

The 2nd Annual Mike Discipio Benefit Flag Football Tournament - Sponsorship Invitation

Overview

As we celebrate it's 2nd anniversary, we seek your organization's sponsorship for the Mike Discipio Benefit Flag Football Tournament - an annual flag football tournament/fundraising event to address the needs and challenges facing Mike Discipio.

Mike Discipio - a resident of Colonie, NY - was severely injured in a diving accident on July 3, 1999, in which he broke two vertebrae and damaged his spinal cord. Mike was paralyzed from the neck down, and also suffered a brain injury that has affected his memory.

As a Hall-of-Fame flag football player, as well as an avid powerlifter, Mike has never been one to back down from a challenge. Since his accident, Mike has regained some use of his arms, and has led an extremely active life. Mike has focused much of his attention on raising his two children, and has been a leading voice in support of making New York a leader in embryonic stem cell research.

Event Details

Dates and Location

The 2nd Annual Mike Discipio Benefit Flag Football Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 23rd and 24th, 2008 at the Nott Road Park playing fields in Guilderland, NY.

Tournament Details

The tournament will consist of 10+ teams in the Men's 9-Man Division, as well as a Co-Ed Division. The event will be run in pool-play fashion, which allows all teams to participate in games on both days. Sunday will feature Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Championship games.

Expected Attendance

The 2nd Annual Mike Discipio Benefit Flag Football Tournament is expected to draw 600+ athletes, their families, and friends for the two-day event.

In addition to the participating teams, families, and friends, many local volunteers will also be involved in the successful execution of the event.

Participants

Nationally-ranked flag football teams will be traveling from Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Rhode Island, Long Island, and downstate New York. Many teams from the Capital District will also be taking part, including Mike's team and event host - the Albany, NY Cannoneers.

Purpose

Proceeds from the 2nd Annual Mike Discipio Benefit Tournament will benefit Mike and his children - covering daily expenses as well as medical and physical therapy expenses.

Become a Sponsor

Sponsorship of the Mike Discipio Benefit Tournament is not just a great way to help Mike and his family, it is also a great way to promote your business, as all Capital Region media outlets (television, newspaper, and radio) have been invited to attend and cover the event.

In addition, your logo will appear on the official tournament web site, as well as on banners to be displayed at the Nott Road Park playing fields. Representatives from your company will also be invited to participate with Mike Discipio in the tournament's awards ceremony.

Please join our current and very generous event sponsors in contributing to this exceptionally worthy cause:

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To become an event sponsor, please contact Jim Shellenberger at uofmcanes1@aol.com or by calling (518) 376-9244.

Thank you for your interest and consideration in being a part of the 2nd Annual Mike Discipio Benefit Flag Football Tournament. We appreciate any donation your organization is able to provide.

Sincerely,

Jim Shellenberger, Event Coordinator