



THE CARDINAL MESSENGER



THE CORY J GARWACKI FOUNDATION

“LIVE TO GIVE” GALA

It was a night for celebrating at The Log Cabin and you could feel the love and energy in the room.

Our community, friends, and family came together for a fabulous evening with delicious food, music and dancing, great entertainment and so much fun! We were honored to have a guest speaker, longtime friend of Cory's, Joanne Costello, speak about what "Live to Give" means to her, as well as our friends from Donate Life there supporting us and promoting a cause that is very dear to our hearts.

There was so much to talk about with all we have accomplished over the last year, and we kicked



off the evening with a toast! We have many exciting events to look forward to and we have started planning next year's event! Details will be available on our website in the coming months. We hope that you will join us!



Thanks to everyone who helped to make our first “Live to Give” Gala a great success! See you next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FUNraising at Friendly's East Longmeadow
15th of every month
Printable voucher available online!

Yoga at Iron Duke Brewing
Ludlow, MA
July 17- 11:00 a.m.

Golf Tournament at Chicopee Country Club
Chicopee, MA
September 18- 11:30a.m.

Visit our website for more information, registration, and regular updates!

www.cjgfoundation.com

FUNRAISING WITH Friendly's
 Bring in this certificate and 20% of your check will be donated to:
Monthly vouchers available online on our website!
 Visit the event calendar for more details!
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“LIVE TO GIVE” INSPIRING STORY

Thank you to Sue Racicot for contributing this story, and for her impact and influence on Cory’s academic success.



I met him in the year 2000. We began by saying hello as we passed one another in the hallway at Birchland, or switched places in classroom 217. He was ALWAYS smiling, always looking like he wanted to linger and chat. Current events, weather, sports, school, health, politics, it didn't matter. Being there, connecting, in the moment. That's what was important.

Planning the future did matter, but not more than the here and now.

I hadn't read Tuesdays With Morrie , so I wasn't yet aware that Cory was my Morrie. I just knew he was an inspiration; a miracle in the flesh; an exceptional kind of human being. His vision, his motivation, his will, was beyond what mine had ever dreamed of being. Cory would get an idea, have a thought, and it would snowball. He'd call in his recruits, get advice, figure out his strategy to follow through with his plan, and start making

phone calls. There was never much down time with Cory, at least not in his head. He had things to do.

Through middle school he struggled. High School was a challenge. College started out difficult and became almost formidable. Cory had fortitude. He had passion. Mainly, Cory had heart. His heart led his endeavors. Ultimately he cared about his family, first and foremost, and his friends. His friends are from everywhere. His hometown. His Baystate community. His radio/television community. His Team. His Dunkin. His Shriners. His classmates. His peeps. His celebrities. Country Stars. Sport stars. Comedians. His outgoing, social able demeanor was part of his charm.

So his dream was to help people. Specifically children with health issues, children and their families who are just trying to survive. Children who need organ transplants, children with long illnesses that need care beyond pediatrics and need to feel comfortable transitioning to adult medicine. Raising money to help someone struggle a little bit less. To comfort others. He did this through communicating, sharing his story, his experiences, his challenges, his life. Time is so very precious. Cory gave his time as freely as he gave his opinion. He loved life. He was my friend. He was my Morrie.

IN HONOR OF HIS DEDICATION, AND PASSION FOR EDUCATION, WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE FIRST \$1,000 CORY J GARWACKI SCHOLARSHIP!

This scholarship will be awarded annually to a High school senior entering college. Applications were carefully reviewed by our scholarship committee, searching for the student who best exemplified the meaning of “Live to Give”. A student who makes it a priority in their life to be an active citizen in the community.



Congratulations to Jenna Mazza and good luck as you continue your studies in the fall at Eastern Connecticut State University. Jenna will have a double major in Early Childhood Education and Psychology. She has completed over 450 hours of community service and has earned 41 college credits. Jenna is highly respected by her faculty and peers and has earned Student of the Month, and “counts pins” for excellent character.



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Team Cory is a group of volunteers dedicated to representing the Cory J Garwacki Foundation during all phases of our fundraising events. They truly exhibit the “Live to Give” mantra that this foundation is built on. For information on how to become involved with Team Cory please contact us!

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