



The DeLaurentis Family (from left): Natalie, Sharyn, Anthony, and Rianna.

## Celebrating Solly's Way

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND DEDICATED SUPPORTERS of the Solly's Way Foundation gathered recently for a charity golf outing at Makray Memorial Golf Course honoring the memory of Solly DeLaurentis, Jr., while raising funds to help area children.

DeLaurentis, a longtime Barrington resident, lost his life more than three years ago while participating in a charity motorcycle run. Not long after his passing, family and friends established Solly's Way Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing college scholarships to area children who have lost a parent. Through event fundraising and generous corporate and personal sponsorships, Solly's Way Foundation is proud to announce that 12 scholarships have been distributed to date. This year's event was the foundation's second fundraiser and was met with extraordinary success.


"It's obvious to me every day that Solly's death affected countless lives," said





Sharyn DeLaurentis, Solly's widow and mother to their children, Anthony, Natalie, and Rianna. "But no one has been more significantly impacted than our three children. Losing a parent at a young age is clearly one of life's most difficult challenges, but with the support of family, friends, and the community—they have been able to survive and thrive," said DeLaurentis.

Scholarship applications are currently available for high school students in the Barrington, Lake Zurich, or Wauconda areas who have lost a parent or guardian. DeLaurentis selected these three communities as important because Solly lived and worked in all of these areas throughout the course of his life and felt a strong connection to the people and businesses he encountered. "It was always Solly's way to respond to life's challenges with strength and compassion, so we are trying hard to follow in his footsteps. I am inspired every day by the strength and determination of my children who have taken a tragedy and turned it into something positive by helping other kids who have lost a parent," DeLaurentis added.

If you or anyone you know is interested in making a donation, or knows a child that might benefit from a scholarship, visit [www.sollysaway.org](http://www.sollysaway.org) or call 847-487-1400 for more information. 

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*The DeLaurentis Family (from left): Sharyn, Rianna, Natalie, and Anthony during the fundraiser dinner and celebration.*



*Tom and Gary Barbera tee off with Jeff and Ryan Boundy*



*A Solly's Way Foundation golf group.*



*Dave and Connie Jacobs*



*Aspen Insurance sponsors (left) Barb Kenyon and Dominick Tassone share a moment with Sharyn DeLaurentis and friend.*



*Colleene, Isabella, and Giavanna DeLaurentis*