



THE ROBERT A. WELKE CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Bob Welke was 36 years old with a loving wife, three children and a position as Senior Vice President at D.W. Van Dyke & Company when he was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) in 1993.

During his initial stay at Westchester Medical Center, Bob was inspired by the cutting-edge research being conducted at Brander Cancer Research Institute (BCRI). He decided to get involved. Later that year, with support from the management team at D.W. Van Dyke & Co., Bob founded The Robert A. Welke Cancer Research Foundation with the purpose of raising and donating money to cancer research.



Bob, an avid golfer, kickstarted his fundraising efforts by playing 100 holes of golf at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, CT. He raised over \$65,000 in a single day from corporate and individual sponsors. The following year he was back on the course at the Country Club of Fairfield. The two-day, 100-hole event raised over \$60,000. After two relapses, Bob lost his battle with leukemia in March of 1996.

For the past 26 years, the Welke Family and D.W. Van Dyke & Co., have hosted the “Links to a Cure” Charity Golf Tournament to honor Bob and his mission that began in 1993. To date, the Foundation has donated \$1,610,000 to Brander Cancer Research in New York and Yale Cancer Center in New Haven, CT to purchase research equipment and sponsor fellowships and grants that support cancer research. Last year, we added Gift of Life Marrow Registry, FL as an additional benefactor, which facilitates transplants for children and adults suffering from life-threatening illnesses, including leukemia, lymphoma, other cancers and genetic diseases.

We are pleased to continue Bob’s effort to support the RAW Cancer Research Foundation with our annual “Links to a Cure” Charity golf tournament on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at the Country Club of Darien. We welcome the opportunity to further discuss our Foundation with you and your participation in our charity event.

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