

## Community Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night

Sat., April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Route 23 Auto Mall  
Butler, NJ

#### Team Push to Walk at the NJ Marathon

Sun., April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Long Branch, NJ

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

Mon., Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Parsippany, NJ

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### Cynthia's Farewell

In the last ten years, Push to Walk has grown from an idea at my kitchen table to all that we are today. A great team of staff, board members, donors, clients and volunteers have built the organization into a successful, strong and growing entity. I am excited for all that the future holds, and intend to be a part of it for many years to come.

It has been an honor and a privilege to share my love and passion for all that Push to Walk represents every day for the last ten years. I am thankful for all the support that has enabled us to accomplish so much.

With love,

*Cynthia*

### Staff Spotlight: Dave Font



Welcome, Dave Font as Push to Walk's Executive Director. The appointment of Dave Font comes as Founder and President Cynthia Templeton steps down from her full-time responsibilities on December 31, 2016. Mrs. Templeton founded Push to Walk along with her family in 2007 and grew the organization to its current level of success.

Dave comes to Push to Walk with a long history in nonprofit management. He spent seventeen years with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest New Jersey, progressing through positions of increasing responsibility ultimately overseeing the day-to-day operations of the largest unit in the multi-million-dollar nonprofit organization. Mr. Font brings to Push to Walk experience in nonprofit administration, operations, grant writing, resource development, community outreach, and leadership development.

"Replacing Cynthia will be no easy task, but I have nothing but the utmost respect for the organization she, her family, and the staff have built. I look forward to the opportunity to continue the legacy of Push to Walk in serving its clients and other individuals who may need us," said Font.

### Push to Walk's Move



After eight years in Riverdale, NJ, Push to Walk moved to its new home in Oakland, NJ in October 2016. Thanks to the understanding of our clients, we were able to close for one week and focus on making the new space workout ready!

On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> a Grand Opening event was held to celebrate Push to Walk's new home. Throughout the evening we were joined by about 70 supporters, clients, and community members. The event included a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the Oakland Community of Commerce and refreshments provided by generous Oakland businesses.

This move comes at an exciting time for the nonprofit, as January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will mark ten years of the service, growth, and dedication of so many.

### Calling All Runners

Team Push to Walk will be heading down to Long Branch on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for the NJ Marathon once again this coming year. Looking to fill your 2017 race calendar? Be part of our team and help raise funds and create awareness for Push to Walk!

If you are interested in participating in the Half Relay, Half, or Full Marathon as part of our team, please email slajam@pushtowalknj.org for more information.