



# 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](http://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 Liason 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.



Left to right: Nate Cohen (LBC Credit Partners), Pat Croce, Patrick Eiding (AFL-CIO) and Bradley Krouse (Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP)

## 2011 MS LEADERSHIP CLASS

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

### ANDREW S. ADDIS

VICE PRESIDENT,  
THE ADDIS GROUP

EDUCATION:

Episcopal  
Academy; BA,  
Gettysburg College



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

*"It matters not how strait the gate, How  
charged with punishments the scroll.  
I am the master of my fate: I am the  
captain of my soul."*  
- *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley

### 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

*"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

*"Treat others how you would want to be  
treated."*



### KEVIN J. BAUM

PARTNER, BLANK  
ROME LLP

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

AWARDS/HONORS: Villanova Law  
Review; Order of the Coif; Pennsylvania  
Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2006, 2010,  
2011; graduated Magna Cum Laude  
from Villanova and Cum Laude from  
Hartwick

### 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

*"Think you can, think you can't ... either  
way, you'd be right."* - Henry Ford



### JEFFREY BRODY

DIRECTOR OF  
DEVELOPMENT,  
NATIONAL  
MULTIPLE  
SCLEROSIS  
SOCIETY, GREATER  
DELAWARE  
VALLEY CHAPTER



EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree,  
Franklin and Marshall College

*"The pessimist complains about the  
wind. The optimist expects it to change.  
The leader adjusts the sails."*  
- John Maxwell

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.

## THOMAS COGHLAN

MANAGING  
DIRECTOR, CPE  
UNIVERSITY, LLC

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."*

## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

is a disease of the central  
nervous system with no  
known cause or cure. It  
means a lifetime of un-  
predictable and disabling  
symptoms and can affect  
people's ability to walk,  
see or think.

## CHUCK CURTIS

MANAGING  
PARTNER, THE  
CENTER FOR  
INTELLIGENT  
LEADERSHIP



EDUCATION:  
MBA, Villanova  
University; BFA,  
Rochester Institute of Technology

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Main  
Line Chamber of Commerce; Greater  
Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce,  
3ci Council

AWARDS/HONORS: Eagle Scout, Boy  
Scouts of America; ROTC Military  
Honor Graduate, Rochester Institute of  
Technology

*"Do every act of your life as if it were  
your last." - Marcus Aurelius*

## 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

AWARDS/HONORS: Silver Level for  
Honda Council of Excellence

*"Doing something costs something.  
Doing nothing costs something. And  
quite often, doing nothing costs a lot  
more."*

## 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."*

## STEPHANIE GAMBONE

VICE PRESIDENT,  
BUSINESS  
PARTNERSHIPS,  
THE  
PHILADELPHIA  
YOUTH NETWORK



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*

## 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

AWARDS/HONORS: Penn State graduate  
with distinction - 2005

*"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*

## LEAH GREENBERG

ASSOCIATE,  
PEPPER  
HAMILTON LLP



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

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Junior  
League of Philadelphia

AWARDS/HONORS: Order of the Coif;  
Hyman-Goodman Award

*"Be the change you want to see in the  
world."*

## EDUARDO GUZMAN

PRESIDENT, DCM  
ARCHITECTURE  
AND  
ENGINEERING, LLC



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."*

## JOHN JADACH

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."*

## 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*

## COURTNEY KIMMEL

GENERAL  
MANAGER  
& DIRECTOR,  
CHILDCARE  
MANAGEMENT  
GROUP, INC.



EDUCATION: BS,  
Martin J. Whitman  
School of Management, Syracuse  
University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Child  
Care Professional Network; Delta Delta  
Delta Sorority; Spruce Foundation;  
Co-Chair, Walk MS team 2001-2010;  
Fundraiser, Canine Partners For Life

AWARDS/HONORS: Syracuse University  
Dean's List; Syracuse University  
Panhellenic Philanthropic Chair

*"Courage is being scared to death...and  
saddling up anyway." - John Wayne*

## HELEN MARSHALL

VP HUMAN  
RESOURCES,  
CAMPUS  
APARTMENTS LLC



EDUCATION:  
SPHR candidate

AFFILIATIONS/  
MEMBERSHIPS: SHRM AAGP

AWARDS/HONORS: 2010 & 2008 finalist  
for The Stevie Awards Best Executive

*"Character is what you have left when  
you've lost everything you can lose."  
- Evan Esar*

## MATTHEW MONROE

ATTORNEY,  
SHELLER, PC



EDUCATION: JD,  
City University of  
New York School of  
Law; BA, Georgia  
State University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:  
Pennsylvania Association of Justice;  
Philadelphia Bar Association; Pennsylvania  
Bar Association; New York State Trial  
Lawyers Association

AWARDS/HONORS: Associated Press  
Managing Editors Award for Public  
Service (2003); Charles H. Revson Law  
Student Public Interest Fellowship (2007);  
Symposium Editor, New York City Law  
Review (2007-08)

