

2012 SUSCO 8K/2K

This year marks the 5th year for the Brain Aneurysm Race for Awareness 8K and 2K in Memory of Timothy P. Susco. Tim passed away on August 15, 2007 as a result from a ruptured brain aneurysm that had been previously asymptomatic. In death, however, Tim was able to give the gift of life by donating his organs and tissues to save and enhance the lives of many individuals.

The SUSCO 8K and 2K was founded as a way to honor and remember Tim's memory by raising much needed funds to support both the Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF) and the Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC). The donations to the BAF are earmarked for advancing brain aneurysm research and those to the WRTC are designated for promoting community awareness of the benefits of organ donation.

In the past four years, thanks to your help, the race has raised in excess of \$175,000 which has been equally divided between the BAF and WRTC. Those badly needed funds have helped both organizations implement new programs in pursuit of their goals. The BAF has funded research grants in Tim's name the last four years and the research is promising to one day provide early warning and preventative measures to alleviate brain aneurysms. WRTC has implemented several community outreach programs to spread organ donation awareness within the Washington D.C. community.

We plan on continuing our endeavors each year and wish to thank you all both for your monetary as well as your emotional support. We certainly could not have done this without you!

--Susco Family

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For all information regarding the SUSCO 8K and 2K including post-race recap, results, and race pictures, please visit www.susco8k.com. Visit all year long for information regarding race updates, fundraising events, and information regarding the 2013 SUSCO 8K and 2K.

The Brain Aneurysm Foundation is the only national charity focused solely on all aspects surrounding brain aneurysms. The BAF is a key resource for all questions regarding brain aneurysms as well as providing support for those affected by brain aneurysms, either as a survivor or as a loved one. The BAF also provides the latest research into brain aneurysm prevention and management. For more information regarding the BAF, please visit www.bafound.org.

The Washington Regional Transplant Community is the DC area local chapter of Donate Life America. The WRTC supports the DC community by promoting organ and tissue donation through outreach and awareness programs. The WRTC provides support for those affected by organ or tissue donation as well as those interested in becoming registered as an organ or tissue donor. For more information, please visit www.beadonor.org. For information on how to register to become an organ or tissue donor, please visit www.donatelife.net.

Tim's brother Tom is running all year round to continue raising money for both organizations. For information on his goal and mission, please visit www.runningwithtim.blogspot.com.

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From our first breath to our last, each of us tells a unique story with our lives. Today we meet in a common space and join in a common cause. Through our efforts to honor and remember Tim and those like him, we must also remember all those whose lives are saved and enhanced from the gift of life. We must also remember that fresh hopes and dreams are possible from the ultimate gift; not solely those of the recipient, but also of the family and friends that love and support them. These are the stories of three of Tim's recipients.

PAUL – HEART and LUNGS

In August of 2007, Paul was a 62-year-old man suffering from chronic heart and lung disease. He was extremely sick such that he had spent the previous 18 months living awaiting a transplant at UCLA Hospital, a four-hour flight away from his home in Maui, Hawaii. Paul was so restricted in his mobility that he was confined to a wheelchair and required continuous oxygen. At the time of his transplant, we were told that Paul was the oldest heart and lung recipient in the world.

In the years since his transplant, Paul has been progressing well. He's no longer in need of a wheelchair and has rejoined his family in Maui. He enjoys spending time with his 6 children and 23 grandchildren – one born since the transplant. He has been active with the Boy Scouts, has attended mission trips with his church, and coaches his granddaughter's wrestling team. Because of his story and the close-knit Maui community, Paul has been an ambassador for organ donation awareness within his community as an example as a spectacular success story.



ANNA - LIVER

In August of 2007, Anna was a 17-year-old girl living in the greater Los Angeles area suffering from liver failure. Anna had been sick since the age of 7, but worsened within the recent months requiring constant hospitalization. She had been taken to the operating room 7 times in the past only to be taken away without a new liver. She was worsening so much that her doctors were unsure if she would even be strong enough to undergo a liver transplant and she was 24 hours away from being placed in a drug-induced coma.

In the years since the transplant, Anna has been doing great. She is enjoying being a normal woman in his twenties. Anna is now able to drive, she attends college, and works a part-time job. Anna volunteers her time working with One Legacy, her local Donate Life organization and the same organization that helped our family when Tim passed away in LA. Tim's parents, Tom and Nancy, met Anna in LA in connection with the Donate Life Rose Bowl Parade Float for the January 2010 Rose Bowl Parade.



DAVID – LIVER

In August of 2007, David was a three-year-old boy living outside Tucson, Arizona with his grandparents suffering from liver failure. David had congenital liver disease, but had recently become sicker leading to his placement on the organ transplant list. In the years since the transplant, David has been progressing well and living life as a normal eight-year-old boy. He is enjoying school and loves playing baseball with his friends.

In March of 2012, Tim's parents, Tom and Nancy, met David, his sister, and his grandparents at the Tucson Zoo. They all had a great time, especially David since it was his first time at the Zoo. David was also excited to meet Tom and Nancy – so excited in fact that he ran up to them lifting his shirt to show them his scar. He knows all about his new liver and is very appreciative of the gift.

