



Relay for Life Team spotlight: 'The Class of 1982'

"The Class of 1982," a team consisting of members of the Fairfield Prep Class of 1982, will reunite at the 2009 Relay For Life of Fairfield on June 6-7 at Fairfield Ludlowe High School. Captained by Matthew Terry, senior vice president of investments at UBS Private Wealth Management, and Thomas Ryan, co-chief executive officer of ICR, "The Class of 1982" has thus far raised over \$20,000 for the fight against cancer.

"The Class of 1982" will walk in support of all the families impacted by cancer, but it is the recent story of two colleagues that provided the impetus to form in 2009.

Mr. Ryan, along with fellow Fairfield residents John Flanagan and Chad Jacobs, met at Fairfield Prep in 1979 and have been close friends ever since. In

1998 the three friends formed ICR, a Westport-based financial communications consulting firm that over the last 11 years has risen to the 7th largest in the nation, according to PRWeek Magazine.

This past November, Mr. Flanagan, Principal and General Counsel in the Corporate Communications Group of ICR, was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer. His short battle with the disease ended on Dec. 24 at the age of 44, leaving behind his wife, three children, and five siblings.

Shortly following Mr. Flanagan's funeral, his best friend and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jacobs, was diagnosed with stomach cancer. Mr. Jacobs is currently undergoing treatment and is showing increased mobility and independence.

Following the 2009 Relay For Life of Fairfield, "The Class of 1982" will participate in the Fairfield Half Marathon on June 28 with Mr. Flanagan's and Mr. Jacobs' friends, colleagues, and family members. The events will coincide with the establishment of the John Patrick Flanagan Foundation.

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Relay For Life is an overnight, community event held in towns across the country and abroad. Teams of 8-15 walkers join with local cancer survivors in walking the track to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's programs. For more information please visit the official website at www.relayforlife.org/fairfieldct.