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Kick, Punch and Fly for Leukemia and Cancer Awareness

Local Companies Team Up to Fight (literally) to Benefit Cancer Associations

Glen Cove, NY – Want to let out some stress for a great cause? Pick a fight with cancer on March 31st, from 8:00am to 8:00pm for the first annual 12-Hour Mixed Martial Arts Marathon at the Panza Mixed Martial Arts Academy. Co-chaired by Derek Panza, a 3x World Heavyweight Kickboxing Champion and owner of Panza Mixed Martial Arts Academy, and Wendy K. Goidel, Elder Law/Estate Planning attorney with the Estate Planning and Elder Law Center, the event will give 100% of the profit to the National Children’s Leukemia Foundation and 1 in 9: The Long Island Breast Cancer Coalition. All are welcome, including adults, children and groups to join the fight against cancer.

The National Children's Leukemia Foundation (NCLF) is one of the leading non-profit 501c(3) organizations in the battle against leukemia and cancer in children and adults. The mission of the NCLF is to provide the cure for cancer and other life-threatening diseases throughout the world, and to insure that all persons, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status or country of residence, have access to life-saving medical care. The National Children’s Leukemia Foundation supports medical research and direct patient care programs that ease the financial, social and psychological burdens of families with a diagnosis of cancer or other serious blood disorders.

1 in 9: The Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition (www.1in9.org and www.HewlettHouse.org) was started by a group of women who suffered from breast cancer and made it their mission to raise awareness of the disease. The organization continues its own fight by working to obtain funding for research, investigate the link between breast cancer and pesticides, find causes, preventions and cures for breast cancer and provide services for patients suffering from all cancers. It sponsors a facility called “Hewlett House” which offers many resources to cancer patients and their families. In addition to support groups, it provides mastectomy bras, prostheses, wigs, hats, head coverings and other items at no charge for patients who are uninsured or under-insured, to help them cope with the physical changes of all cancers.

Whether you never trained a day in your life or are an expert, don't miss this unique opportunity to train and spar with 3x World Kickboxing Champion, Derek Panza, and staff from Panza MMA!

Learn more about the *martial arts program called Ninja Power that helps children with cancer manage their physical pain and fight their fear*. Take a private lesson, group class or step into the ring and go toe-to-toe with Derek Panza with 100% of the profit going to charity. For more information or to participate, contact Derek Panza at 516.656.5775.

Wendy Goidel and Derek Panza will co-chair the first year of what is expected to become an annual event.

Derek Panza is a 3x World Heavyweight Kickboxing Champion and owner of Panza Mixed Martial Arts Academy. Other accolades include: I.S.K.A. (International Sport Kickboxing Association) WORLD CHAMPION, I.K.F. (International Kickboxing Federation) WORLD RATED #1, 3-1 in World Combat League Fights and undefeated professional boxer, 7 – 0, 4 K.O.'S. For more information, please visit www.panzamma.com or call 516.656.5775.

Wendy Goidel is an Elder Law/Estate Planning attorney with the Estate Planning and Elder Law Center, a division of Kenney, Goidel, Wrenn & Schmid, LLP, in Smithtown, NY. Wendy K. Goidel graduated from Syracuse University (S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication) and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Ms. Goidel concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning, Medicaid planning and qualification and asset protection. She is also experienced in the areas of probate and estate administration and guardianships and has litigated estate and guardianship matters before the Surrogate's Courts and Supreme Courts of the State of New York. Ms. Goidel is admitted to practice before the Courts in New York and Connecticut and the United States District Courts for continuing legal education programs and is a graduate of the Medicaid Practice Program. Ms. Goidel was admitted to membership in the National Association of Professional Women and is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is also a member of the Surrogate's Court Committee and Elder Law Section of the Suffolk County Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association and the Trusts and Estates, Elder Law and Tax sections of the New York State Bar Association. For more information, please call 631.265.1700.

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