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As commissioner of the Over the Hill Gang softball league—a 40+ men's softball league that plays Friday nights under the lights at Allen Park in Farmingdale—I am reaching out seeking your participation in our upcoming charity fundraiser.

The Over the Hill Gang Charity's mission is to provide financial assistance to local families whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by tragedy and hardship, with 100% of the funds going directly to recipients. Since the charity's inception 50 years ago, we have raised and distributed more than half a million dollars to local families in their time of need.

This year, the OTHG Charity is holding its annual fundraiser to raise money for one of its own; Jerry Mazza a former OTHG player and Board member.

Last Fall, Jerry started to feel some numbness and weakness in one hand. Quickly, that simple ailment turned into what most people would acknowledge is one of the worst medical diagnoses: ALS.

Also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, ALS is a viscous disease—one that robs its victims of every known comfort. Maybe you remember the viral ice bucket challenges. Or maybe you've seen old clips of Lou Gehrig's speeches or the recent Steve Gleason documentary. While we might understand what ALS does to people's bodies, we do often think about what it does to their lives. Do we realize that all the comforts of home no longer exist? The perfectly kept bi-level house that so many of us know so well, that has hosted block parties, Christmas parties and countless other celebrations, now will become a challenge at every turn. Jerry wants to stay in his home. But he needs to build a bathroom that can accommodate a wheelchair, a bedroom that doesn't require steps to get to, and reoutfit his house for all levels of wheelchair accessibility. And on top of all of that, he will need a new vehicle that can meet the needs this cruel disease will require.

Currently there is no cure for ALS. It is estimated the disease costs loved ones an average of \$250,000 a year to provide the care people living with ALS need.

Jerry has a decades long career as a writer/news producer at CBS News. And yes, he does have medical coverage. But *none* of the renovations necessary to keep Jerry home are covered by insurance.



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Jerry has written thousands of news stories during his successful career. This is certainly not the story he would have written for himself, nor for anyone else. Upon his diagnosis, family and friends all commented that Jerry, being the good guy that he has always been, does not deserve this disease. But rather than complain, Jerry, the master of taking the high road, simply said, "No one deserves ALS".

Jerry and his wife, Kim, have lived in North Massapequa for over 30 years. They, along with their three children, Jackie, Kati, and Brian, have been a large part of the Farmingdale community.

To make a difference, OTHG Charity relies heavily on the generosity of our league players, the support of generous individuals and businesses in our community, and corporate philanthropy. We would be most grateful if you would consider donating items for a raffle, a food item, or a cash donation. Any participation to make this event a success and ease the pain of those impacted will be greatly appreciated.

The OTHG Charities is a certified 501c3 Charity; all donations are tax deductible. All proceeds raised will go directly to Jerry and his family.

Please feel free to contact me at 516-578-0619.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration of our request, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Brosnan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kevin Brosnan

Over The Hill Gang Charity