

2ND ANNUAL



For suicide & mental health awareness

SATURDAY, OCT. 15TH

10am-2pm @ Grafton High School

Fun for the whole family: Raffles, food, prizes, and more! Rain or shine!

Presented by the:



A letter from Oddball Foundation President, Jason Wright:



Last year's Michael Cherry 5K was as predicted a beautiful fall day, in fact up until the week before that, it rained, and afterwards it rained again, pretty bad.

But on October 2nd of last year, the sky was blue, and the temperature was perfect. Michael's friends and family, and even strangers got together, and for a brief moment in time, we all came together to celebrate Michael, we listened to his Aunt, and his sister, and others from This is My Brave and Fit For Duty, as well as America Foundation for Suicide Prevention, talking about, that it is ok, to not be ok. For a moment, the conversation was about how to take care of yourself, when you feel like you can't, and more importantly to reach out for help, when needed.

It was a beautiful day, but while I was addressing the crowd, I bravely read a piece of writing far too raw when I wrote it that I didn't think I could read it. And I would have much rather not have done that. I would rather have been with my family celebrating family, instead of talking about suicide.

The year has brought many surprises to my life, and with a new baby on the way due in August of 2022, my life has been rocked by health crises with family members, regarding mental health, and myself, and though I am climbing out of a windstorm of emotions, confusion, and mania, and though all I need to do right now is take a second and heal. I realize, that this walk is bigger than me. This will be a celebration of all that is uncertain in life. This will be a celebration of the rotation of the world, and how scary it can seem to stick with it. So, though not all of us will be ready for October 15th, it will come. And I am going to do my best again, to entertain, and honor, and bring a large community together to honor my nephew Michael Cherry, who five years ago said he no longer wanted to play the cards that he was dealt.

We are going bigger this year. We are going to donate more, and we are going to provide more scholarship funds to students this year. My life might be a topsy turvy whirlwind, but Michael's is over. And I want to honor this sullen fact, that all too often people take their lives for the things that they cannot change, even if they have the wisdom to know the difference. The world is not perfect, by no means will it ever be.

We never know when our hearts will give out. We never know when the tides will turn. We never know what is waiting for us around the corner. But for now, let's celebrate the fact that we have the opportunity to play an incredibly skilled game of life. And remember Michael, because Michael was playing the game of life his way, and he rode his motorcycle his way, and he lived his way, and unfortunately, the days got too dark for Michael. So, we remember him, and my hope is that this October day will be beautiful again, to show people who are also going through the darkness, that there is beauty in community, in family, in honoring loved ones, and in living your life.

Please once again join us this October to honor Michael Cherry, honor family, and community, and be a part of another unforgettable event brought to you by Oddball Foundation.

Thank You,

Jason Wright



Our History:

The Oddball Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was founded in 2020. The foundation was developed to strengthen Oddball Magazine's mission of embracing what makes everyone odd, celebrate and uplift every artist's voice, and to advocate for community change via a cutting-edge literary magazine. The Oddball Foundation has the goal of promoting and diversifying Oddball Magazine, hosting community events, spreading awareness and joining the fight to end mental health stigma, and to fight for social justice issues and environmental change.

What We Do:

Oddball Foundation seeks to provide continued exposure for diverse creators and artists, continuously advocate for change in the mental health community, and provide mentorship to rising artists and community activists. The following are just a few examples of how Oddball Foundation promotes change and supports artists:

- Featuring community leaders and literary artists on our internationally broadcasted podcast.
- Providing an avenue for authors to publish their poems, articles, and books.
- Partnering with Massachusetts colleges and universities to provide internships and volunteer opportunities.
- Hosting community workshops to help budding writers and advocates hone their craft.

Help Make A Difference:

We strive to provide a safe, creative space that can promote change within communities with community-based leaders. We believe that by providing people with education, outlets, and support for their visions, we can change the world. You can get involved today by donating or volunteering your time. We appreciate your support!

Michael Cherry Memorial Walk Overview:

Michael Cherry was born as a gift on Christmas and spent his formative years growing up in Grafton, Massachusetts. A proud graduate of Grafton High School, Michael loved being a part of his community, be it spending time with his numerous friends and family or working on his motorcycles, even if it terrified his mom. Michael spent most of his adult years giving back to communities in need, through in his travel to Haiti in 2011 or supporting humanitarian efforts in Peru. He was described by all that knew him as a kind soul in an angry world.

On October 5th, 2017, Michael tragically lost his life following a battle with depression and anxiety. On average, 132 people a day will lose their lives to suicide in the United States. Many feel as though there are no options for help or support. Here at Oddball Foundation, we are committed to changing that.

Oddball Foundation is proud to announce our second annual Michael Cherry Memorial Walk. Last year's 5K was an incredible event with guest speakers from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, This is My Brave, and Fit for Duty. With your support, we donated the proceeds of the 5K Event to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and established the Cherry Family Scholarship.

