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Community: 3rd Annual Run for George Broke \$100,000 Mark

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New Jersey.- The Third Annual Run for George was a huge success with 300 participants who came to run, walk enjoy games and music on Sunday--all in an effort to raise money for pancreatic cancer research. The proceeds are still being calculated but the total fundraising over three years has just broken \$100,000 and will be donated to Johns Hopkins University, leaders in cancer research.

Marathon Bank of Fort Lee, a sponsor, was in attendance as well as Jerry Makris of Fantis and Thalassa Restaurant. Soho Snacks contributed some of the day's food. Greek diners Red Oak, Plaza and Royal Cliffs were all generous contributors.

RUN FOR GEORGE is held in honor of George Rubis, who emigrated from Greece to New York City as a teenager. He graduated from N.Y.U. with an engineering degree, and soon after married his sweetheart, Bertha. They settled in Englewood Cliffs in 1967, where they raised their three daughters, Stacy, Sophia, and Pauline. George participated in local community services, and was a long-standing member of the Englewood Cliffs Planning Board.

In the mid-1970's, George took up jogging as a hobby - it quickly became his passion. Local residents could see him jogging the streets at least four days a week. In 1981 George completed the New York City Marathon - the first of four marathons he would complete throughout the '80s and '90s.

In 1997 George was looking forward to a retirement of travel, relaxation, and spending time with his family when he was tragically diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This disease, known as "the silent killer", has a 99% mortality rate - the highest of any cancer. On September 5, 1998, after a valiant 15-month fight, George passed away at the age of 63.

His daughters, Stacy Rubis, Sophia Duffy, and Pauline Rubis, hope through their fundraising efforts other families will have more treatment options and a cure. Anyone interested in learning more about RUN FOR GEORGE or pancreatic cancer may visit www.runforgeorge.com or call Stacy Rubis at 973-800-7091