

## 6th Annual MATTHEW'S MILES Walk For A Brain Tumor Cure



On January 11, 2001 our lives were forever changed when our then seven year-old son, Matthew, was diagnosed with a highly aggressive, inoperable brainstem tumor. The prognosis was grim. We were told Matthew had only six to nine months left, and that he would most likely not live long enough to celebrate his eighth birthday.

Despite Matthew's doctor telling us we had no hope, we sought other opinions. We could not give up on our son. We were led to Johns Hopkins Hospital where the doctors recommended a biopsy and partial resection. On February 5, 2001 Matthew underwent a seven-hour surgery during which the neurosurgeon managed to safely remove over half of Matthew's tumor. A few days later the doctor gave us the results of the final pathology report: instead of the highly aggressive tumor first diagnosed, Matthew had the lowest grade tumor possible. With tears in his eyes, the doctor told us Matthew could plan on celebrating many birthdays to come.



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**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2008**  
**10:00AM**

Recreational Park  
Township Line Road  
Logan Township, NJ

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[www.matthewsmiles.org](http://www.matthewsmiles.org)  
All proceeds will benefit  
brain tumor research of the  
American Brain Tumor Association

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**WHEN:** Saturday, October 18, 2008  
Registration: 9:30 am  
Walk begins at 10:00 am

**WHERE:** Logan Township Recreational Park  
Township Line Road  
Logan Township, NJ

### **Directions to Logan Township Recreational Park:**

#### **From Philadelphia:**

Take I-95 South to the Commodore Barry Bridge, take 322 to 295 South\*

#### **From North Wilmington:**

Take I-95 North to the Commodore Barry Bridge, take 322 to 295 South\*

#### **From Newark, Delaware:**

Take I-95 North to the Delaware Memorial Bridge, take 295 North\*

#### **From the Cherry Hill area:**

Take 295 South\*

#### **From Pennsville:**

Take 295 North\*

#### **From Vineland:**

Take 322 West to 295 South\*

\*Stay on 295 to Exit 10 (Swedesboro). Turn left at ramp, (Note: if traveling from Pennsville or Newark area, turn right off of exit) onto Center Square Rd. Continue straight through next 2 traffic lights. At 3<sup>rd</sup> light turn right onto Township Line Road (at Weatherby sign). The Logan Township Recreational Park will be 1 mile on right hand side.

Mail entry form and checks payable to ABTA/Matthew's Miles to:

Matthew's Miles  
c/o the Passarella Family  
PO Box 381  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

OR

Register on-line at [www.matthewsmiles.org](http://www.matthewsmiles.org)

### **Questions about the walk?**

Call the Passarella Family at [856.467.9426](tel:856.467.9426)

E-Mail: [andrea@matthewsmiles.org](mailto:andrea@matthewsmiles.org) or

Visit the web site at [www.matthewsmiles.org](http://www.matthewsmiles.org)

### **Questions about the American Brain Tumor Association?**

Call 1-847-827-9910

Email: [info@abta.org](mailto:info@abta.org)

Visit the web site at [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org)

*Note: All donations for Matthew's Miles to the ABTA are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

## ENTRY FORM

**\$20 Pre-Registration Entry Fee** (Includes T-shirt)  
**\$25 Day of Walk Registration Entry Fee**

**Note: Entries must be received by 10/1 to guarantee a t-shirt**

One form per participant-please photocopy this form for additional entries. Check below to indicate your level of participation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **will** walk in Matthew's Miles

\_\_\_\_\_ I **will** walk **AND** I am submitting donations

\_\_\_\_\_ I **will not** walk, but I am submitting donations from myself and/or from donors who want to support brain tumor research

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Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

Shirt Size:     Small                       Medium  
 Large                               X-Large  
 XX-Large                         Child Med

### **LIABILITY WAIVER**

In consideration of my entry being accepted, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive any release of rights and claims for any damages I may have against the ABTA, Logan Township, the Passarella Family, sponsors of this event-named or unnamed, traveling to, participating in, and returning from this event. I grant permission to all foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other records of this event for any legitimate purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please sign above line. If under 18, parent or guardian signature is required.

This year, Matthew's Miles will be participating in a WORLD wide effort to raise brain tumor awareness! All miles walked by participants in Matthew's Miles will be logged and sent to the [International Brain Tumor Alliance](http://www.theibta.org)—in support of their Brain Tumor Awareness Week project - the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumors. Organizations and individuals who are doing sponsored (or unsponsored) walks will "donate" their mileage so it can be uploaded to a professionally designed Awareness Week website. The idea is to reach a target of 25,000 miles which is the circumference around the World at the Equator. To read more about the International Brain Tumor Alliance, you can visit [www.theibta.org](http://www.theibta.org)

Please help us reach that goal!