

• JARIUS WYNN •

I am proud to serve as the Honorary Chair for PurpleStride Milwaukee 2012, held June 2, to benefit the critical mission of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Like many of you, my life has been greatly affected by pancreatic cancer. In 1993, my grandmother was taken too soon by this devastating disease. I remember spending time with her at her house when my mom was at work. I would watch as she cooked my favorite meal of fried chicken and biscuits. To this day, I try to cook with my family as much as possible to honor her memory.

I recently met with members of the Milwaukee Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and their stories inspired me to take action against this terrible disease. Despite the fact that pancreatic cancer is the fourth-leading cause of cancer death in the United States, the disease has no early detection method and few effective treatment options for patients. It is the only one of the top ten cancer killers with a five-year survival rate in the single digits, a statistic that has not improved significantly in over forty years.

We must work together to change these odds for all friends and loved ones who will face this disease.

PurpleStride Milwaukee pays tribute to all those lost to pancreatic cancer. The event also empowers those currently battling the disease with the hope that one day, with your help, we can put an end to pancreatic cancer. Please join me in creating hope and being part of this truly amazing effort!

Unfortunately I will be unable to join you on event day, but I will be with you in spirit every step – every stride – of the way. I've started my own fundraising page for PurpleStride Milwaukee and invite you to support [Team Always WYNNING](#) and help defeat pancreatic cancer.

Please support the important work of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and their goal of doubling the pancreatic cancer survival rate by 2020. Register today at [www.purplestride.org](http://www.purplestride.org). Sign up as an individual or form a team to walk together, and on June 2, join with thousands of others in making strides toward a cure.

Thank you for supporting this important cause!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Wynn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jarius Wynn