*"Success is never found. Failure is never  
fatal. Courage is the only thing."  
- Winston Churchill*

## VERONICA M. NELSON

ASSOCIATE,  
ECKERT SEAMANS  
CHERIN &  
MELLOT, LLC



EDUCATION: JD,  
Howard University  
School of Law;  
BS, Northwestern  
University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:  
Philadelphia Bar Association; New  
Jersey Bar Association; District of  
Columbia Bar Association; American  
Bar Association

AWARDS/HONORS: Howard University  
School of Law Merit Award Scholar,  
2004 & 2005; AmJur Award for  
Professional Responsibility Course;  
Accepted into the Alternative Dispute  
Resolution Clinic/Internship with  
US Equal Employment Opportunity  
Commission

*"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There  
is no cure for curiosity." - Ellen Parr*

## CHRISTOPHER ORLANDO

ATTORNEY,  
BROWN &  
CONNERY LLP



EDUCATION: JD,  
Rutgers University  
School of Law;  
Bachelor's Degree,  
Boston University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: NJ  
and PA Bar Association; Camden Co.  
Bar Association; Chairman, Kingsway  
Education Foundation; Chairman,  
Woolwich Democrat Club

AWARDS/HONORS: 2011 Super  
Lawyers Rising Star; Academic Promise  
Scholar; Pro Bono Award; graduated  
cum laude from Boston University;  
Member of Alpha Kappa Delta  
International Sociological Honor Society

*"The ultimate measure of a man is not  
where he stands in moments of comfort  
and convenience, but where he stands at  
times of challenge and controversy."  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## BENJAMIN PASCAL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER,  
INVISIBLE  
SENTINEL, INC.



EDUCATION:  
MBA, Lehigh  
University; BA,  
The George  
Washington University; The National  
Institute of Medical Research

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:  
Board Member, The Myrtle Siegfried  
and Michael Vigilante Scholarship  
Fund for Pennsylvania Medical  
Students; Member, Pennsylvania BIO;  
Contributing Member, Association  
of Analytical Communities; Partner,  
Philadelphia Academies, Inc.

AWARDS/HONORS: Philadelphia  
Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award  
2011

*"Break as few bones as possible and  
make as much noise as you can."*

## A. GRANT PHELAN

PARTNER, KLEHR  
HARRISON  
HARVEY  
BRANZBURG LLP



EDUCATION: JD,  
Widener University  
School of Law;  
BBA, College of  
William & Mary

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Chair,  
Board of Directors, ART-Reach; Past-  
President, College of William & Mary  
Alumni Association, Philadelphia Chapter

AWARDS/HONORS: Phi Kappa  
Phi; Named 101 Next Generation  
Connectors, Leadership Philadelphia

*"Our greatest glory is not in never  
failing, but in getting up every time we  
do." - Confucius*

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

## BRUCE PLOTNICK

PROGRAM  
MANAGER,  
JOHNSON AND  
JOHNSON



EDUCATION:  
MBA, Georgetown  
University; BS,  
Drexel University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Mitchell  
Court Homeowners Association Board  
Member

AWARDS/HONORS: Beta Gamma  
Sigma Honors at Georgetown University

*"Better decisions faster."*

**IN MS,  
IMMUNE CELLS**  
attack myelin, which insu-  
lates 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 mes-  
sages to and from the brain  
is disrupted.

## MICHAEL C. POLIN

MANAGING  
PARTNER, PREMIER  
PLANNING  
GROUP, INC.



EDUCATION:  
BBA, University of  
North Florida

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:  
Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce;  
Tri-County Association of Insurance  
and Financial Advisors; President-Elect,  
Rotary Club of Phoenixville

AWARDS/HONORS: Graduated Summa  
Cum Laude; Qualifying Member of the  
Million Dollar Round Table; Achieved a  
Financial Services Specialist designation  
from the American College

*"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*

## LEONARD PONCIA

PRESIDENT/  
PARTNER,  
AQUINAS REALTY  
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 Jeane  
Jugan of the Little Sisters of the Poor

AWARDS/HONORS: 2008 Spirit of  
Jeane Jugan Award

*"Integritas, Consonantia and Claritas  
which means Integrity, Harmony and  
Clarity." - Saint Thomas Aquinas*

## 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

*"Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end  
up working for one." - Bill Gates*

## WHILE 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.

## MICHELE STAFINIAC

EDUCATION: Post  
MBA Certificate,  
Kellogg School  
of Management;  
MBA, Temple  
University;  
BS, Villanova  
University



AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:  
Villanova University Alumni Association  
Board of Directors

AWARDS/HONORS: Bike MS: City to  
Shore Platinum Club member; Bike  
MS: City to Shore Gold Club member;  
Bike MS: City to Shore VIP

