



Dear Jonathan,

I would like to take a moment to thank Coach Garcia, Coach Barbosa, and Steve Newman for getting the New Rochelle soccer team to volunteer at our Long Island Sound July 31st event. This was our 29th season for us to fight cancer. Many compliments on how hard they worked, very polite, and eager to help. The coaches are not only teaching the team to play soccer, but also how to give back to the community for a cause that effects everyone. They showed up at 5:30 and helped with a variety of jobs. This was their 4th year in volunteering for our event. They worked as a team and we are very grateful for their support. They are an asset to the community. You should be very proud of them and for the coaches inspiring them to participate. Could not have done it without their help.

Steve Newman has been part of our planning committee for close to 25 years and has participated for 29 years. As a teacher at New Rochelle High school along with coach Garcia & Barbosa, they brought enthusiasm to inspire the team to get involved. This is an example of not only teaching x's & o's, but teaching about giving back and team spirit.

We started our event in 1992 with 17 swimmers and raised \$15,000. This year, despite Covid, we had over 400 swimmers in the sound swim and 350 swimmers in our 65 pool events and raised over \$1.2 million. We are making waves to fight cancer. In our 29 years, we have raised over \$21 million for cancer research & service.

The proceeds from this year's events will be given to the Cancer Support Team, the Tommy Palazzo Swim Across America Research Fellowship at Columbia University and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian Medical Center, the Swim Across America Research Lab, MSK Kids Lab, and the Luis A. Diaz Lab at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Take a look at our website to see all the wonderful work these beneficiaries are able to accomplish because of the proceeds from our swims. With all of us working together, we are making strides to fight cancer. Hope has no boundaries. You can make a difference! Our labs have been on the cutting edge for research & development. Cancer Support Team has been able to help many more families. Hope to meet you in the near future.

**Yours Truly,
Anthony "Tony" Sibio**