Who are we?
Founded in 1999
Mission:
To raise funds for research and raise public awareness following our daughter’s diagnosis of Essential Thrombocythemia
Why? How?

• To help Stephanie cope with the diagnosis of an “orphan” disease
• To do something beneficial for other ET patients
• To raise money where none had been raised before

• Spoke to family and friends
• Put together a group of motivated people
• They became the Board of Directors
• We incorporated and applied for 501 (c) 3 status
MPD Foundation (Now MPN Research Foundation)

- Bob Rosen started his own foundation at about the same time
- His board was a group of MPN patients
- His vision was *far greater than mine*
- This organization has had far greater impact
- Continues to make great strides in research
- Issued $8.5 million in grants in 11 years
- Proud to be on their board, as is Stephanie
Our Initial Goals and Planning

• Perhaps a break even event first year?
• Planned a golf tournament for nearly a year – no idea what results would be
• Found a suitable golf course
• Obtained corporate sponsors
• Obtained raffle prizes
• Obtained Silent Auction items
• Bought golf prizes
• Created brochures/pamphlets
Our “Field of Dreams”
We planned it and they came!
More than we dared hoped for!
It was like a first class wedding!
Year after year, people returned to support our cause
Bigger and bigger crowds
On Course Beverages and gifts!
Corporate sponsors receive acknowledgements
Proud Tee Sponsor
Board members are volunteers too!
Couldn’t do it without them
Raffle Items and Prizes
(most donated)
Silent Auction Items
(Also mostly donated)
A Hole In One!
(We had two that day!)
After Golf Cocktails and preview of the raffle
Other MPN patients waiting to speak
A group of fellow ET patients
Drs. Harriet Gilbert and Louis Wasserman (her mentor) 1969
courtesy of Mt. Sinai archives
Harriet, Stephanie, and Julia Wasserman (CT House of Reps.)
Sports Celebrities!
Johnny Unitas, our first year
Ottis (O.J.) Anderson
MVP, New York Giants
Allan Houston
New York Knicks
Samantha Brown, (The Travel Channel)
Even
Ann Brazeau!
Time to award the winners!
Expressing gratitude
Emotional moments
Touching day for all of us
The Miltz Family -
the end of a very long day
Since 2000, we have raised nearly $650,000 for MPN research
How did this impact you?

• It gives you hope for your future
• Advanced the knowledge base for MPNs
• Began the discovery of better treatments
• Raised public awareness for this group of orphan diseases
• Helped build a foundation for future research and scientific discoveries
Money and Public Awareness

• $$ - it is a critical component – we will not find the cure without money/public awareness to fund the research!

• Nor will we discover better, targeted treatments without money!

• Public Awareness is required to raise funds from individuals and businesses

• SO....

• What can YOU do on a personal level?
Host an Event Individually
Or With Us

• Host a *Feel the Need, Feed the Cure* Event
• As simple as a back yard BBQ, or art auction, or bowling tournament
  • OR:
  • Work with us to host an annual golf/tennis or dinner dance event here in South Florida
    • Need committed individuals
    • Need corporate sponsors
    • Need committed participants
The MPN Research Foundation needs your help

• It does take a village
• No one organization can do it alone, without your assistance, without the community's help
• Get involved – it’s easy!
• Let’s work together to raise the funds we need to secure your future

• Please help us help you!