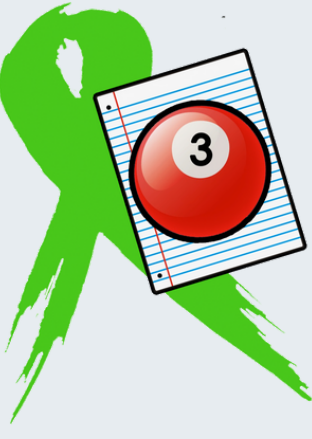
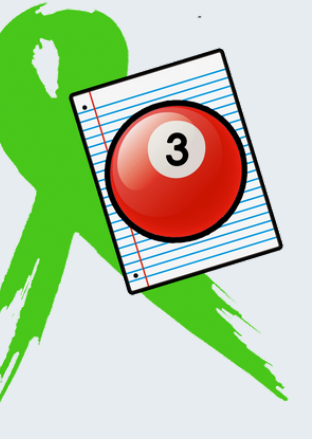
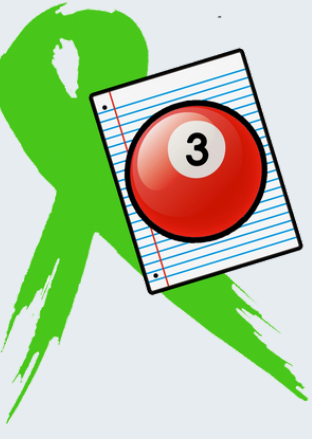
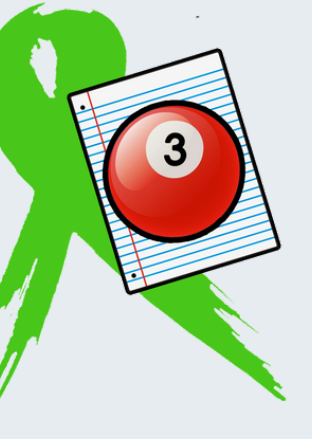
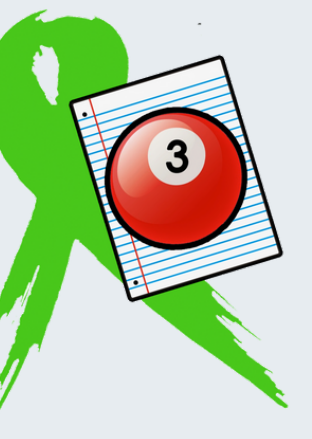

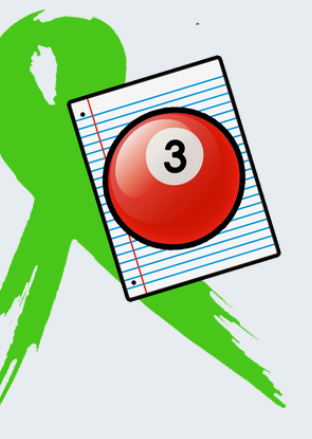

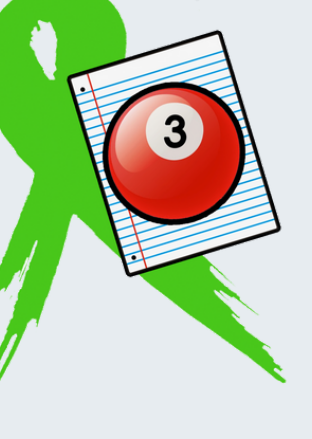
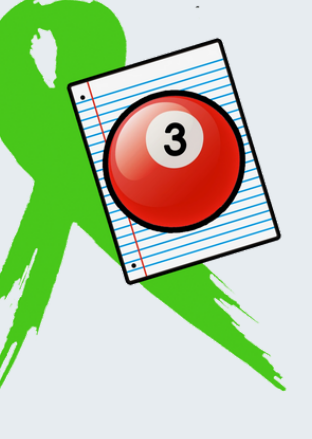
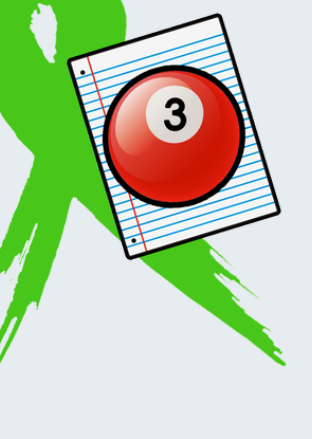
This year will be the fifth year of Michael's passing, and we want to honor him in a big way, by continuing the conversation about suicide and the importance of mental health and supporting each other. We want to put on another amazing event, but this time we want to have more impactful speakers, more fun for the family, bigger raffles, more food, more walkers, more memories shared, and more awareness gained.

We hope you can join us in honoring Michael Cherry, and we look forward to sharing with you another incredible event brought to you by Oddball Foundation.



Sponsorship Levels:

If you decide to sponsor this event, there are several options for involvement:

Sponsorship Benefits	Any Donation	Oddball Foundation Supporter (\$50+)	Oddball Foundation Friend (\$150+)	Oddball Foundation Family (\$300+)
Business Promotion on Oddball Facebook and Instagram.				
Business name or logo listed on official website donor list.				
Business name or logo on our Corporate donation banner.				
Business name or logo on the back of t-shirts worn on race day.				
<p>Ability to choose one (1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Become a guest speaker on the Oddball Show podcast for one episode -Business promotion on 4 episodes of the Oddball Show 				

Sponsorship Form

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Donation Method:

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12 Giles Ave #1416
Mansfield MA, 02048

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