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Israeli Chamber

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”

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**STEPHANIE GAMBONE**
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**EDUCATION:**
Bryn Mawr College Non-Profit Executive Leadership Institute; MS, West Chester University; BA, La Salle University

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Instructor, Delaware County Community College; Intermediary Network, Youth Employment and Workplace Engagement Co-Chair; Young Professionals Network Member and Past Chair; Philadelphia Cares Volunteer

**AWARDS/HONORS:** Leadership Philadelphia Top 101 Emerging Connectors, 2008, 2006

“A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” ~ Margaret Mead

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**BRIDGET GRAY**
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS & SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER, THE GOVERNOR’S WOODS FOUNDATION**
**EDUCATION:**
BA, The Pennsylvania State University

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** The Penn State Alumni Association; Advertising Woman of New York; The Friends of Rittenhouse Square; FEASTIVAL

“A wish that every day for you will be happy from the start and may you always have good luck and a song within your heart.” ~ Irish quote

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**LEAH GREENBERG**
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**EDUCATION:**
JD, Villanova University School of Law; BA, Washington & Lee University

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Junior League of Philadelphia

“Be the change you want to see in the world.”

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**EDUARDO GUZMAN**
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**EDUCATION:**
MA, University of Colorado; Professional Degree in Architecture, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico; Diploma in Interior Design, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico; Diploma in Strategic Planning, Universidad Naci

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** US Green Building Council; National Council of Architectural Accreditation Boards; Urban Land Institute; Former Board President, Mexican Cultural Center (PHL); Registered Architect: NJ, NY, PA, AZ, Mexico; LEED Accredited Professional

**AWARDS/HONORS:** Latino Leader Award; Favorite Business Professional: Hispanic Business Leader

“Stay hungry. Stay foolish.”

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**DIRECTOR, LBC CREDIT PARTNERS**
**EDUCATION:**
MBA, The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania; BBA, Temple University

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Wharton Private Equity Partners

**AWARDS/HONORS:** Summa Cum Laude, Temple University

“Failing to plan is planning to fail.”

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**LARS KERSTEIN**
**COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKER, METRO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE**
**EDUCATION:**
BA, Franklin and Marshall College

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** International Council of Shopping Centers; Tri-State Commercial Realtors Alliance Realtor

“Live life to the fullest.” ~ Ernest Hemingway
IN MS, IMMUNE CELLS attack myelin, which insulates nerve fibers and helps them conduct electrical impulses. When myelin or the nerve fiber is destroyed or damaged, the ability of the nerves to conduct messages to and from the brain is disrupted.

"Better decisions faster."

WHILE SOME PEOPLE have periodic flare-ups of MS symptoms with few lasting effects, others see their symptoms become progressively more disabling.

"You can be anything you want to be, if only you believe with sufficient conviction and act in accordance with your faith, for whatever the mind can conceive and believe the mind can achieve." ~ Napoleon Hill
**THE DISEASE TAKES A HUGE FINANCIAL TOLL:**

the lifetime personal price tag of MS is nearly $3 million in lost wages, medication costs and more.

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**Leoundon Poncia**
**President/Partner, Aquinas Reality Partners**

**Education:**
MS, Structural Engineering; MBA, Finance and Investment Management; BS, Civil Engineering

**Affiliations/Memberships:**
Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware; Board of Directors, Association of Saint Jean Jugan of the Little Sisters of the Poor

**Awards/Honors:**
2008 Spirit of Jeane Jugan Award

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**Chair, Media, Entertainment and Sports Law Practice, Cozen O’Connor**

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MS, BS, Drexel University; MBA, Finance

**Awards/Honors:**
A.J. Drexel Scholar; Dean’s Fellow

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**Chair, Media, Entertainment and Sports Law Practice, Cozen O’Connor**

**Education:**
JD, Widener University School of Law; BA, Lafayette College

**Awards/Honors:**
Pennoni Honors; America
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**Evan F. Solomon**
**Founder, EFS Networks, Inc.**

**Education:**
MS, BS, Drexel University

**Affiliations/Memberships:**
Friends of the American Cancer Society; Jewish Federation of Philadelphia; Union League of Philadelphia; Center City Proprietors; Drexel University School Alumni Association

