

LIFESTYLES

A Tribute to Our Quiet Heroes



Pictured is the “A Tribute to Our Quiet Heroes” 2010 Planning Committee (from left): Kerri Heilman (Geneva), special event consultant Sharon Cuttone (Arlington Heights), co-chair Joanne Vrablik (Inverness), co-chair Beth Grabowski (Arlington Heights) and Lora Berger (Fox River Grove). Not pictured are Kathy Grube (Barrington), Nora Kalve, Sharon Ehrens, Stacey Empson, Ginny Boss and Kelly Corrigan.

For the third consecutive year, SuperSibs! will host “A Tribute To Our Quiet Heroes” Luncheon and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 8 to honor mothers of children with cancer. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westin O’Hare, located at 6100 N. River Road in Rosemont.

Mother’s Day weekend is the perfect time to pay tribute to these women who have done little for themselves since their lives were overtaken by hospital visits and treatment schedules. “Our challenge and privilege is to provide a few hours of respite and appreciation for these incredible mothers, while raising funds to support their children, the siblings who stand on the sidelines enduring the devastating impact of pediatric cancer on their family,” said SuperSibs! founder and executive director Melanie Goldish.

Over the years, the event raised has raised over \$150,000 and drew more than 200 guests annually. Quiet Heroes mothers received Vera Bradley bags filled with pampering gifts and custom-made Swarovski crystal bracelets. This year, SuperSibs! is hoping to host 300 guests for this inspirational afternoon. SuperSibs! offers a variety of sponsorships to help cover the cost of the Quiet Hero mothers’ complimentary attendance.

Tickets are \$100 and include a cocktail reception, luncheon and program. A portion of each ticket price will allow Quiet Hero mothers to have complimentary attendance. Corporate and individual sponsorships are available. Space is limited.

SuperSibs! is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit organization bringing ongoing comfort, recognition and support to over 19,000 children and teens whose brothers and sisters have cancer. SuperSibs! helps these siblings to redefine the cancer experience to face the future with strength, courage and hope. No longer are these “shadow survivors” forgotten, and alone as they battle feelings of fear, insignificance, guilt, helplessness, anger and grief.

For more information and to register, please visit www.supersibs.org and select “A Tribute To Our Quiet Heroes” or contact Sharon Cuttone at 1-847-977-6763.