



## Making "Steps" towards Ovarian Cancer Awareness!

This year we will be celebrating our **7<sup>th</sup> year** as Steps4Stellar! We are so proud and thankful to be able to continue this amazing organization. This would not be possible without your continued support. This year we will be hosting a FUNdraising event in lieu of the 5K race. Please come out to our event on **Saturday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 12-6pm @ Eight Oaks Craft Distillery!**

In only 6 years, we provided educational scholarships to 18 students in the Lehigh Valley totaling \$56,000! We personally met with each family to learn their story and present the scholarship. We would like to share the story of our 2016 scholarship recipients.

*Jessica's life had so much greatness. Jess was an amazing daughter, sister and cousin growing up. She was an accomplished student athlete in high school and college. She was always a beloved friend. Jess was successful and excelled at every job. Jess was the most fantastic and loving mother. And her ability to be a great wife was like no other, spending exactly 15 memorable years to the day with the same man.*

*Jessica Rae Gordon was 34 years old when she died September 2, 2016. Jess' character did not change from cancer. It may have weakened her body, but it could not touch her mind, heart and soul. She fought with dignity and bravery. She never complained and courageously did whatever was necessary. She was strong, smart and beautiful. In her final days she said, "I know the unconditional love a mother has for her children, I know the love of a soul mate and the love of family and friends. And that is a pretty good life."*

*Although she is no longer with us, she is smiling down on her greatest loves, Brody and Sadie. Now 7, Brody has his mom's strength, excitement and determination. Whether it is on the football field, wrestling mat, baseball diamond or the classroom, Brody brings a contagious personality and smile that he luckily inherited from his mom. Jess can no longer be the team mom, but her thumb print will be seen forever.*

*Sadie, who turned 4 years old ten weeks after Jess' death, beats to her own drum. She is little "Miss Independent" and is willing to face any challenge, just like her mother. She loves dancing, gymnastics, music and scoring soccer goals. Words cannot express how happy Jess would have been to go to dance recitals, plan a sweet sixteen party, go shopping for a prom dress and helping to plan a wedding.*

*Jess may be gone but she will never be forgotten. She showed every day how a parent should raise and treat a child. She demonstrated how to make birthdays and holidays special. She made impacts in her family's life that will live forever. Thankfully, she was a huge fan of videos and pictures. Through the thousands of pictures and hours of videos, her voice, image and personality will be seen for years to come. "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you look and tougher than you feel." That was Jess' motto, which is now their Family motto.*

**We were honored to award the 2016 Steps4Stellar Scholarships to Brody and Sadie.  
Both now have a college fund started in honor of their mother.**

We hope that you consider being a 2017 sponsor and attending our event!

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