



**Run The Race....
Stop the Stigma!**

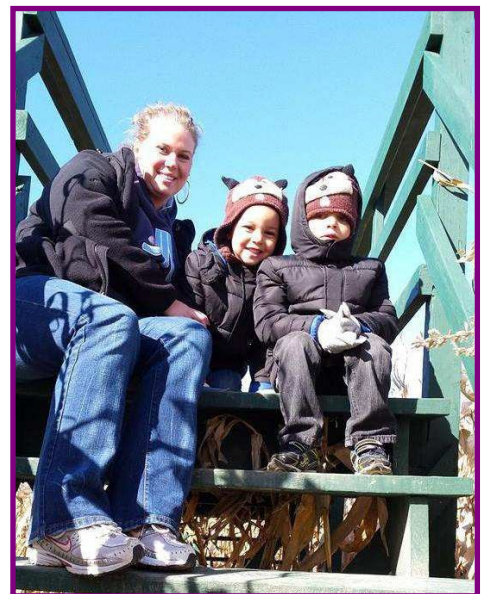
**Summer Smith 8th Annual
5K Addiction Awareness Memorial Run
May 11th, 2024 at 10:00 am
Guilderland High School
Guilderland Center, NY 12085**

Summer's Story



Summer Leigh Smith was born on a beautiful summer day in San Diego, California on June 11th, 1983. Reflecting the season in which she was born, she was a bright and warm child. She attended Lynwood Elementary School and Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland. Tragically, she was a victim of child sexual abuse at a very young age. As so many victims of childhood trauma do, she sought to cover the confusion, shame and pain that she felt with the use of drugs and alcohol. While a student at Guilderland High School she experimented with various drugs and alcohol. Graduating high school, she soon became a mother. Trying to be the best parent she could be at such a young age was difficult, and addiction soon took over, resulting in a battle that she would fight over the next 12 years. During these years, she became a mother of two more boys and fought hard to become the mother they deserved.

Summer's fight was not an easy one, yet it was typical of one battling the disease of addiction. Many years of therapy, rehabilitation and several diagnoses of mental health issues related to her early childhood sexual abuse led her to the door step of Schenectady Drug Court where she began the rigorous program that would lead her through one of the best years of her life. Reunited with family, amends made, an active and loving mother of her three boys, Summer was in a wonderful place. She was a resident of the Schenectady YWCA Women's Housing Program and had just completed a 5 K race led by mentors of the STEM (Strong Through Every Mile) Program. Crossing the finish line in December 2014 was a moment of empowerment for Summer and the many women she ran with. After a Christmas spent with family, she settled into the New Year with hopes and aspirations for 2015. Tragically on January 9th, 2015 Summer succumbed to the disease of addiction, with a relapse that her body could not sustain. Summer never wanted to be an "addict", she only wanted to be loved and to be a good mother. As she told her mother, " I wish I had never ever picked up that first drug. I became an addict before I ever knew I was". Today Summer is survived by three amazing sons, currently ages 22, 14 and 13. In her memory, Summer's Mom, Kristin Smith established this race to raise awareness of the disease of addiction, reduce the associated stigma and to support a culture that that celebrates lives lived in recovery.



**Become a Sponsor of the Summer Smith 5k
Addiction Awareness
Memorial Run!!**



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Sponsor/Donation Form

I would like to make a difference in the fight against addiction. I would like to help reduce the stigma associated with the disease of addiction, assist those seeking treatment for this disease and support persons in recovery. Proceeds from the run benefit the Schenectady YWCA Women's Program, The Addiction's Care Center of Albany, Friends of Recovery Albany County, and the Summer Smith Memorial Scholarship at Guilderland High School.

I commit to helping by selecting an option below (Check One):

- \$ 50 Donation
- \$100 Donation
- \$200 Donation
- \$500 Donation - Friend of Recovery
- \$1000 Donation - Silver Sponsor
- \$2500 Donation - Gold Sponsor
- \$5000 Donation - Presenting Sponsor
- \$ _____ Donation

I would like to make a donation in-kind; I estimate the value of my donation to be \$ _____.

My donation is (Check One):

- A gift card in the value of \$ _____ for the raffle the day of the event.
- A gift basket for the raffle the day of the event.
- A donation of food or drink _____ for the day of the event.
- A service that will provide _____ for the day of the event.
- A Sponsorship of ___runners who are currently in recovery, _____ is the total cost. Cost per runner is \$30.

Your Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Your contribution is tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to Second Chance Opportunities, the Fiscal Sponsor for the run. Checks should be mailed to: Summer Smith 5K Addiction Awareness Memorial Run 1935 Elizabeth St. Schenectady NY 12303. On line donations may be made at runsignup.com. Search for the 8th Annual Summer Smith 5k run and select the 'donate' tab located at the top of the page.

Presenting Sponsor—\$5,000

- Logo on all Marketing Materials
- Make Welcome Remarks at Memory Ceremony
- Logo on Sponsor Page on summersmith5k.com
- Listing as Presenting Sponsor on 250 Race Shirts given to 1st 250 Registrants
- Free Double Vendor Table at Exhibitor Fair
- Distribution of Sponsor literature in 250 race giveaway bags
- Inclusion in press release and media alert as Presenting Sponsor
- 10 free race entries

Gold Sponsor—\$2,500

- Logo on Sponsor Page on summersmith5k.com
- Listing as Gold Sponsor on 250 Race Shirts given to 1st 250 Registrants
- Recognition during Memory Ceremony
- Inclusion in press release and media alert as a Gold Sponsor
- Free Vendor Table at Exhibitor Fair
- Distribution of Sponsor literature in 250 race giveaway bags
- 10 free race entries
- Free Vendor Table at Exhibitor Fair

Silver Sponsor—\$1,000

- Logo on Sponsor Page on summersmith5k.com
- Listing as Silver Sponsor on 250 Race Shirts given to 1st 250 Registrants
- Recognition during Memory Ceremony
- Free Vendor Table at Exhibitor Fair
- Distribution of Sponsor literature in 250 race giveaway bags
- 5 free race entries
- Free Vendor Table at Exhibitor Fair

Friend of Recovery—\$500

- Logo on Sponsor Page on summersmith5k.com
- Logo on 250 race shirts given to 1st 250 participants
- 2 free race entries
- Distribution of Sponsor literature in 250 race giveaways bags

Race Memories!!

