

What: Runners Charity Night at the Movies

When: Thursday, October 25th @ 7pm

Where: Studio Movie Grill (11300 N. Central Expressway)

Why: We often say running is a gift. It's easy to forget this as we complain our way through hot, cold, hilly, and long runs. Unfortunately, recent events have driven this home in a painful way. Two very dear friends of our running family have had life altering events affect their ability to run. We ask you to come together as a community to support our friends through this incredibly difficult time.

Bob Philpot, a longtime training friend and runner, worked hard for several seasons training alongside his wife Elaine and then decided to give back and started to pace lead others. He finally qualified for the Boston Marathon last year. This recent spring he was slated to finally run Boston but was dealing with health issues. A spring visit to the doctor turned into a terminal cancer diagnosis. The lung cancer has spread throughout his body. After rounds of heavy chemo the tumors have not responded as hoped and the prognosis is grim. His inability to work regularly has taken a financial toll on his family.



Bob Philpot, now 61, in the top middle celebrating his half PR at the inaugural 2009 Rock to Victory Half

Brandon Cumby, 33 and working on his very first full marathon, ran half marathons last year and this fall was training to run Dallas Marathon in December. Focused and determined, he spent one day helping out a friend by rescuing a helicopter stuck in a tree. Trying to reach it, he lost control of the pool

skimmer in his hand, got electrocuted, and then blown out of a tree nearly 20 feet on his face. EMT's had to shock him twice to bring his heart back to life. He broke every bone in his face and a lacerated spleen caused blood to gush everywhere. Several weeks in ICU and 4 surgeries later he took his first steps with a walker. Due to burn wounds and muscle atrophy he has been unable to work since the accident. While he has been recovering miraculously, unfortunately, he had no insurance through his job so he drained his savings and is in a major financial burden.



Brandon after one of his many surgeries and with breathing tubes

Every day we get to wake up and run is truly a gift as there are no guarantees in life. It's important we use these gifts to help others in their greatest time of need. Please consider attending this special charity movie event for \$10. All proceeds are being donated directly to these two runners to help ease their financial burden. If you can't attend please consider a donation.

How: Tickets can be bought with cash in person from Chris Stratton (chris.strat@gmail.com) or Vishal Patel (vpatel76@gmail.com) at any WRRC or DRC training run event.