



hope WALK FOR ADDICTION

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILLY REITZIG



Two Thousand and Seventeen

Long Island Community Event

To Whom It May Concern:

Drug overdose-related deaths in the United States are currently at their highest ever recorded level, and every year since 2009, drug overdose-related deaths have outnumbered deaths caused by firearms, automobile accidents, suicide and homicide.⁽¹⁾ In 2015 alone, drug overdose claimed the lives of 52,404 Americans.⁽²⁾ This means that approximately 144 people died each day as a result of drug overdose.

Addiction to drugs and alcohol has a tragic grip on our society and specifically, our local community on Long Island. For years, our family personally endured the anguish of addiction while my son, Billy, struggled to fight his way through it. Billy tragically passed away last April from an overdose, and we realize that we will continue to endure the pain that addiction has brought us for the rest of our lives. We have now joined the countless other families who have also fallen victim, and we strongly believe more effort needs to be directed towards addiction awareness, education and support. Helping those who suffer from this disease will have enormous benefits to our society in terms of saving lives, improving quality of life, and reducing drug-related crime and despair for anyone affected.

The Hope Walk for Addiction is not only a memorial walk, but also a community effort to raise awareness, provide education and to raise funds for the individuals and families afflicted by addiction. On **Saturday, April 22nd, 2017**, the one year anniversary of Billy's passing, our family, friends, and supporters will rally and unite at Cedar Beach, Mount Sinai at 10:30 am for an action-packed agenda. We will host a 45-minute nature walk and follow the walk with a brief set of passionate speakers, including entertainers, self-help experts, community leaders, and neighbors who will talk about addiction recognition, prevention and cure. Information and education is everyone's key to success in dealing with this epidemic. All event proceeds will benefit Hope House Ministries. For more information on this local organization, please visit www.hhm.org.

We need **YOUR** support and **YOUR** help to make this a success. We are determined to help everyone recognize addiction tendencies, and inspire everyone to take action to better deal with this disease. Your assistance can and will make a difference in someone's life. Please join us. Miracles *can* happen.

To learn more, please visit our website at www.hopewalkforaddiction.org.

Sincerest regards,

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(1) U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration 2016 National Drug Threat Assessment Summary

(2) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Dec. 30, 2016



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For general support of our cause, please donate at www.hopewalkforaddiction.org/donatenow. To donate via check, please complete this form and submit per the instructions listed below.

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**Hope House Ministries C/O Bill Reitzig
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