



Michael was born on April 3rd, 1973 in Leominster, MA. He was president of his class, editor of the school newspaper, captain of the football team, and an all-star running back at Leominster High School. He was popular, successful, intelligent and talented. And at the age of 18, during his senior year, he was diagnosed with clinical depression. Michael sought treatment and went on to graduate Cum Laude from Harvard University in 1995. In 1997, he moved to California where he continued to battle with cycles of depression. On February 4th, 2003, at 29 years of age and soon after a series of painful events, Michael disappeared from his home and has not been seen or heard from since.

In partnership with the **SHINE Initiative** and **HealthAlliance**, the support of our premiere sponsor, **Fidelity Bank**, and with the love and support of our family friends and community, we have been able to share Michael's story and the struggles of depression with thousands of young people throughout our region. We have raised tens of thousands of dollars which has been put back into the community to support mental health services and resources. To this date, Michael's Run has donated:

- \$10,000 to the Leominster Education Foundation
- \$5,000 to HealthAlliance emergency mental health treatment services
- \$2,000 toward helping to facilitate support resources for parents and families
- \$5,000 to launch the "Let's Go 1, 2, 3 Wellness Program" for young children at risk
- \$1,500 to Healthier Minds Social Support Group
- We are currently working on funding support resources for the students of LHS

All of the money donated through Michael's Run goes directly back into local mental wellness resources.

Please consider joining us for our **7th Annual 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, October 14th, 2017.**

Visit www.MichaelsRun.org to learn more about Michael and the work we do in his honor, register for the 5k, or to donate online.

To learn more about The SHINE Initiative please visit www.ShineInitiative.org

We are sincerely grateful for your continued support,

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