*"You've got to love people, places, ideas;  
you've got to live with mind, body, soul;  
you've got to be committed; there is no  
life on the sidelines." - Bess Myerson*

## 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

AWARDS/HONORS: Nationally and  
world ranked bodybuilder 2000-2007;  
St. Jude's Research Hospital outstanding  
achievement award 2005, 2006, 2007

*"You can't coach desire."  
- Bill Bowerman*

## DOUGLAS WEISS

SENIOR  
DIRECTOR,  
CORPORATE  
DEVELOPMENT,  
COMCAST



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

*"Do not follow where the path may  
lead. Go instead where there is no path  
and leave a trail."  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## JUSTIN B. WINEBURGH

CHAIR, MEDIA,  
ENTERTAINMENT  
AND SPORTS LAW  
PRACTICE, COZEN  
O'CONNOR



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

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Drexel  
University; Philadelphia Volunteer  
Lawyers for the Arts; PA Film Industry  
Association; Philadelphia Film Society;  
Powershift Committee; PA, NJ and FL  
Bar

AWARDS/HONORS: Pennsylvania  
Super Lawyer; American Lawyer Media  
Lawyer on the Fast Track; Super Lawyers,  
Corporate Counsel Edition; Philadelphia  
Magazine Face of the New Philly;  
Philadelphia Business Journal 40 Under  
40 Honoree

*"Be as good as you say you are, and then  
better."*

## 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.

## MICHAEL ZYBOROWICZ

CPA MANAGER,  
CITRIN  
COOPERMAN &  
COMPANY, LLP



EDUCATION:  
BS, Syracuse  
University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:  
Member, Back on My Feet; Playworks  
Board Member

AWARDS/HONORS: Dean's list,  
Syracuse University

*"Keep on swinging." - Mark Carrow*

## ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO THE MS LEADERSHIP CLASS CAMPAIGN:

### ILYA DITLYA

DIRECTOR, LGL PARTNERS

*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.  
Learn as if you were to live forever."*

### MATTHEW DUDASH

DIRECTOR, FARMERS INSURANCE  
AGENCYPOINT - PHILADELPHIA

*"If you love what you do, you never  
work a day in your life."*

### ELIZABETH FOLEY

VICE PRESIDENT,  
THE MELIOR GROUP

*"When the world says, 'Give up,'  
Hope whispers, 'Try it one more  
time.'" - Author Unknown*

### THOMAS GRUGAN

ASSOCIATE - ASSISTANT PORTFOLIO  
OFFICER, BNY MELLON WEALTH  
MANAGEMENT

*"Pain is temporary. It may last a  
minute, or an hour, or a day, or a  
year, but eventually it will subside  
and something else will take its place.  
If I quit, however, it lasts forever."  
- Lance Armstrong*

### JONATHAN E. HOKE

COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP  
MANAGER, FULTON BANK

*"Never quit."*

### 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." - Philosopher Epictetus*

### MEGAN R. SMITH

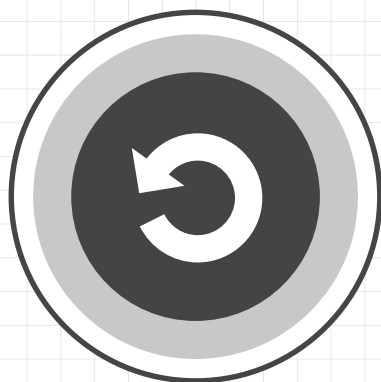
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT,  
BROWNSTONE PR

*"If I didn't define myself for myself, I  
would be crunched into other people's  
fantasies for me and eaten alive."  
- Audre Lorde*

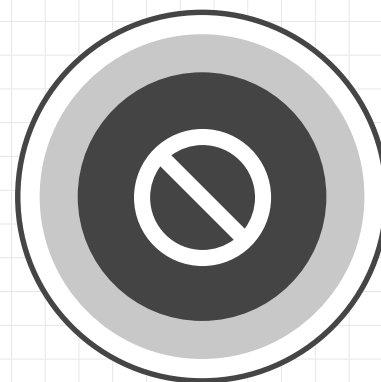




**STOP**



**RESTORE**



**END**

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.

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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**

10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

W X M S

WOMEN AGAINST MS

Save the date  
2012 Women  
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Luncheon

MAY 8, 2012



HONORING:  
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WITH GUEST SPEAKER:

Zoe Koplowitz

Living with multiple sclerosis and diabetes, Koplowitz is a marathon runner, an inspirational speaker and author of *The Winning Spirit – Life Lessons Learned In Last Place*.

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

walk  
MS

**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)

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**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

**THE ORIGINAL MUD RUN PHILLY, BENEFITTING THE NATIONAL MS SOCIETY:** Take the challenge to slip, slide and slish 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

**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

**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)

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visit [MoveforMS.org](http://MoveforMS.org) or call 1-800-FIGHT-MS.



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