

## *Celebrating the Life of Patrick Comer*

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Recently, MainStay Investments lost a member of the family – Wholesaler Patrick Comer.

Patrick, 36, died peacefully in his home on Sunday, March 9, 2008 after a courageous two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Chris Fiacco, director at MainStay Investments, spoke highly of his friend and colleague at the memorial service:

“In my time with Patrick, he was always a man who stood to be counted. He was always a man that left an impact. Simply looking around this room defines the scope of his thumbprint on this world. Pat made a difference. This room can attest to being better people for having known Patrick Comer. I am a better man for having the opportunity to know him.”

Phil Schrode, a MainStay wholesaler currently serving in Iraq echoed those comments via email:

“Pat was a great man. A man who died with honor. A man who we all admired and looked up to. He gave new meaning to living. I think of him as a warrior who embodies the core ethos of strength. His fight was fought and won in the memories and positive inspiration that he provided to all those who knew him. Bottom-line, we all loved the guy and could not get enough.”

To honor Patrick’s legacy, Chris Fiacco partnered with others in Patrick’s life to create the Patrick Comer Courage Foundation. The Foundation’s mission is to promote greater overall awareness of pancreatic cancer as well as ease to the tremendous emotional and financial burdens of both the individual and family faced with the disease. The Foundation maintains the flexibility to address each situation independently, providing support where it is necessary. Examples of support include, but are not limited to financial grants supplementing:

- Medical Bills
- Childcare Expenses
- Travel and Lodging Costs
- Educational Scholarships for Dependents

The foundation is holding its first fundraising event on May 30, 2008. The 1st Annual Patrick Comer Courage Foundation Benefit Auction and Concert will be a fun filled evening at the Baltimore Museum of Industry located in downtown Baltimore, along the scenic Inner Harbor.

Guests will enjoy samples of gourmet food and an open bar. A silent auction will be held during the first half of the event and, later, rock the night away with one of the mid-Atlantic's premier cover bands, Laura Lea and Tripp Fabulous. All proceeds benefit the Patrick Comer Courage Foundation.

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