

## **JR Forever Memorial Walk/5K Run Takes Place Oct 8: You Can Register Now**

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Come support members of Darien's community and contribute to brain cancer research by participating in the 10th Annual JR Forever Memorial Walk/5K Run, starting at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8. You can also help memorialize an amazing child.

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— *an announcement from the* [JR Schoen Memorial Foundation](#)

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The Walk and 5K Run is in memory of J.R. Schoen, who would have graduated from Darien High School this past June had it not been for the cruel brain tumor that claimed his life in July of 2008.

The 5K run and 1.5 mile walk will take the scenic route around Pear Tree Point. Awards will be given to the top runners in each age category upon completion of the event.

All 100 percent of registration fees will be given to two deserving charities and to a scholarship fund for Darien High School Class of 2018 seniors. The charities include JR's Ray of Hope that donates to local families experiencing serious illness, injury or the loss of a family member and the Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University Medical Center.

Duke's research specifically addresses pediatric glioblastoma multiforme (brain tumor). In addition, the Good Friend Scholarship in Memory of JR and Jacob that was established last year in memory of JR and Jacob Velasco-Navarro, both members of the DHS Class of 2017, will benefit.

**About JR Schoen and the Foundation**

*From the JR Schoen Memorial Foundation [website](#):*

JR Schoen was a wonderful 9 year old boy who lost his battle with a brain tumor in 2008. Family and friends started the JR Schoen Memorial Foundation, Inc. to keep the spirit of this vivacious and precious boy alive.

The mission of the foundation is to provide research funding that will aim to find the cause and the cure for aggressive brain tumors found in children and those similar tumors found in adults.

In addition to research, the Foundation will support the care and comfort of those children inflicted with life-threatening illnesses, including but not limited to hospice-type services designed to fit the needs of pediatric patients and their families.

The Foundation will also contribute to other not-for-profit programs that honor JR Schoen's memory and enrich the lives of children and their families.

The Good Friend Scholarship will be awarded the Darien High School Seniors who demonstrate compassion and support of their friends and community.

**If You're Running or Walking ...**

- The 5K/Walk begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8 (rain or shine), with registration opening at 1:15 p.m. at Pear Tree Point Beach.
- Registration forms [are available here](#) at the JR Schoen Memorial Foundation website and should be returned by Oct. 1.
- Online registration is available on [this Web page](#) at RaceIt.com.
- Registration is \$25 per participant or \$100 per family. Group discounts are available.
- Day of event registration is available, however, only the first 250 will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

JR Schoen Memorial Foundation, Inc. has raised over \$250,000 in the past nine years.

It has supported many Darien organizations including Post 53 and Playground by the Sound, Den for Grieving Kids and Darien Youth Baseball and Softball, Darien Youth Lacrosse Association, Darien Little League's Challenger Division, Darien Library, Noroton Heights Fire Department, Obie Harrington Howes Foundation in Memory of Shannon Dunleavy, the Darien Junior Sailing Team, the Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke and of course, JR's Ray of Hope, which has given over \$25k for local Darien families over the last seven years.

Come join us for this amazing event.