



Golf Tourney Raises \$23,500 for IMP

Stevan Downey was a 26-year veteran of the police department in Lynn, MA. He was a Marine who served in Vietnam. He was married and the father of four children (and grandfather to four more). He was 58 years old when he was diagnosed with mesothelioma, and 58 when he died.

His son Christopher Downey said that “dad was very well known, liked, and admired by just about everybody in Lynn. He was a great police officer, working his way up to lieutenant. Along the way, he gained the respect of those he encountered in his work because, although he was tough, he was also fair and compassionate. He was a great guy, and he is sorely missed by his family, his friends, and his colleagues.”

To honor Stevan Downey’s life and to raise money for mesothelioma research and awareness of the disease, the Downey family decided to organize a golf tournament in his name. “My sister came up with the idea,” said Downey. “My dad played a bit of golf, but my brother and I are golfers, as are lots of the police officers and firefighters in town. My brother and I participate in lots of golf tournaments, so we decided to give it a try. We knew it would be a lot of work, but we thought we could pull it off.”

And pull it off they did. On a rainy Saturday last September, 133 golfers hit the links at Hillview Country Club in North Reading for the first Annual Stevan E. Downey Memorial Golf Tournament. With the help of volunteers and sponsors who

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The International Mesothelioma Program at Brigham and Women’s Hospital is committed to the eradication of mesothelioma by providing the most innovative research and treatment options possible with a genuine hope for a cure. Understanding the underlying causes of this disease takes time, talent, and dedication by committed researchers and practitioners.

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Downey admitted that "a good bit of that may have been due to the touching presentations made at the dinner, including the introduction of Karen Grant. She is a mesothelioma patient who'd been

donated money, goods and services, and time, the tournament, raffle, silent auction, and dinner (attended by nearly 200 people) netted \$23,500.

"Getting the golfers was easy, said Downey, "compared to the rest of it – all the details of organizing the event, getting sponsors, and so on. We set a



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featured in his presentation. After that, people just flocked to the silent auction table!"

Putting the tournament together meant different things to different family members. "For my sister, it was to remember my dad. For my mom, it was a day to gather all his friends together. For me, it was more about my desire to get involved in helping to spread the word about this terrible and relatively unknown disease."

Downey and his family already are planning for the 2006 tournament – "bigger and better," he said, "now that we have one year of experience under our belts." The date is Monday, August 28th, at the Ipswich Country Club.