

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kick A.S.S. for Natalie 5K and 1 Mile Walk**

4256 Mount Carmel Drive

Windber, PA 15963

<http://kickassfornatalie5k.yolasite.com/>

January 30, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

As someone who is in a leadership position at Your Company, I know that you're pressed for time. I hope you can please give me your full attention for the next minute as you read this letter. My name is Dawn Washington and my family and I are from the Johnstown area. One person in my family in particular is in need of help. So I am reaching out to you for that help.

My cousin Natalie Meyers was diagnosed with a very rare autoimmune disease called Anti-Synthetase Syndrome (A.S.S). She has also been diagnosed with myositis, Reynaud's and interstitial lung disease. As with all auto-immune diseases there is no cure only the possibility of control and remission. Natalie has fought very hard for her life since August 2010. At one time Doctors thought the only thing to save her was a lung transplant. Doctors are learning what drugs will be the best for maintaining the best quality of life for her.

A.S.S. is so rare that most treatments are experimental. Currently, chemotherapy every six months has been helping with Natalie's symptoms. Unfortunately, Medicare will not pay for these treatments. Before the treatments can be administered Natalie has to pay for half which is \$18,000. This is not an option for her and she is currently two months behind on the treatment. She has recently looked into supplemental insurance not knowing if they will even pay for the chemo.

Natalie has a wonderful 12 year old son, Brady. It is hard to know that Natalie's time with her son is not as long as we all hope. Fortunately we are trying to make their time together as painless and joyful as possible. The financial strain on, her family has been great, but they will never tell you that. That's where we need your help. On April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Windber Recreation Park, we will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kick A.S.S. for Natalie 5K Run, 1 Mile Fun Walk and Kid's Fun Run fundraiser. Over \$3,000 was raised last year and \$18,000 in four years.

We are hoping that your company would like to be part of this event. We are asking for any donation possible. Examples of what are needed include: gift certificates, food donations, prizes for contestants, door prizes and money contributions for Natalie. Please contact me, Dawn Washington, at 814-418-0878 if you have any concerns or questions or visit the race website at <http://kickassfornatalie5k.yolasite.com/>. If your organization commits to contribute at least \$50 to our fundraiser we will include your company's name on the race t-shirt. We need to have a commitment by March 21<sup>st</sup> for your name to be included. Please share race information with the staff at your company to increase participation at the event.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of and genuine care for our cause.

Sincerely,

Dawn Washington, Kick A.S.S. for Natalie 5K Run, 1 Mile Fun Walk and Children's Fun Race Director

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**April 11, 2015**  
**Sponsorship/Donation Form**

Please return form to:  
Jo Meyers  
4256 Mount Carmel Dr.  
Windber, PA 15963

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COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION NAME

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ADDRESS

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CITY

STATE

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CONTACT NAME

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CONTACT EMAIL

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

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WEBSITE

Deadline for printing on race t-shirts:  
**March 21, 2015**

Sponsorships valued at \$50 or more will have Company name included on race t-shirts and name and logo on race website.

Sponsorships valued at < \$50 will also have Company name and logo included on the race website.

<http://kickassfornatalie5k.yolasite.com/>

SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GIFT: IN-KIND DONATION

Please make checks payable to:

Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Jo Meyers (Treasurer)

Please describe the product to be donated: \_\_\_\_\_

When product may be picked up (date and time): \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you very much for contributing!  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.