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Stories of Hope: "Trevy Troopers" Take the Walk of Hope

FAIRLAWN, Ohio – It brings heartbreak and despair. But for this family, cancer ended up bringing them something totally unexpected.

On May 26, "Trevy Troopers" will be walking to remember Mark Trevorrow and other friends and relatives affected by cancer while helping to raise funds for Stewart's Caring Place.

"It's such a neat place to come," said Linda Trevorrow. "The people here understand. They don't shy away."

In August of 2004, she and her daughters, Juliann and Laura, lost their beloved husband and father to cancer. He was only 47 years old.

The death of her husband was a tremendous blow. However, it also gave Trevorrow pause, causing her to reflect.

"I thought, what do I do with this?" she said. But she and her daughters soon realized that, while hated – "and we don't use the word 'hate' in our house" – cancer had given them a unique gift.

"We decided that I had to thank cancer for some things in my life," she said. "We've had the opportunity to meet people we otherwise would not have met.

Even more, "It's given us a whole new dimension in our life," giving them the opportunity to understand what's truly important, and to cherish their bond.

"It's taught us how fragile life is," said Trevorrow. "And it's brought me so much closer to my daughters."

The Walk of Hope will be held Saturday, May 26 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Downtown Akron at Lock 3 Park, 190 S. Main Street.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to participate may register up to the time the walk begins. Following the walk is a celebration picnic with live music, games and activities. Walk participants are encouraged to raise funds to support the free services offered by Stewart's Caring Place. For more information, please visit StewartsCaringPlace.org/Events or contact Stewart's Caring Place at 330-836-1772. Participants raising \$100 or more will receive individual Hope Walk awards.

Stewart's Caring Place is a non-profit organization providing compassionate support and education to those touched by cancer. Located at the corner of West Market Street and Miller Road in Fairlawn, Stewart's Caring Place offers healing arts, education, support groups, counseling, children's services and a variety of other programs. All of the services are free of charge thanks to the generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations.

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