

This One's for Gina!

*“To accomplish great things, we must
not only act, but also dream;
not only plan, but also believe.”*

~ ANATOLE FRANCE



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On December 6th, 2008, Chicago Police Sergeant and long-time Mount Greenwood resident, Gina Dwyer-Meliska, suffered a cardiac arrest as a result of a condition called Apical Ballooning Syndrome (ABS). Gina was fortunate enough to receive CPR moments after her collapse, she was without oxygen for several minutes and remains in an unconscious state, changing the course of her life.

Although Gina's condition has stabilized, the biggest concern remains to be any neurological damage that may have occurred due to her loss of oxygen. Gina spent 17 days in ICU and has been transferred to an acute long-term care facility. Unfortunately there have been many setbacks that interrupt her therapy, Gina faces indefinite, long-term care which will put a financial burden on the family.

Through this ordeal, it has become increasingly obvious how many hearts and lives Gina has touched through the years. First and foremost, Gina has always put her family in the number one position. Gina has a husband and three children, all of whom she adores. Although they have been devastated by her illness, the family has been surviving with an outpouring of love from family, friends, and community.

Gina is a remarkable, dedicated individual who has always contributed her time and efforts to others, working on countless benefits and in organizations going above and beyond the call of duty. Gina has been a dear friend and mentor to many, always seeing the good in a person and pushing those she knew to do their personal best, all while achieving her own personal goals: whether it be running a marathon or working towards her Masters degree, Gina has always been an inspiration.

We are asking for your help to aid the Dwyer-Meliska family. Please join us for a benefit:

11 July 2009
115 Bourbon Street
3359 West 115th Street
3-8 pm

There will be food, fun, beverages and prizes! If you are unable to make it, but would like to send or make a donation, please visit our website at: www.ThisOnesforGina.com or forward non-monetary gifts to:

This One's for Gina
c/o Maggie Engstrom
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It is at this time that we need to take action for someone who has always given 110% to others... This One's for Gina!

Thank you in advance for your generosity and consideration,

~The Committee

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