

4th Annual "Walk The Walk" raises over \$30,000

What a difference a decade makes. Ten years after almost coming face to face with the tragedy of losing a child, Joe Mayhew made a [promise to help build a children's hospital. He, his wife and a half dozen other families were staying in the Westchester Medical Center's Waiting Room taking turns sleeping on the chairs while waiting to find out about their children. While he was there he saw some signs posted asking for donations. Whether it was out of gratefulness for his daughter being saved or seeing first-hand the need for something like a children's hospital, he took the bull by the horns and did something – he organized.

A Chief Steward at the time, he went to the Executive Board and started fund raising. He had the help of some very committed Chiefs, Stewards, Members and volunteers that have raised over \$400,000 over the last ten years for the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. Some have walked while others have donated, but the bottom line was that we did it together for the children. Over the course of those 10 years, countless children and their parents have been helped – and saved. A recent case is this year's poster child – Andrew John Barti. Andrew is the grandson of TRG Chief Steward Joe DiBiase who works out of the Crompond Garage in Peekskill. He was born on November 28, 2007 and was so ill, he had to be rushed to New York Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. As Andrew began to stabilize, an attempt was made to get him and his family closer to home by transporting them to the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. However, Andrew's parents were told that there was no room at the Pediatric ICU. Well, a phone call was made from Local 1103 and 24 hours later, Andrew and his mom and dad were



resting comfortably at the M.F.C.H. The end of this story is that Andrew is home and doing just great.

We want to thank Verizon for once again being a corporate sponsor and for also doing the "matching gift" making us able to make our fundraising efforts even more generous. We also want to thank our Sister Local 1107 and 1120 for their participation once again this year. Before I recognize the committee that did all the work and made the Walk-A-Thon a success, we would like to give special thank and recognize Arlo Lane retiree Gary Novak, who has been a staple of this committee from day one. He got involved at the onset, stayed involved at all levels for the last ten years and continues to be involved even in retirement. On behalf of the Offers and Executive Board, I would like to recognize my co-committee people who made this event a success. They are:

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