**Awards/Honors:**
Pennoni Honors; A.J. Drexel Scholar; Dean’s Fellow Scholar; Freshman Business Award; Beta Gamma Sigma & Golden Key National Honor Societies

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**VICTOR TRINGALI**
**Director, University Wellness, Drexel University**

**Education:**
MS, California University; BS, Salisbury University

**Affiliations/Memberships:**
American College of Sports Medicine; National Strength and Conditioning Association; National Academy of Sports Medicine; American Public Health Association; Wellness Council of America

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**Michael Zyborrywicz**
**Cpa Manager, Citrin Cooperman & Company, LLP**

**Education:**
BS, Syracuse University

**Awards/Honors:**
Dean’s list, Syracuse University

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**Whilst There Are Eight Medications**

on the market, and more are on the way, these therapies do not provide a cure, nor do they stop disease progression.

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**Douglas Weiss**
**Senior Director, Corporate Development, Comcast**

**Education:**
MBA, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; BA, Franklin and Marshall College

**Awards/Honors:**
Member, Back on My Feet; Playworks Board Member

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**Michael Montanaro, PhD**
**Licensed Psychologist, Director, Jenkintown Psychological Associates**

Man is not disturbed by the events of his life but by the view he takes of them.

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**Megan R. Smith**
**Founder and President, Brownstone PR**

If I didn’t define myself for myself, I would be crushed into other people’s fantasies for me and eaten alive.

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The National MS Society is the only organization that approaches MS research comprehensively, with a vision to bring solutions to everyone affected by MS. The Society is committed to fund MS research aggressively, so that all promising paths can be explored to STOP disease progression, RESTORE function that has been lost and END MS forever by protecting future generations.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.
If you would like to help support this research, please contact Kristina McGraw at 1-800-548-4611.

YOUR DONATION PROVIDES HELP AND HOPE

The National MS Society exists to help every individual with their different needs, and we are committed to making a measurable difference in the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis.

Last year we provided $200,000 in grants to local residents so they could make their houses more accessible – we want people to retain their independence, and we all know that starts at home.

On the national level, we answered more than 250,000 phone calls and emails from people affected by MS who are looking for help – and that includes everything from finding a neurologist to emergency financial assistance.

Additionally, we invested more than $35 million in MS research. The National MS Society is the largest private funder of MS research in the world.

Funds raised by the 2011 MS Leadership Class honorees make it possible for the Society to make more homes accessible, provide information and advice to even more people living with MS and devote even more money to research.

Join the movement at moveforMS.org
MAKE YOUR MARK

By sponsoring, volunteering or participating in the National MS Society’s many events.

WALK MS: Held at 18 sites in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Walk MS is a great way to spend a spring morning with the family. (Spring 2012)

WOMEN AGAINST MS (WAMS) LUNCHEON: The WAMS initiative unites women throughout the Greater Delaware Valley and will honor Dr. Amy Gutmann with guest speaker Zoe Koplowitz. (May 8, 2012)

THE ORIGINAL MUD RUN PHILLY, BENEFITTING THE NATIONAL MS SOCIETY: Take the challenge to slip, slide and slosh your way through a 10k (about 6.2 miles) course covered in mud, all while traversing over, under and through natural and man made obstacles. (June 9 & 10, 2012)

BIKE MS: City to Shore Ride: 25, 45, 75, or 100 miles. One or two days. Hailed by Bicycling Magazine as the “Best cycling getaway in N.J.,” you are sure to enjoy the Bike MS: City to Shore Ride. (September 29 & 30, 2012)

CHALLENGE WALK MS: A two-day, 30-mile walk through the beautiful Brandywine Valley and historic Philadelphia. You’ll be amazed at how many miles you walked, how many friends you made and how much of an impact you have had on the lives of people with MS. (October 2012)

For more information about these events or any services provided by the National MS Society, visit MoveforMS.org or call 1-800-FIGHT-MS.
I can’t hold my grandchild anymore.
Finding joy in the simple things.
Putting aside old dreams and working on new ones.
Having a back-up plan, because you never know what each day will bring.

I can still live a good life.
Finding an inner strength I didn’t know I had.
I can’t hold my grandchild anymore. I can’t take long walks...so I take real short ones.

I am hopeful that one day we’ll find a cure.
Finding joy in the simple things. Putting aside old dreams and working on new ones.

What does MS mean to you? Go to MSmeans.org